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National Housing & Homelessness Plan

Older Australians

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Established in 1989 Not For Profit

Wintringham works with frail, older people with experiences of, or at risk of, homelessness

Outreach, Housing, Home Support, Residential Care

Home 'til Stumps







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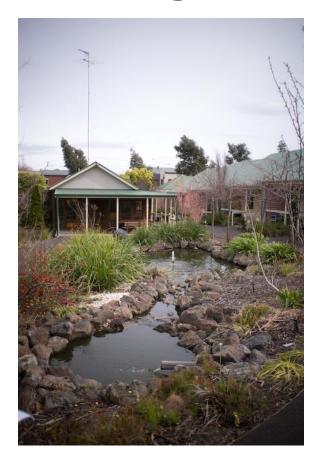
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- Universal design
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- Housing is not conditional







Wintringham Services



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Registered Housing Association

862 housing units, long-term affordable housing, Vic & Tas

Home Care – over 900 packages

Outreach – Supporting people to find housing and link into services

Housing Support – Focus on keeping people housed

NDIS support - Community and Residential Aged Care

Supported Residential Service

Residential Aged Care - 353 beds in Vic & Tas

Therapeutic Recreation

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Shared Values

- Options, Rights & Dignity
- Social Justice
- Human Rights
- Housing First





Complex Support Needs

- Premature Ageing
- Mental Health Issues
- Long-term D&A dependency
- ABI/ARBI
- Repeat Hospital Admissions
- Limited interpersonal skills
- Difficulty with ADL's
- Hoarding and Squalor
- Chronic illness
- Dental Health issues
- Diabetes
- Peripheral Vascular Disease
- Respiratory Problems
- Liver & Renal Disease
- Premature Death







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- Beautiful homes in beautiful environments
- Universal design elements
- Tenancy and maintenance in-house teams







Housing Support

- Whole of site
- Flexible
- Trauma informed
- Increases and decreases based on clients needs
- Life of tenancy
- Harm minimisation



Leverage Mainstream Supports – Whole of government approach

- Commonwealth Home Support Programme
- Home Care Packages
- Residential Aged Care
- National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)



Homelessness & Older People

- Fastest growing cohort within the homelessness sector
- Needs a specialist response
- Often don't identify as homeless







Homelessness & Older People

- Older people underrepresented in homelessness data
- Less likely to present to homelessness services
- Tend to go elsewhere for support





Homelessness & Older People

- Homelessness responses are less suited to older people (e.g. unsafe in crisis accommodation)
- Vulnerability associated with frailty and complex medical conditions





Housing & Older People

- Less housing options for older people
- Private rental less adaptable
 = less suitable for increasing frailty
- Cheaper accommodation, such as cabins or caravan parks are less accessible for older people





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