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Villas meet disability needs

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Residents of six new Beachlands units were all smiles on Monday as they showed community members how their homes had been modified to make their lives easier.

An initiative of WAI Group, Activ Geraldton, Community Housing Ltd and Mid West builder Campbell Homes, West End Villas in Beachlands were officially declared open on Monday.

Each home has been fitted with state-of-the-art technology, such as adjustable benchtops, doors which open at the touch of a button and hallways wide enough to easily accommodate a wheelchair.

Minister for Disability Services Don Punch was among those in attendance and said the project made Geraldton a “trailblazer” in the accessible housing space.



Minister Don Punch cuts the ribbon.



Jean Jones, Don Hunter and Barry Jones. Pictures: Phoebe Pin



Peta Harris and Jasmeet Flora-Drage.



WAI Group director Paul Stanley.



Jillian Thornander, Robyn Johnston and Vella Kuya.



Sally Monaghan, Linda Millington and Jan Wetters.



Activ Foundation's Michelle Bilson.



MP Lara Dalton and Minister Don Punch.