



Our renters

Kerrie*

Kerrie* is a 56 year old woman who was on the priority transfer list due to extreme housing stress and immediate risk of homelessness. Kerrie receives the Disability Support Pension and was paying close to 70% of her income in rent. When the private rental unit she had lived in for 6 years was sold and she was unable to secure another home, BeyondHousing's Homelessness services team strongly advocated for Kerrie to be housed at this location.

“I've already made great friends with neighbours in the other units. What a great bunch of people and what a beautiful home it is. I feel lucky to be here and to know I can stay forever.”

Joy

72 year old Joy didn't think she should receive our support, despite renting a very old property that was unfit for purpose, and unaffordable on her low income. Joy was supported to make an application to the VHR priority list. She was undertaking a 1.5hr round trip several times a week for medical appointments and struggled to pay for petrol alongside medical costs and rent. Her new home is close to medical and other services.

“I still don't think I deserve this home more than anyone else, but I cant say thank you enough for it. It has given me quality of life back and peace of mind. We've made a close knit little community who look out for each other.”

Craig*

Craig* is a 32 year old single man who had been sleeping on the floor of his mother's home after separating from his partner. As a gay, Aboriginal man with a number of disabilities and fleeing domestic violence, he wanted to live somewhere safe, private and located away from his community but with the ability to remain connected socially and to support services. Craig was on the VHR priority list and has full NDIS support and cultural support.

“I was worried about being accepted by those living around me but it has been amazing. I can have my cat with me which is important for my anxiety. I feel protected and I can be myself. Im a very private person but I feel like the other tenants respect that and we are all friendly and supportive.”

Marilyn & Michael

Marilyn (71) is the primary carer for Michael (72) who has significant health issues including mobility. They were renting privately when the Landlord increased the rent significantly making it unaffordable to stay, whilst also denying a request for minor modifications to the property to assist Michael with his mobility. They were on the priority waitlist for housing.

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