



A track record of success – supporting Housing New Zealand’s FirstHome scheme.

Changing demand for social housing has seen an oversupply of some types of homes, particularly in the country’s regions, and a selection of these affordable properties have been made available for sale to eligible first home buyers through Housing New Zealand’s FirstHome scheme.

With a vast network of professional salespeople across over 160 offices nationwide, NZ Realtors was ideally placed to support the sales and was appointed for the task in January 2014.

So far, members have overseen the sale of more than 400 former state houses in the country’s regions to first-time buyers.

“Not only was it a delight to see these surplus properties become cherished first homes, this project was the perfect demonstration of the strength of the network’s offering,” says General Manager Donna Peffers.

Critical to easy management was the prior negotiation of network-wide fee structures and having a single point of contact for all listings through the network.

Meanwhile, local salespeople worked independently and together to help match homes with their would-be owners from around New Zealand.

“Housing New Zealand set up our first home scheme as a way of assisting people to buy their first home, and we’re really pleased with the programme’s success,” says Geoff Mills, Housing New Zealand’s Manager, Market Delivery.

“We’ve also found it easy to work with NZ Realtors’ team and valued their support in making this programme work so well.”

More information on the scheme, eligibility and house listings can be found at www.hnzc.co.nz/firsthome.

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