



## Women's Community Shelters – the challenge

WCS support women of all ages to find safe, secure housing, from short term emergency accommodation through to transitional housing. Women are the most impacted group in society around homelessness and domestic and family violence.

## FutureSteps Projects

WCS work with communities to establish new shelters and transitional housing with wrap around services, creating pathways to independence for women.

**FutureSteps has supported three projects:**

- ❖ **Pathways Home Program** – \$50K contribution to a program focussed on securing access to vacant properties in partnership with PAYCE Foundation.
- ❖ **Abbie House** - \$40K used to sublet vacant student apartments through City West Housing's (CWH) Scape student housing development, with a 12-month lease.
- ❖ **Sydney units** - \$75K to fund purchase of a block of seven units (in progress).

## Further Lendlease support

- ❖ **Access to Lendlease facilities via Flex Friday's initiative**
- ❖ **Pot plants donated to WCS Hub and Shelters**
- ❖ **Ongoing conversation - employment pathways for WCS clients**

## Outcomes & Impact



**70 beds**



**170 people benefited**



**\$20K in-kind support**

**Pathways Home Program** funded a project manager to establish new projects that delivered 35 beds over 12 months.

**Abbie House** project provided subsidised housing and support to 14 single women at risk of homelessness for a 12-month period.

**Sydney Units** to be purchased late 2023 will provide long term subsidised housing and support to up to 30 women and children at any one time.

## Last word from Women's Community Shelters

"Meanwhile use properties, repurposed into transitional homes, provide an immediate and pragmatic short-medium term solution for the critical shortages of social and affordable housing right across Australia. Thank you Lendlease and FutureSteps." **Annabelle Daniel OAM, CEO, Women's Community Shelters**

"Abbie House really did save my life. (It) has given me the space to reclaim my sense of agency. To settle and take that slippery one-foot-in-front-of-the-other survival mentality into a stride. Maybe into a stride with a little swagger if I may be so bold. I've found my place again in the world and I have managed a plan for the short-term future." **Abbie House resident.**

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