

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Report demonstrates design approaches for inclusive model of housing for people with disability

The Summer Foundation is proud to launch its latest publication, *New Housing Options For People with Significant Disability: Design Insights*. The report provides insights into design based on our learnings from our housing demonstration projects in Abbotsford, Victoria and the Hunter region of NSW.

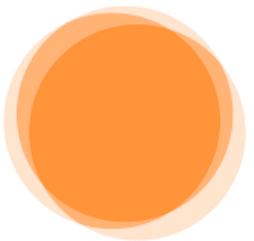
The Summer Foundation is developing a small number of innovative housing and support projects to demonstrate a new and more inclusive housing option for people with significant disability.

“Our housing demonstration projects are changing thinking about housing and support for people with disabilities in Australia,” CEO Dr Di Winkler said.

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

The Summer Foundation is committed to widely disseminating this knowledge to encourage other organisations to replicate the model. This will increase the range of housing options available for these young Australians and prevent admission into residential aged care facilities.

It documents the evolving insights about how to design housing to support people with significant disabilities to live in their own apartment with as much independence as possible. Well-located, well-designed accessible and adaptable housing coupled with smart home technology and appropriate support can increase quality of life and independence and has the potential to reduce life-time care costs.



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The full report is available for [free download](#), or in hard copy for \$43 plus postage.

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**About the Summer Foundation:**

The Summer Foundation is Australia's leading organisation on research regarding young people in nursing homes. The mission of the Summer Foundation is to resolve the issue of young people living in nursing homes in Australia.