



GREAT DANES: With work on the new Danish House in Penrose coming to a close, Lise and Bjarne Elowsson are just two of the Danish Society's many members who are looking forward to having a new home.

Danish Society opens new HQ

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The Danish Society has shifted from Parnell to a new purpose-built premises in industrial Penrose.

The almost \$1.5 million site and building was officially opened last Sunday with the

help of the Australasian Danish ambassador based in Canberra.

Co-project manager Bjarne Elowsson says the new site, with its 700sq m building, was badly needed to accommodate the growing society's 400 members.

The society also wanted a

place where they could hold evening functions without upsetting neighbours; and lots of carparking to avoid a repeat of the hassles in Parnell.

With members scattered from Whangaparaoa to Bombay, a venue near the motorway was preferred.

Most of the funds for the

new Danish House came from the sale of the Parnell building, with members' donations (one family gave \$10,000), and grants from the ASB Trust and the Lotteries Grants Board adding to the coffers.

The Danish Society is looking to recoup some of its costs by hiring out the facility.



Newspaper article and photos from the opening of the Danish House in Penrose in February 2000.