



# Home in Place

WELCOME HOME TO LIVING MORE INDEPENDENTLY IN A HIGHLY SUPPORTED WAY.

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Hospital or aged care is no place for people with a disability to be living. Especially young people with a disability.

The Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety said young people with a disability living in aged care is an urgent issue. The Australian Government set a [strategy](#) to keep younger people under 65, including people with a disability, out of residential aged care but hasn't reached its targets yet.

One reason for this is a lack of awareness of existing housing options or consultation with housing providers. Another is a lack of social and affordable housing or housing options are offered away from the person's family and support network. The other is that while there are vacancies in Specialist Disability Accommodation, this is for people with very high ongoing needs and requires people to be both an NDIS participant and have SDA in their plan.



We have helped people with a disability to successfully move from hospital and aged care into a proper home and community.

If you know someone with a disability who is languishing in aged care or hospital, please encourage them or their parents or guardians to [explore getting SDA into their plan](#). If they have SDA, check our vacancies [here](#). The Australian Government has information on support for younger people wishing to leave aged care as well as their families and support providers [here](#).

Until next month,

*Larissa Bridge*

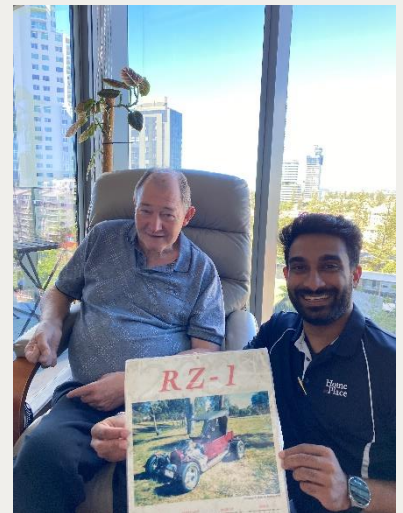
*Executive Manager Specialist Services*

## Resident story: Rob revs up Yoshi

A retired motor mechanic by trade, Rob is still a car and hot rod fan and aficionado. He now lives in a beautiful Summer Housing SDA apartment in Broadbeach on the Gold Coast, managed by Home in Place.

Rob shared many stories about his career and love for all thing motoring with our Queensland Tenant Relations Officer Yoshi on a recent visit. Yoshi really enjoyed hearing about Rob's career and hobby experiences.

Rob owned his own motor garage and was a pioneer of dyno tuning, starting one of the first Dyno tuning shops in Cairns. He also worked as a Formula1 mechanic in the UK. Rob loves to tinker with a custom Mini Mook which he still owns. He is also very proud of the fact that the RZ-1 Hot Rod that he designed and built from scratch is still doing the rounds at car shows in Queensland.



## Looking for a forever home? South Penrith, Western Sydney

These five beautiful brand new one-bedroom high physical support villas are available now. Enjoy modern open plan living, a spacious bedroom, a bright and airy bathroom, and a quality kitchen. There are four ground floor villas and one upstairs villa.

Close to the beautiful Blue Mountains but easily accessible to Paramatta and Sydney, the villas are close to parks, healthcare facilities and shopping centres.

[Enquire via Go Nest.](#)

*Home in Place has a range of SDA properties in different SDA categories - from 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.](#)



## See you at the Gold Coast Disability Expo

The Home in Place SDA team is looking forward to seeing everyone at the [Gold Coast Disability Expo](#) at the Gold Coast Exhibition and Convention Centre on **June 16 and 17**.

You'll find us at Booth 32. Our expert team can help people looking for disability housing and their families or carers, support co-ordinators, Supported Independent Living providers and property developers and investors with any questions they have about in Specialist Disability Accommodation. Please come and say hello.

**We'll also be at these upcoming expos...**

Sydney, NSW – August 4-5 (Booth 087)

Melbourne, VIC – November 24-25.



Check out the photos below from the Hunter Disability Expo last month - we had so much fun meeting people and connecting with other disability service providers!



## New name & new SDA homes for SIL

One of the Supported Independent Living (SIL) providers we work with is changing its name. [Disability Services Australia](#) will soon be known as **Scope** from July.

Scope is the SIL at two of our Robust group homes in the NSW Hunter region – Bonnell's Bay and Morisset. We will soon be providing property and tenancy management services for Scope's own two new Robust SDA villas. The villas two resident are in Cliftleigh near Cessnock and Maitland. Apply now!

## SDA sector news

The NDIA has released its new [Supported Decision-Making Policy](#) to better help people with disability to make decisions in the NDIS. This includes applying, setting goals and how to use the supports in their plans.

The latest [NDIS Quarterly Report](#) is out too. The SDA Alliance (SDAA) has [compiled a handy summary of all the key data](#). It shows there has been a:

- 18% increase annually over the last three years in the number of active participants with SDA supports
- 12% increase to the average plan budgets for SDA supports
- 31% increase in total SDA supports in participant plans
- 36% annual over the last three years in total SDA payments
- 14% increase in the average SDA payment per participant.

The Australian Building Codes Board (ABCB) has released a Liveable Housing Design Handbook and a [Voluntary Standard for Liveable Housing Design: Beyond Minimum](#). This is a set of non-mandatory technical provisions to enable dwellings to better meet the needs of the community, including older people and people with mobility limitations.

# Where's Sarah? Mother's Day craft and firemen



Our NSW Tenancy Relations Officer, Sarah, has been on the road again getting to know residents and meet with SILs. Last month she travelled more than 560km between Port Stephens, the Hunter and Sydney.

She says the SIL staff and residents always make her feel welcome and even invite Home in Place staff to participate in activities. Digital Marketing Coordinator Jacob was invited by a resident at a Port Stephens' home to be a fireman for moment.

Below are the lovely ladies at a home in the Sydney suburb of GyMEA who are looking for a new house mate to join them.



At a home in nearby Miranda, Sarah was admiring some beautiful art and craft done by residents on pots to celebrate Mother's Day.

