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# COIMBA MEN'S REFUGE

*A program providing  
supported accommodation  
to homeless men*



*Accommodation and support for persons who are  
homeless & disadvantaged on the NSW Central Coast*



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## About Coimba Men's Program

Coimba is our Men's Program which provides crisis accommodation and support for up to 13 men in the Gosford CBD.

Coimba consists of a crisis refuge in Holden Street which accommodates six men. It also includes seven bedsitters which are located in Henry Parry Drive and provides residents with semi-independent housing and support.

Individual assistance is provided to assist clients to achieve self-reliance and address any issues which may have led to their homelessness.

Coimba provides a supportive environment for clients to move into and maintain their own accommodation.



## Entry Process

Men seeking accommodation will be interviewed by a staff member who will explain how the program works.

Coimba residents will be required to:

- Pay a weekly board
- Accept support from staff to move towards independent housing
- Participate in weekly 'house meetings'
- Assist with household chores including cooking and cleaning
- Abide by a curfew (where possible with work commitments)
- Refrain from taking alcohol and drugs
- Link in with employment providers and local support services

If Coimba has no vacancies, or the applicant is unsuitable because of other reasons (e.g. behavioural issues, unmanageable mental illness, drug/alcohol affected), staff will make every effort to find an alternative housing option.



## Tom's\* Story

*Tom had been in and out of Coimba a number of times. He did not have the best childhood, had mental health issues and was mixed up with the wrong crowd and into the drug scene.*

*Tom did it tough for a number of weeks, then he found out his mum was dying. This hit him hard. He was able to be a great support when his mum needed him most, sleeping at the hospital every night. Unfortunately, Tom's mum passed away, but her love and forgiveness gave him strength to stay off the drugs.*

*Eventually Tom was granted a priority unit with Housing NSW and to this day is still drug free and maintaining his tenancy.*

*\*Names and images changed to protect clients' identity*