

HOUSING AND SUPPORT DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS



The Summer Foundation housing demonstration projects provide concrete examples of alternatives for young people living in nursing homes. We are establishing our housing model's efficacy and sharing the knowledge generated by these projects with other organisations and government to move this work from pilots to policy change.

We currently have two demonstration projects that showcase best practice design to challenge thinking around housing for people with disability. Our projects are peppered throughout larger mainstream residential developments connecting people to their community. Clever communications and smart home technology ensure residents can enjoy their independence and privacy while still having access to 24 hour on-call support.

Each apartment is a real-world example of how the right housing in the right location can increase a person's quality of life and independence, while reducing life time care costs.

Our first housing demonstration project was established in 2012 in collaboration with Common Equity Housing Ltd, the Transport Accident Commission / Residential Independence Pty Ltd and annecto in inner-Melbourne. This project has six fully accessible self-contained one-bedroom apartments for people with disability, peppered throughout a 59-unit mixed private and social housing development. You can view the stories of two of our tenants at summerfoundation.org.au/what-we-do/housing/tenants-stories/.

Our second housing demonstration project established in 2015 is in the Hunter region in New South Wales. We purchased ten apartments for people with disability, peppered throughout a 110-unit private development. An additional apartment accommodates an office and sleepover space for disability support workers.

TOURS AND WORKSHOPS OF HUNTER HOUSING DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

The design and technology incorporated into the inner-Melbourne Housing Demonstration Project generated an enormous amount of interest. As part of the Hunter Housing Demonstration Project two apartments are fully fitted out and opened as display apartments to showcase the design and smart home and communications technology for a six-month period.

We do not have any more scheduled tours. However, if you are interested in seeing an apartment or finding out more, please contact Julie Gibson on 1300 626 560 or via email at julie.gibson@summerfoundation.org.au

VIRTUAL TOUR

If you are unable to tour the display apartments, take our virtual tour showcasing some of the key design and technology features. View the virtual tour at: www.summerfoundation.org.au/hunter-housing-project





Our second housing demonstration project in the Hunter Region, NSW.

WHAT DOES SUCCESS LOOK LIKE?

Tenant outcomes: empirical data will show improved quality of life, social inclusion, increased independence, decreased reliance on paid supports and reduced life time care costs

Replication: through the transfer of knowledge, others in the sector across Australia will replicate this model for both young people in nursing homes and other people with disability

Social finance: we will demonstrate a successful model of social investment for housing for people with disability that is replicable and scalable.

Our long-term vision is that this model of integrated housing for people with disability, which is accessible and well located, is routinely included in all new medium and high-density residential developments throughout Australia.

RESOURCES AND KNOWLEDGE TRANSLATION

The Summer Foundation releases reports documenting the knowledge generated by our housing demonstration projects:

Learnings from the Abbotsford Housing Demonstration Project report ~ offers reflections and learnings about the origins and set up phase for this project

New Housing Options for People with Significant Disability: Design Insights report ~ outlines the principles for the design and technology incorporated into the Hunter Housing Demonstration Project

Social Finance Think Tank report ~ explores a model of social finance to replicate and scale this model of housing

Accessible Housing - Standards report ~ supports the need to consider development in Australia of an appropriate design framework to assist the housing sector in delivering suitable housing for people with significant disability

Copies of the reports are available as a complimentary download from our website:

<http://www.summerfoundation.org.au/documents-category/publications/>



THANK YOU

The Summer Foundation thanks the Colonial Foundation for its generous contribution that assists the Summer Foundation to use two apartments temporarily as display units, and for funding of two videos: to showcase the smart home technology and to show the built design through a virtual tour. View the tour at: www.summerfoundation.org.au/hunter-housing-project



ABOUT THE SUMMER FOUNDATION

The Summer Foundation was established in 2006 with its key aim to change human service policy and practice related to young people in nursing homes. We want to create, lead and demonstrate long-term sustainable changes that stop young people from being forced to live in nursing homes because there is nowhere else for them to go.

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