Today’s official opening of the $1.3 million Kenna Court Seniors Complex provides Territory Housing’s sixth purpose built seniors complex.

In Alice Springs for the important event, Housing Minister, Elliot McAdam, said the Martin Government recognises just how important our seniors are.

“Our senior citizens are a valuable part of the community, which is why we are building more purpose built complexes to meet their needs,” said Mr McAdam.

Marilyn and Robert Branford have lived in Alice Springs for twenty years and feel they have been given a better opportunity to stay in the Alice through the living choices Kenna Court has to offer.

“We have been watching the units getting built and are really thrilled, over the moon about finally moving,” said Mrs Branford.

“What really appeals to us is that as we get older the modifications in the unit will suit our needs and it will be nice to move in with people of similar age.”

The Minister said local Alice Springs contractors ‘MYB Carpentry & Construction Pty Ltd’ were awarded the $1.3 million contract, involving the demolition of two unserviceable public housing dwellings on adjoining allotments.

The design by Les Platt brings together a number of design features aimed at making life easier for seniors.

“Some of the features are large internal spaces, and door handles rather than door knobs. All units can be easily modified further to suit the individual needs of the tenants,” said Mr McAdam.

Reflecting upon the desert colours, the units have been painted in pinks and purple and are designed to be cool during summer and warm during the winter months. Street reticulated gas has been provided for energy efficient heating, cooking and hot water.

Local native plants have been used in the surrounding gardens. All units have their own private courtyard.

Tenants will be eligible for a garden subsidy of up to $500.00 to purchase plants and garden tools to establish their courtyards.

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