### Vinnies good works

## **PARTNERSHIP APPROACH**

Tom Fisher House identifies the important role of intensive intervention for those who have been without a home for long periods of time and the imperative need to work in a system of care with other specialist services.

Working collaboratively in the interest of each individual is integral to ensuring the right support measures are identified and facilitated in attempting to obtain the optimum outcome of finding stable accommodation for clients.

Tom Fisher House only accepts referrals from specialist agencies and outreach teams.

Vinnies Tom Fisher House works to build relationships with people by offering practical assistance and support, while identifying longer term needs and issues.

These are commonly to do with the challenges of homelessness, trauma, mental health and alcohol and other drug misuse.

Our low threshold approach is being able to deliver a service that successfully reduces barriers faced by people with challenges or high needs providing them with a level of support which they may not usually be able to access.



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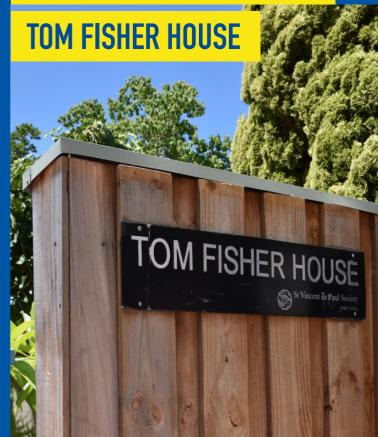
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Tom Fisher House is an intensive intervention service for people experiencing long term homelessness with complex needs.

## **OVERVIEW**

Tom Fisher House intensive intervention service for those experiencing long term homelessness provides support to people facing challenges which may prevent them from accessing other services.

We provide free overnight accommodation with few barriers to entry and a place of engagement in which an individual's life impacting issues can be identified and supported.

On any given night we accommodate up to 12 adults (singles and couples) and even have room for friendly fur companions.

The service can provide up to 7 nights stay and is open between 5:30pm and 8:30am every night of the year.

### **SERVICES OUTCOME**

The service engages with people who have struggled to attain or maintain permanent housing and who are experiencing disconnection from the community. It offers a safe place for clients to receive intensive intervention regardless of their presenting issues.

Our staff work within a strengths based philosophy that is culturally relevant and compassionate. They assess each individuals needs, understanding the relationship between trauma exposure, homelessness, mental health, substance misuse and social disadvantage, ultimately working towards finding a pathway from homelessness to housing.

To respond effectively, our work is characterised by seven core values; commitment, compassion, respect, integrity, empathy, advocacy and courage.





## SUPPORT OUR NETWORK

The services provided by Tom Fisher House continue to grow and support disadvantaged people through the generosity of the Western Australian community.

You can help Tom Fisher House in the following ways:

- Make a financial donation
- Corporate partnerships
- Supporting events such as the Vinnies CEO Sleepout
- Hold a fundraising event in support of Tom Fisher House

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## **SERVICES OFFERED**

INDIVIDUALISED ENGAGEMENT BY PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT WORKERS



INFORMATION & REFERRAL TO Supporting Agencies

VISITING AGENCIES



PRACTICAL NEEDS



LINKS TO MEDICAL & LEGAL SUPPORT

"I didn't know where to get help with anything but staff supported me to develop a plan to make real changes in my life."