



Hester Canterbury has officially opened

Hester Canterbury officially opened on Sunday 25 October, delivering a new standard of retirement living to the eastern suburbs.

Created by visionary architects Marchese Partners, inspired by the work of Frank Lloyd Wright and named after iconic Melbourne modernist artist Joy Hester, the development was celebrated by members of BASS Care Board, contractors and Hester Canterbury's new residents and friends at a party on the grounds.

BASS Care CEO David Cotter was immensely proud of the result. "We have been able to bring a boutique and modern independent living experience to Canterbury, coupled with the services and support delivered by the experienced BASS Care team."

Hester Canterbury encompasses 34 beautifully appointed apartments with shared facilities styled by renowned designer CoCo Republic that include spacious lounges, gym, and cinema.

Hester opening event

Below: David Cotter BASS Care CEO, residents and friends.

New residents of Hester and their friends joined BASS Care Board members and representatives from those involved in bringing Hester to life for an afternoon of celebrations. A jazz trio played as guests were served champagne and beautiful canapés from Libby Reid Catering.

David Cotter, CEO of BASS Care, opened proceedings and welcomed guests, then Pam Davey, Board Chair, officially opened Hester and shared the story of Hester's inception and development with the audience.

Guests enjoyed the beautifully styled shared spaces, including lounge, dining, bar and terrace areas. Tours of the development included the brand new fully equipped gym, cinema and wine storage room downstairs.

Viewings of the display apartment were conducted throughout the day, as more new residents settle and move in, it is wonderful to see a warm, friendly and vibrant community being formed. Hester will soon be fully occupied, with only a few apartments remaining available.



New role for a familiar face



Above: Trish Moran
Hester Canterbury
Manager and Simon
Lane BASS Care CFO

In this article, we introduce Hester Canterbury's newly appointed Manager Trish Moran.

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How long have you worked for BASS Care?

I have worked for Bass Care for 12 years, starting off in the residential area as an Admissions Officer. My role evolved as the organisation changed, leading to the opportunity to take on the role of Manager at Hester Canterbury.

What intrigued you the most about Hester Canterbury?

I was interested to see how the vision for Hester was going to be implemented, not just from an aesthetics perspective but also from a core values perspective. What Bass Care were setting out to do for the development of the community was exciting and it was a program I wanted to know more about. Seeing the site being demolished and transformed was incredible, when I first viewed the new state of the art building I was in utter amazement and it cemented my belief in the project.

How are you finding settling in as the new Manager?

I have found the transition exciting and the residents have been gracious in welcoming me to their home. Having the support from other areas of Bass Care has also been comforting.

What are you most looking forward to achieving while manager?

As manager I hope to help the residents create a secure and positive place to live. I will act as the key coordinator for program development, but would like to encourage community participation by including residents in decision making processes to determine the activities, groups and lifestyle options on offer.

What does a typical day entail in the life of the Hester Canterbury manager?

My first task usually involves building relationships with the residents over a morning coffee. As I am a new staff member and residents are still moving in, it's important to continue to build rapport with residents and their families, this is their home. Other daily tasks include all administration duties, planning activities for the residents, liaising with stakeholders and maintenance requests. The list could go on! No two days are the same, which I love.

Hester Canterbury's newest resident



Above: Pat Harrison
New Hester resident

In this article, we find out a little about Hester Canterbury's newest resident Pat Harrison.

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Which apartment did you buy and how are you finding it?

We moved on September 30 into an apartment on the second floor and we absolutely love it. We moved from our last apartment because we wanted more of a social aspect to our living environment, which has proved to be a great success. We have also started afresh with new furniture and we're bringing in an interior designer.

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Is it what you expected?

I think the amenities are more than we expected, they are just brilliant!! Better than we thought. Even the apartment is more spacious, it's quite hard to visually picture your place from a floor plan.

How have you found the move in?

Hester were extremely helpful especially with defects, they took us around individually and we got the opportunity to discuss any concerns we had which we found to be a great help.

What has impressed you the most about Hester Canterbury?

The apartment first, then the amenities. My husband uses the gym daily. Two lots of friends that I've had around have said that they absolutely love it, they can't believe it. The main entrance has a real 'wow factor'.

Is there anything you didn't think you would enjoy but do?

The move, but I looked at it as change, which is a challenge. But it wasn't stressful, it was tiring but worth it!

Have there been any events that you have participated in?

Happy hour has been introduced at 5pm each night. Trish, the Hester Manager is organising a movie night, which I'm excited about. As the days go on we are putting more events in place.

What did your family think about your decision to move?

Everyone was a little shocked at first, especially when I mentioned that it was a retirement development. My husband is still working, so there was a little bit of a stigma at first, although our daughters are happy and we are happy, which is all that matters.