



COMMUNITY HOUSING LTD  
GROUP OF COMPANIES

# HOUSING OPTIONS INFORMATION

## Housing Intake Assessment & Planning

This information can be used as a guide when considering all your housing options, dependant on your needs. You can apply for one of the options below or all of these options to increase your chances of successfully securing a long term housing outcome.

## Homelessness Opening Doors Service

For assistance should you be experiencing homelessness or a housing crisis and have links to the local Government areas of, Latrobe, Wellington and East Gippsland an appointment can be made to provide housing information and advice or referral to support services . Phone our Morwell office on 51 204800 (14 Church Street) or Bairnsdale office 51 528933 (Shop 4 Riviera Plaza).

## Financial Assistance

Community Housing Limited may be able to assist you financially through our Housing Establishment Fund. This can assist if you are on a low income and need to secure or maintain long term private rental.

Areas we may be able to assist you with are:

- Rent in Advance
- Rental Arrears

A Housing Intake Assessment and Planning Worker will complete an eligibility assessment based on the guidelines for the Office of Housing Bond Loan Scheme and then offer an appointment.

## Rental Housing Options and Information

Advice can be provided by telephone or by appointment to discuss your housing options should you find yourself in need of housing assistance. This can include private rental housing, public housing, share housing, Housing Associations and Rental Housing Co-Operatives.

## Private Rental Housing Options

Our staff can assist you with information and advice on locating and accessing private rental housing. This may include where to find properties advertised for rental, how to negotiate with real estate agents and private owners, lease agreements, payment of bonds, financial assistance and your rights as a tenant.

Private rental housing is available through Real Estate Agents and private owners. Our service can provide additional information on Rooming Houses (shared) accommodation, Boarding Houses and Residential Caravan Parks.

Vacancies are advertised on:

- [www.realestate.com.au](http://www.realestate.com.au)
- [www.flatmatefinder.com.au](http://www.flatmatefinder.com.au)
- [www.domain.com.au](http://www.domain.com.au)
- Community Notice Boards / Libraries
- [www.realestateview.com.au](http://www.realestateview.com.au)
- Newspapers in your local area



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## Public and Community Housing Options

### Office of Housing – Early Housing Application

If you can show that you need housing urgently, you can apply for Early (priority) Housing depending on your circumstances. Although you will be housed sooner than other applicants on the waiting list, this is not emergency housing and in most cases there is still a waiting time. Speak with us regarding further information about Early Housing eligibility or applications.

All application forms for all the categories listed are available from:

- Box Hill Office of Housing 9843 6577
- Ringwood Office of Housing 9871 5199

## Housing Associations

Housing Associations are not-for-profit social housing organizations that build, manage and maintain rental housing for people on low incomes. Housing associations offer housing to singles and families on low incomes, aged people, or those with special needs or disabilities. The type of housing provided varies from detached homes through to accommodation with on-site support, medium density housing, rooming houses and flats. For more information or for an application for housing please contact the numbers below for assistance.

- Community Housing Vic Ltd 9856 0050 [www.chl.org.au](http://www.chl.org.au)
- Housing Choices Australia 9859 0833 [www.hcau.org.au](http://www.hcau.org.au)
- Common Equity Housing Ltd 9851 8833 [www.cehl.com.au](http://www.cehl.com.au)
- Port Phillip Housing 9534 5837 [www.ppha.org.au](http://www.ppha.org.au)
- Haven Housing Association 5444 9000 [www.imhs.com.au](http://www.imhs.com.au)
- Yarra Community Housing 9419 0009 [www.ych.org.au](http://www.ych.org.au)
- Rural Housing Network Ltd 6055 9000 [www.ruralhousing.com.au](http://www.ruralhousing.com.au)

## Rental Housing Co-operatives

Rental Housing Co-Operatives provide low cost housing to their members. A Co-operative is distinguished from other housing associations by its ownership structure and its commitment to co-operative principles. For more information please contact the Cooperatives Central Office free call number 1800 353 669 or the numbers listed below for assistance.

- Eastern Suburbs 9888 8964
- Footscray 9689 8157
- Moorabbin 9570 4519
- Northcote 9482 5998
- North Geelong 5274 9933
- South East 9706 8005
- St Kilda 9827 8307
- Sunshine / St Albans 9312 9604
- Williamstown 9391 9267

## Further Information

If you require more information regarding any of these options please contact a Community Housing Intake Assessment and Planning Worker on 9856 0050 (26-28 Prospect St., Box Hill).