

JIMMY KENNEDY SOCIAL HOUSING, SHEPPARTON

Independent living units for people aged 50 and over

Wintringham Housing was thrilled to welcome residents to their brand new homes located in the heart of Shepparton in early 2023.

The Jimmy Kennedy social housing units provide 28 one-bedroom homes for people aged 50 and over in the Hume Region who have experienced or are vulnerable to homelessness. A key feature that sets Jimmy Kennedy apart from other housing is that it is co-located with residential aged care, which allows residents to age in place and remain living in a community where they are already settled.



Tanya at Jimmy Kennedy social housing



Jimmy Kennedy social housing units - exterior

Tanya is a new resident at Jimmy Kennedy Social Housing. Prior to moving in, she lived in a very small country town for 30 years, but had to relocate to Shepparton to access the health services she needed.

Unable to find a home she could afford in the private rental market, she stayed with her relatives, moving from house to house. It was always in the back of her mind that she didn't have a permanent place to call home.

Tanya was thrilled when she moved into her new home, which she loves:

"I don't have to worry about anything anymore. I'm not going to get kicked out of here, I can stay as long as I want."

Wintringham has been there supporting me all the time."

“Moving into this place was special - it was like they have my back, and they’ll have my back forever. It’s like being in a little community and they’re all willing to help you.” - Tanya, resident at Jimmy Kennedy social housing



Tanya loves living in her new home

On-site housing support services are available to residents to help them maximise their health and wellbeing and maintain their tenancies. Assistance is also offered to help residents connect with external supports and engage with the community if they choose.

With accessibility at the forefront, these homes have been purpose-built to Wintringham's international award-winning standards. Features include modified bathrooms built to disability standards, built-in wardrobes, external power points for easy mobility scooter charging, lift access, and a communal garden space.

The project was made possible through funding from the Victorian Government; the Victorian Branch of the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation (ANMF); the Ian Potter Foundation; and an Australian philanthropic trust.

About Wintringham Housing

Wintringham Housing is a subsidiary of Wintringham, a specialised non-religious not-for-profit welfare organisation that is committed to providing a range of high-quality services to people aged 50 and over, who have experienced or are at risk of homelessness or financial disadvantage. As a registered Community Housing provider, Wintringham Housing manages safe and affordable housing for this cohort across Victoria and Tasmania, to assist them to live independently for as long as possible. Generally the housing consists of a one bedroom unit with an ensuite bathroom, built in wardrobe, kitchen and living area, and an outdoor space.



The light-filled kitchens are modern and allow for very easy maintenance.

Wintringham Housing is a member of the **Community Housing Industry Association of Victoria (CHIA Vic)**, the peak body for the community housing sector in Victoria. CHIA Vic works to support the growth of community housing as the most effective and efficient means of ensuring more disadvantaged Victorians can enjoy the dignity of safe, secure and appropriate housing.