



“Home means safety. It means there’s dignity. And when people know that others have gone to the trouble to set those spaces up to be a home, people walk into those spaces and cry. It actually says to them people do care about me. I am worthy of respect.” – Tracey Adams, CEO yourtown and Kids Helpline

## Partnering with yourtown since 2013

**Lendlease has partnered with yourtown since 2013 when we committed to creating five homes in Lendlease Communities’ Yarrabilba estate in SE QLD.**

Since then, Lendlease has continued to leverage **yourtown’s** expertise in training and employment outcomes for young people and, more recently in their creation of housing for vulnerable people.

## FutureSteps Support

- ❖ **House in Brisbane 2020** - \$100K grant towards the build of a four-bed transitional home for women and children escaping domestic and family violence (DFV).
- ❖ **Block of units Sydney 2022** - \$2M grant towards the purchase and renovation of a block of units, for transitional DFV housing.
- ❖ **Apprenticeships in Brisbane 2022** - Creating Positive Futures were the successful recipient of the \$100k of which \$28K was for yourtown to employ 3 school based apprentices on the Yarrabilba Qbuild homes.

"I've never lived anywhere that I felt safe, but now I can finally sleep at night. I can't help but feel I don't deserve this, but I know it's my time to recover and move forward". – Resident in yourtown’s Sydney Transitional Housing

## Further Lendlease support

- ❖ **2013-2016 – Yarrabilba Social Enterprise:** yourtown partnered with Lendlease to construct five homes at Yarrabilba precinct QLD.
- ❖ **2016 – San Miguel family residential support service** in North Richmond NSW – Community Day volunteering to upgrade buildings and grounds.
- ❖ **2018-19 - Lot 14 Social Enterprise. - yourtown’s** Social Enterprises delivered landscape maintenance, rubbish and graffiti removal at Lot 14 in Adelaide, under contract to Renewal SA. **yourtown** provided paid work experience and training for local young people.
- ❖ **2017 onwards – Community Art Initiatives - yourtown** has facilitated several community art initiatives within Lendlease residential communities to improve public amenities.
- ❖ **2017 - NSW Social Procurement Symposium - Lendlease** and **yourtown** hosted a social procurement symposium, attended by business leaders, Government representatives, and officiated by Federal Government Ministers including the Hon Craig Laundry MP.
- ❖ **2022 – Lendlease AUSGrads Trivia Night** - \$24K raised to support the Sydney apartments project.
- ❖ **2022 – Furniture purchase and assembly** – with our Martin Place Metro and Macquarie Bank partners.
- ❖ **2022 – Community Day Garden Makeover** at Sydney units.

Check out the yourtown and Lendlease partner video [here](#).



“Lendlease had made a significant contribution towards our transitional housing program in NSW and to the families rebuilding their lives after experiencing family violence. We would not have been in the position to provide such life-changing intervention if it were not for the financial support of Lendlease.” - Tracey Adams, CEO yourtown and Kids Helpline



## FutureSteps Project Outline

Transitional housing is critical in reducing the number of families at risk of returning to refuge, returning to violent partners, or experiencing homelessness.

### FutureSteps Project 1 - House for women and children escaping domestic and family violence - Brisbane 2020

\$100,000 granted to assist in building a four-bed transitional home for women and children escaping domestic and family violence in Queensland. Build cost \$300k.

Built by **yourtown's** Social Enterprises which provides paid work experience and training for 8 to 10 young people experiencing unemployment.

Several fundraising activities raised the difference in construction costs including 'Hike for their Home: Larapinta 2021' and other events, which was supported by Lendlease Australia's Head of Sustainability.

### Impact to 30 June 2023



**4 new bedrooms**



**3 women & 10 children (3 families) housed**



**\$10K in-kind support**

### FutureSteps Project 2 – Block of units for transitional housing – Sydney 2022

Lendlease's One Sydney Harbour (OSH) project brought their \$2M FutureSteps payment forward by two to three years, enabling the project teams to be directly involved with their Social Impact initiatives.

The \$2M (ex GST) contribution enabled **yourtown** to purchase a block of eight units which was transformed into transitional housing for seven families plus one common support space. Extra in-kind and fundraising support included:

- ❖ **Making the units a home** – The Martin Place Metro team and Macquarie Bank raised \$12,500 to fund flatpack furniture for three units. Staff from all organisations assembled the furniture and set up each unit ready for the new families.
- ❖ **Lendlease AUSGRADS fundraiser** – The fun trivia evening raising over \$24K.
- ❖ **Garden makeover** – Lendlease folks landscaped the backyard into a beautiful usable space.

The project has been supported by many organisations: Macquarie Bank, Sydney Metro and Minter Ellison as well as many great tradies.

### Impact in the first 6 months



**12 new bedrooms across 7 units**



**10 families = 10 women & 13 children**



**\$75K in-kind support**

Support yourtown and Kids Helpline [here](#).