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WYONG ACCOMMODATION SUPPORT PROGRAM

A program providing supported accommodation to homeless families in the Wyong Shire



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



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About the Wyong Accommodation Support Program

The Wyong Accommodation Support Program provides medium to long-term accommodation and support to individuals and families in the Wyong Shire.

The Program utilises houses, units and bedsits which are provided by various community housing provider.

Staff visit each of the properties on a regular basis to provide practical assistance, including assistance with finding permanent accommodation of their own. The Program builds a solid rental history, prepares clients to enter the private rental market and teaches them to skills needed maintain their own tenancy.

Entry Process

Individuals and families seeking accommodation will be interviewed by a staff member who will explain how the program works. The majority of clients come from our crisis refuges, however individuals and families can also be taken directly into the Program.

Wyong Accommodation Support Program clients will be required to:

- Sign a lease with community housing provider.
- Accept support from staff to move towards independent housing

If the Wyong Accommodation Support Program 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.



Wendy's* Story

After Wendy's 16 year marriage had ended she was forced to sell the family home. To further complicate matters, Wendy and two of her four sons suffer from brittle bone disease and their home had been specially modified for their condition.

Wendy and her family were housed and assisted to submit a Priority Housing application with Housing NSW. Due to a shortage of suitable Housing NSW properties in the area, Wendy turned her attention to the private rental market. She was successful in signing a long-term lease and was given approval by the owner to make the suitable modifications to her new home.

A great outcome for Wendy and her family.

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