

Support for Families at Risk (SFaR)

Provides outreach case management support to families with current public, community or private rental tenancy.

- For parents and children with complex needs for up to 12 months
- Families willing to work collaboratively towards their housing and support goals

(Referrals via Access Point and direct referrals accepted)

Community Support Program

Provides a social/recreational program for adults residing in rooming and community housing provided in partnership with Women's Housing Ltd.

The program aims to increase living skills, provide support and develop social connectedness. This provides people residing in Rooming Houses with a sense of well being which in turn assists them to sustain their tenancy.

North and West Homelessness Network

Wombat also auspice the North and West Homelessness Network (NWHN). They are one of eight regional networks across Victoria funded to bring services together to share information, identify common needs and gaps in service provision, and establish close working relationships to promote and assist the best possible response to homelessness within a regional context. Core members are homelessness and family violence agencies receiving funding from the Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS).

Wombat is a community organisation funded primarily by DHS. All services provided by Wombat are free.

Access Points

Access points aims to make it easier for people to access and navigate the homelessness service system, allowing for better prioritisation of resources.

If you are experiencing homelessness, or are at risk of homelessness, you can access these programs through our Access Point (our agency does not accept direct referrals, excluding SHASP and SFaR).

The inner-west Access Point is:

Yarra Community Housing

112-122 Victoria St, Footscray

Phone: (03) 9689 2777

wombat housing and support services

191 Melrose Street
North Melbourne 3051

PO Box 1183
Kensington 3031

Phone: (03) 8327 2222
Freecall: 1800 887 775
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Wombat Housing and Support Services provides services to people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless in the inner North-West of Melbourne.

Following the implementation of the Opening Doors Framework, Wombat is no longer able to take requests for its support programs directly - **all referrals must come from the Access Point** (see back for Access Point details). This excludes the SHASP and SFaR program which accepts direct referrals.

Wombat seeks to ensure equity of access to its programs for all people to ensure that all service users are assisted appropriately, recognising and respecting the beliefs, traditions, values and life experiences of each person.



Wombat has been providing service to the community for more than 30 years. The programs focus on fostering independence and developing capacity for self direction and responsibility.

Youth Justice Pathways and Leaving Care Program

For young people who are leaving Child Protection care or on Youth Justice orders. Provides outreach support in transitional housing and/or assisted with independent living.

- Have current involvement with Protective Services/Youth Justice
- Have links with the West
- Have the capacity to live independently
- Be willing to participate in the Leaving Care or Youth Justice program

(Referral via DHS)

Single Adults Support Program

Provides outreach case management support for single adults who are living in transitional or Rooming House accommodation.

- For single men over 25
- The program is for single men who:
 - ⇒ Are homeless or at risk of homelessness
 - ⇒ Are willing to participate in the support program
 - ⇒ Need to develop living skills
 - ⇒ Are in receipt of an independent income
 - ⇒ Are able to manage daily living arrangements

(Referral via Access Point and Rooming House)

Maribyrnong Youth Accommodation Program (MYAP)

Provides outreach case management support to young people, priority given to those from a Cultural and Linguistically Diverse Background (CALD), who are homeless or in transitional housing. MYAP staff also work out of the AACC offices in Footscray.

- For young people aged 16 - 25 years
- Focus on CALD clients
- The program is for young people/families who:
 - ⇒ Are homeless or at risk of homelessness
 - ⇒ Are willing to participate in the support program
 - ⇒ Need to develop living skills
 - ⇒ Are in receipt of an independent income
 - ⇒ Are able to manage daily living arrangements

(Referral via Access Point)

Youth Support Program

Provides outreach case management support to young people who are homeless or in transitional housing.

- For young people aged 16 - 25 years
- The program is for young people/families who:
 - ⇒ Are homeless or at risk of homelessness
 - ⇒ Are willing to participate in the support program
 - ⇒ Need to develop living skills
 - ⇒ Are in receipt of an independent income
 - ⇒ Are able to manage daily living arrangements

(Referral via Access Point)

Family Program

Provides outreach case management support to families who are homeless or in transitional housing.

- Families over 21 years
- Families experiencing recurring homelessness will be eligible for priority housing.
- The program is for families who:
 - ⇒ Are homeless or at risk of homelessness
 - ⇒ Are willing to participate in the support program
 - ⇒ Need to develop living skills
 - ⇒ Are in receipt of an independent income
 - ⇒ Are able to manage daily living arrangements

(Referral via Access Point)

The Social Housing Advocacy and Support Program (SHASP)

is for people who are residing in Public Housing. The program can assist with Office of Housing (OoH) processes with an emphasis on sustaining and supporting tenancies. The aim is to prevent homelessness and improve outcomes for tenants.

SHASP can assist with:

- Newly housed Office of Housing tenants who require assistance to establish their tenancy
- Office of Housing tenancies at risk of being evicted due to issues like:
 - ⇒ Rental arrears
 - ⇒ Behavioural issues
 - ⇒ Failure to maintain your property

(Referral via OoH, other programs/agencies & direct referrals accepted)