



## Biggest Hutt Commercial Development in 6 Years

The ink has barely dried on the contract between the Masonic Trust and Armstrong Downes Commercial but already work is underway for the new \$35m Masonic Village in Woburn, along the Hutt River. This project is the largest commercial development in Central Hutt since 2007 and is the first of several large retirement village developments in the pipeline for the region.

Warick Dunn, Chief Executive Officer of The Masonic Villages Trust says, "The Trust has made the city its home for more than 50 years so it is very satisfying to be able to contract the construction work to Armstrong Downes Commercial - another established local business which has been building great community facilities since 1992. Phase one of the project is due for completion in October next year and includes 47 apartments, two conservatories, a small library, a men's shed and a bar and lounge overlooking the Hutt River. When the additional 39 apartments in phase two are completed in 2015, a full range of village amenities will also be available. A spacious entrance lobby will lead to reception, a hairdressing and beauty

salon, a café and dining area, a snooker room and an indoor bowls and games area. On the first floor there will be a library, an IT and office suite, an arts and crafts room, a theatre for movies and live entertainment, an exercise room, gym, spa and sauna along with a large lounge and bar opening out on to the deck theatre. The views over the Hutt River out to Wellington Harbour, as well as north towards the Tararuas, will be spectacular. The Woburn Apartments are the most ambitious development yet for The Masonic Villages Trust to add to their three thriving villages in Woburn, Levin and Masterton. The Trust is a charity set up by Freemasons in the southern North Island for the benefit of the wider community. Mr Dunn says there has been no active marketing of the development as yet but he has been heartened

by the level of interest from prospective residents. Tony Doile, Director of Armstrong Downes Commercial says, "We are delighted to be working with The Masonic Villages Trust. As far as we know this is the largest commercial development seen in Central Hutt since our team finished the Harvey Norman Centre in 2007. It and it will provide a boost for the local economy. Our build programme for the Village will see up to 25 different trades involved and most of these will be locally based companies and personnel. On some of our busiest days we expect to have up to 100 people working on site. Mayor Ray Wallace congratulated Armstrong Downes Commercial for their success in winning the \$35 million contract. "This development represents a significant investment in our

city of Lower Hutt and will encourage other businesses and industry to make a commitment to our city. This will encourage growth and prosperity. "New people will be attracted to our community and jobs will be created for families living here in Lower Hutt. "Armstrong Downes Commercial is a local company well known for its quality craftsmanship and for its commitment to Lower Hutt," he said.



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