



YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Why is the expansion of Village on Blain needed?

Accommodation in Blackwater is stretched. This includes existing short-term accommodation and access to private rentals. Research by Central Highlands Development Corporation as well as our own research, concludes that more than 300 workforce accommodation beds are needed in the region now and that demand will grow over the next decade. The Village on Blain itself is currently fully committed and “at capacity” and has contracts for the majority of its capacity for the next 3.5 years and beyond. It frequently receives enquiries from organisations for availability which it is unable to help. This expansion will help fill demand and also take pressure of other forms of accommodation in region.

How many people will reside at the Village?

The Village on Blain currently has 550 fully ensuited rooms on site however differing rostering arrangements for our guests mean that there are only 375 to 400 guests on site per night on average. At the completion of the expansion, and based on the same rostering implications, we would anticipate maximum guests on site on average would be 680 to 720.

Who can use the Village – is it just the mines?

At present our clients are all from the mining sector. In the past when demand was not as high we had guests from other sectors including railways, agricultural equipment servicing, roads and infrastructure. Our facilities (single bedrooms, no self-catering, etc) do not generally appeal to the non-worker (e.g. tourist) market however we do not have a policy to prevent that.

Who will build the expansion?

The Village on Blain is a business related to Pantex Pty Ltd (Pantex). Pantex is a property developer and builder and in fact, has been the builder of all stages of the existing operation. Pantex have also created a number of estates in the region including Maranda Heights in Emerald. Pantex will again be the builder for the proposed expansion, managing the site works and delivering the overall project. Pantex has a subsidiary business, Monarch Building Systems (Monarch) who have built and supplied all the accommodation modules for the existing operation. Monarch will again be the manufacturer and supplier of accommodation modules for the proposed expansion. This will mean that all modules will be brand new and because of the relationships between the businesses, there is a high level of control and certainty in the project delivery.



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