



# Home *in* Place

SPECIALIST DISABILITY ACCOMMODATION NEWSLETTER  
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## A new approach to SDA

Thankfully, the old days of people with a disability having to accept a one size fits all model of poorly located housing away from transport and services is becoming a thing of the past. Our latest mixed use apartment complex in Sydney is part of our person-centred approach to disability and SDA housing. Co-design and co-build is another emerging approach to SDA housing.

Read on for more information. If our expert Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA) team can be of help to you, please get in touch.

*Larissa Bridge*  
Operations Manager SDA & Specialist Services



## What's in a name?

In case you are wondering, Home in Place is the new name for Compass Housing Services.

Over the past 35 years, we have grown from a tiny firm with a handful of properties, to one of the biggest social housing, affordable and disability housing providers in the country. In that time, our mission expanded beyond the core business of housing management to include a range of other things like property development, community development and facilities management.

Our new name better reflects who we are and what we do.

We are the same leading team, working towards our Vision that all people have appropriate and affordable shelter and are engaged in sustainable communities.

We remain a not-for-profit community housing provider, fighting against housing poverty.

# Recommended Read!

## NOT JUST RAMPS AND DOORWAYS - DISABILITY HOUSING IS ABOUT CHOOSING WHERE, HOW AND WHO YOU LIVE WITH

THE CONVERSATION 12 JULY 2022

### [FULL ARTICLE](#)

In this article in The Conversation, Robert Cameron Daniel, Jan Martin and Emily Van Eyk from The University of Western Australia discuss the benefits of a co-design, co-living model of housing for people living with a disability.

This is a concept in which Home in Place can facilitate collaboration. It aligns with our focus on housing that meets people's needs for greater choice, control and independence rather than a build it and they will come approach.

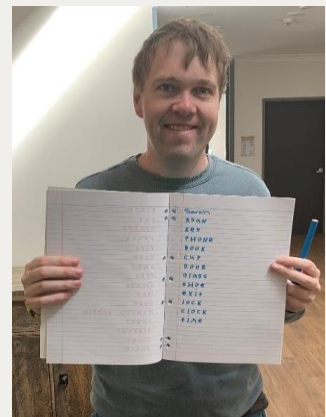
If you are interested in co-design/co-build, get in touch with our team today.

## Ryan is a wordsmith

Ryan lives in one of our purpose-built homes in Goulburn and receives SIL support from ARUMA. When one of our SDA team, Sarah, visited the home recently, Ryan invited her to sit down and write some words with him.

Sarah loved the opportunity to be able to spend this time with Ryan - to see his excitement and pride when it came to being able to share his skill.

"This is why we do what we do," Sarah said.



## Your new forever home? Pendle Hill, Sydney

This stunning new apartment community in the Sydney suburb of Pendle Hill, offers two bedroom and one bedroom SDA and SIL only homes. There are both High Physical Support and Improved Liveability apartments to choose from.

Residents have access to a roof top terrace with picnic tables, gardens and stunning district views as well as ground floor communal areas with picnic tables and gardens.

The apartments are conveniently located across the road from the train station and a short drive to Westmead Hospital. Parks, cafes, medical centres and restaurants are all close by.



This is Home in Place's first mixed use property for people with a disability – more housing options that give people more convenience, choice and control.

Thrive 365 provides supported independent living (SIL) to residents.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

# Sydney Disability Expo

Our team enjoyed the opportunity to meet prospective clients, their families, Supported Independent Living providers and other disability support organisations at this month's Sydney Disability Expo.

The new **Federal NDIS Minister, Bill Shorten**, gave an encouraging speech at the Expo. Admitting that scheme has become "a bureaucratic maze, a nightmare" he committed to tackling issues that have been in the too hard basket such as blockages in housing approvals and getting people with disability out of aged care and hospital into proper accommodation.

If you couldn't get to the Sydney Expo but want to know more about our range of SDA and other disability housing property and tenant management services, please call our team on **1300 333 733**.



## Ministers agree on 7 NDIS reforms

Minister Shorten's Disability Expo comments follow on from the meeting between him and his federal and state and territory ministers with responsibility for disability in June. They agreed on 7 key NDIS reform commitments.

1. Improving pandemic preparedness
2. Increased transparency, trust and action
3. Bring forward the planned 2023 review of the NDIS
4. Building a stronger workforce and service provider market
5. Speeding up hospital discharge
6. Ensuring access to services
7. Reduce NDIS Appeals.

For the full Communiqué dated 29 July 2022 [READ MORE >>](#)

## SIL Provider Spotlight – Thrive 365



*Live your best home - feel safe, have fun, and make yourself at home* is the mantra of [Thrive 365](#) - one of the Supported Independent Living (SIL) providers we partner with in Sydney and Queensland.

Thrive 365 is the SIL at this month's featured property (see above) as well as other multi-dwelling homes and apartment buildings.

We love their focus on helping people with a disability to thrive, not survive. They do this by ensuring residents have meaningful choice and control in their lives, the ability to take their own risks, and express fun and joy.

## Meet the team - Yosh



Yosh is one of our Queensland Tenancy Relations Officers.

A jack of all trades, Yosh helps participants, property owners and support providers to succeed in the disability housing market.

He spends time coordinating and assisting them to navigate the nuances of Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA) so residents find and get the most from their forever homes.

“It is really important for support providers and owners to understand how the SDA space works and the funding arrangements,” says Yosh.

“SDA housing is a nuanced market, different to other property markets, and we use our experience to help them to get the most of out of their investment,” he says.

When working with residents, their families and support co-ordinators, Yosh makes sure residents get to choose suitable housing that meets their needs.

“We have a very people centric approach and our residents like the fact that we are passionate about enforcing the principles of choice and control.”

Yosh has recently joined the SDA team after working for Home in Place’s property maintenance team. He is also using his years of experience in IT, project management and commercial real estate in this role.

“I wanted to work with the SDA team because I can see the amazing difference we can make to people’s quality of life.”

“It is a fun, supportive and close knit team which means we work well together to give residents and property owners the right support.”

Proudly Sri Lankan born, Yosh has called Australia home for 12 years.