

Second win in over-50s housing

Retirement village operator Summerset, which has its closest complex at Trentham, has been named top retirement village operator in both New Zealand and Australia for the second year running.

Summerset chief executive Norah Barlow received the award at the 13th Australasian over-50s Housing Awards in Melbourne.

Mrs Barlow said the award topped off an incredible week which also saw the company's debut on the New Zealand Stock Exchange.

Summerset operates Summerset at the Course, Trentham as well as 12 other villages across the country.

Fifty-six other retirement village operators across the Australian and New Zealand were judged for the award. Between them they operate more than 1100 retirement villages.

■ Just two other companies have taken out the award in consecutive years, including New Zealand's Ryman Healthcare which won the award the two years prior to Summerset.