



Home in Place

SPECIALIST DISABILITY ACCOMMODATION NEWSLETTER
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Home in Place is currently undergoing its audit being conducted by the NDIS Quality & Safeguards Commission. The commission has shared with Home in Place that all providers will be audited with the purpose to provide evidence that across the changing SDA landscape that providers are supporting choice and control for participants.

We welcome the audits and the opportunity to provide feedback to the Commission to improve the performance of the sector. It is about best practice to support choice and control and the best outcomes for SDA residents.

Speaking of choice and control, I was inspecting progress on a new SDA development on the NSW Central Coast. We are partnering with developer, Whitestone Group, as part of our customer led approach of purpose-built accommodation to meet people's needs. These much-needed new homes are one-bedroom villas that are close to beaches, lakes, medical services and other services.



One of our featured properties this month are also beautiful one-bedroom villas.

Providing a range of SDA housing options, and not in fringe areas, is one of the ways Home in Place seeks to support choice and control for people to live as independently as possible in a community of their preference.

Until next month,

Larissa Bridge
Executive Manager Specialist Services

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New Central Coast SDA housing nearing completion

Last month our Executive Manager Larissa Bridge inspected progress on a new five villa SDA housing project in the NSW Central Coast suburb of Toukley. She was joined by the developer, Director of Whitestone Group Julian Carlo-Stella, and the Executive Director of the Catholic Care Broken Bay which can provide supported independent living services to residents.

The architecturally designed one-bedroom villas are for residents with high physical support needs.



The project, named Sanctuary, also features two on-site overnight assistance rooms as well as a communal vegetable and herb garden and electric vehicle charging station.

Sanctuary is one of four SDA projects Whitestone has in its pipeline in partnership with Home in Place. The others are in Kariong on the Central Coast, Charlestown in the Hunter region and in the Sydney suburb of Penrith.

The new housing is expected to be finished by July. Expressions of interest from people wanting to call this their new forever home are now open.

Watch the video at <https://youtu.be/P48jo6oG57c>.

See you at these upcoming Disability Expos

The Home in Place SDA team will have a stand at these Disability Expos:

Hunter, NSW – May 12-13

Gold Coast, QLD – June 16-17

Sydney, NSW – August 4-5

Melbourne, VIC – November 24-25

Disability housing resident rapper in our music video on homelessness

One of our Newcastle disability housing residents and rapper, Steven, shines in our organisation's new song about housing and homelessness.

Steven didn't want to appear in the music video but his vocal talent shines in the song.



The Home in Place rap song was written by our group managing director Greg Budworth and produced by former Screaming Jets' front man Grant Walmsley. It is designed to raise awareness of the crises in homelessness and housing but also promote solutions to these issues.

Listen to the song and watch the music video on Home in Place's YouTube channel at <https://youtu.be/PVZFo-0Dz24>.

Your new forever home? Blacktown, NSW



You can move in now to a beautiful 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom SDA villa in Western Sydney.

The five villas provide private yet socially available living for residents with high physical support needs. They have large bedrooms, high quality finishings and a variety of automated features.

Residents also have enjoyable outdoor spaces and there are 4 on-site care rooms. The property is minutes away from a shopping centre and Blacktown Hospital.

[Enquire via Go Nest.](https://gonest.com.au/property/09092022-blacktown-high-physical-support-blacktown-2148) at <https://gonest.com.au/property/09092022-blacktown-high-physical-support-blacktown-2148>

Or what about... Brassall, near Ipswich Qld



This is a brand new 4 bedroom, 4 bathroom villa in the Ipswich suburb of Brassall is an ideal place to call home for three residents with high physical support needs.

The finishes are high end and there is a large alfresco area, and an on-site overnight assistance room.

Close to local parks and shopping facilities, this location has it all.

Enquire via Go Nest. at <https://gonest.com.au/property/29092022-theres-no-place-like-home-hps-brassall-brassall-4305>

Home in Place has a range of SDA properties in different SDA categories - from 5-bedroom group homes to custom-built individual homes and apartments. We have vacancies in NSW, Queensland and Victoria. View our walkthrough videos for some properties on our [YouTube channel](#).

[View all our vacancies here.](https://homeinplace.org/sda-vacancies/) at <https://homeinplace.org/sda-vacancies/>

At the Nepean Disability Expo

Our team members Emma and Natasha attended the Nepean Disability Expo in Western Sydney on March 31 to visit other housing providers and SIL providers.



Meet the team: Alex

Alex is our new Home 4 Life Program Co-ordinator.

The Home 4 Life Program built and now manages the 66 modern new homes for residents of former NSW government disability institutions at Stockton, Tomaree and Morisset. Home in Place is part of the consortium that won the NSW Government tender and contract for the program.

Alex brings more than 15 years' experience in housing and tenancy management to her role. That includes 13 years working in community housing operations and other roles for Home in Place.

She is excited about starting work in the growth area of Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA). The contract management and vacancy management role offers Alex a new challenge and leadership responsibilities.

Away from work, the mum of two young girls enjoys weekend family time riding bikes and seeking out new parks and playgrounds.

