



**BAYS  
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TRUST**

## *An innovative lifestyle for independent older people*

We are very excited about our latest affordable housing projects and we know you will be too.

Our society is changing fast, and the members of the Bays Community Housing Trust are constantly looking for ways to improve the services we provide for older people who are in social or economic need.

Our population is aging. Around the world people are living longer, more active and healthier lives, meaning there is a greater urgency for more affordable, age-friendly rental accommodation, and the demand for this is likely to increase.

We have a vision for our elders to be able to live in a homely, safe environment and to be treated as valuable individuals, with dignity and respect, despite the restrictions of spiralling housing costs on the Shore.

Stable and appropriate housing is fundamental to the health and well-being of all our community, not just

individuals. Our latest, innovative model for affordable rental housing has a lifestyle-quality focus.

Promoting independence and allowing for companionship and community, this new social approach provides choices that we would appreciate ourselves, should the need arise.

We strive to express God's love in practical ways to older people who are struggling to keep a roof over their heads, and to help them enjoy their later years.

The information about our latest housing project (on the back of this flyer) may benefit you, or someone you know – or may inspire you to help us keep building a better future for all.

Members of the Long Bay Baptist Church set up the Bays Community Housing Trust in 2004. With help from all quarters we have made great progress in our efforts. Look for details on our website.



## Company, choice and affordability

The Bays Community Housing Trust is building another five bedroom house in Northcote for independent older people to live. This is expected to be completed in August 2014, and we are now accepting applications from those interested in becoming part of this household.

The bedrooms each have an en-suite bathroom and deck and will be furnished personally by the resident. Shared facilities are furnished, and include two lounges, kitchen, dining area and laundry.

Ideally suited for single men or women 65 and over of any or no faith who are able to live independently and would appreciate living in community with others, this house offers an affordable, innovative lifestyle that emphasises choice and companionship.

As co-tenants, the residents have the freedom to collaborate and create a home they can all enjoy living in, as well as have an influence over decisions that affect them.

Our relationship manager, who is experienced in social and community work, will liaise closely with the residents to support the well-being of everyone in the house.

We have designed this innovative community house for a Lifemark Rating of 5, which allows for ease of use for older people. It is conveniently situated close to the Northcote Shopping Centre, Countdown, public transport, the library and other community services.

We were set up to assist people in social and / or economic need, therefore prospective tenants would need to fulfill this criteria.

The rent will be around \$220 per week, including power, water, internet and communal phone.

If you know any sociable men or women who may appreciate the opportunity to meet us and ask us questions about community life at our Northcote house, please contact Robyn Barry for more information.

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If our housing could benefit you or someone you know, or if you can help the with the work of our Trust, we would love to hear from you.

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