Hello

The Disability Royal Commission has handed down its Final Report.

We welcome the spotlight the Commission has shone on the struggles people with a disability face, including in relation to accessing appropriate and safe housing, and support the Commission’s call for a more inclusive Australia.

One of the principles of the NDIS is choice and control. Below we share a story of another way we are trying to deliver on that principle for the residents living in homes that we manage.

Providing modern, quality Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA) assists with building a more inclusive Australia. It ensures people with very high support needs also get to live as independently as possible in community.

Working with people with a disability, their families and support networks as well as developers, investors, SILs, behaviour practitioners and occupational therapists is part of our person-centred approach to inclusive SDA housing that is truly fit for purpose and functional for participants.

Until next month,

Larissa Bridge
Executive Manager Specialist Services
Shared living with individual drop-in support gives residents more choice and control

Three residents are this month getting the keys to a brand new high physical support shared home in the Newcastle suburb of Jewells.

In a first for us, the residents do not have an on-site or full time Supported Independent Living (SIL) provider. Instead, they have their own individual support providers who will drop in as required.

Two of the residents are permanently moving in this month. The other is trialing the move to see if the home and support model meets their needs. This is something we are happy to facilitate. At Home in Place we’re about giving residents choice and control when it comes to their SDA housing.

More SDA homes are here

Five new architecturally designed SDA villas in the NSW Central Coast suburb of Toukley will soon be ready for people high physical support needs to call home.

When we visited The Sanctuary late last month, the kitchens had gone in and the courtyards were taking shape. The complex also features two on-site overnight assistance rooms as well as a communal vegetable and herb garden and electric vehicle charging station.

We have a vacancy at The Sanctuary. It won’t last long. Check it out and get in touch today via GoNest.
We have a beautiful 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom villa in Mt Hutton, near Newcastle, ready for someone to call home. The villa is next to an established 4-resident home with a great yard and rear deck.

Close to beautiful Lake Macquarie and to Newcastle, the home is near shops, medical facilities, and public transport.

Enquire via Go Nest.

Home in Place has 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.

Disability Royal Commission Final Report released

The royal commission into violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation of people with disability (Disability Royal Commission) has handed down its final report.

The Royal Commission ran for four-and-a-half years, making it Australia’s longest running royal commission and the largest ever investigation into the lives of the 4.4 million people with disability in Australia.

The report makes 222 recommendations across a broad range of areas including health, education, employment, housing, the criminal justice system and disability services. The Commission has asked the federal, state and territory governments to publish written responses to its report by March 31, 2024.

Some of the report’s recommendations in relation to housing include:

- significant reform to remove barriers to people with disability in housing, education and employment
- major improvements in the practices of group homes
- include people with disability as a priority group in national housing and homelessness policy frameworks and the proposed National Housing and Homelessness Plan and the National Housing Supply and Affordability Council
- changes to tenancy legislation to require landlords of private rentals to “demonstrate a good reason for terminating any tenancy of residential accommodation”, and for state and territory administrative tribunals to consider a tenant’s disability in possession rulings.
Upskilling in communication & planning

This month has seen our entire national SDA team come together at our head office in Newcastle for our annual planning day and training workshop.

Communication is critical in all successful partnerships, so this year’s focus was on effective communication techniques and here we are polishing up on our active listening skills in an interactive training session.

We learnt to be more aware of our own internal conversations when we are listening to others which leads to automatic listening and misunderstandings.

Farewell and thanks to Sarah

Regular readers of our newsletter will have followed the journeys of our Tenancy Relations Officer Sarah as she criss-crossed NSW meeting residents, their families and SILs.

Sadly for us, Sarah has a new career opportunity in a different sector away from the disability space. We thank her for passionately following the Home in Place person-centred approach to providing SDA housing and wish her all the best in her new career.

Our other team members will be in touch with the people whom Sarah worked with for a seamless transition.

Building a stronger team and letting our hair down

We were so excited to get the team from all around the country together at the Home in Place staff conference last month that we dressed up for the occasion.

The theme was "something starting with P" inspired by the P5 Ethical Framework we use to guide our actions and reach our objectives. Can you figure out what everyone is?

By getting together and connecting at events like this, we’re able to work better as a team, and ultimately, deliver better results for our residents and stakeholders.