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Better Homes, Better Futures

2015 is shaping to be a big year for Access Community Housing Company (ACHC). Having moved premises late in 2014 to their new office at 5 Anderson Street, efforts are now underway to undertake some significant strategic initiatives. A new website will be launched early in the New Year which more adequately reflects the people who make Access Community Housing the organisation that it is, our staff, our tenants and those who support us in the community. The website with our new motto, *Better Homes, Better Futures* reinforces our place in the social housing sector and our commitment to continue to deliver quality services and responses to people and families in far north Queensland.

In the first half of 2015, the company also plans to implement a new integrated business management system, allowing reports and analyses that integrate data on housing, assets and finance. "This will reduce duplication and provide a more efficient and informative approach to our business", said the chair of the board, Michael Healy. "The board approved this significant expenditure of funds in the knowledge that the future will require this level of business analysis and reliability", Michael said.

The future of stock transfers over the next 5 years in Queensland will see 90% of public housing transferred to the community sector and Access Community Housing is planning to be well placed to manage some of this additional stock. As the largest social housing provider in far north Queensland, ACHC is keen that as a local company it presents as an excellent option and strong contender to government, for the future of housing management in this area. "Additional staff, up-to-date systems and a fresh approach to tenancy engagement will enable us to renew our commitment to housing solutions in the region", said CEO, Donna-Maree O'Connor. "The year ahead is shaping up to be bigger and better for ACHC", she said.

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