



**Independent Community
Living Australia**
Everyday life changing

PATHWAYS @ ICLA

An everyday life changing initiative from ICLA. The Pathways Program is designed to support people experiencing mental health issues and homelessness to stabilise their recovery, increase their community engagement, and support their individual goals towards independence.

What we offer

Transitional Accommodation for 6-18 months in one of our newly refurbished properties in Bondi Beach, Bondi Junction or Woolloomooloo. We have a range of accommodation types from individual studios to twin share with another program participant.

We operate on a fee-based model that includes two components:

1. **Rent** - In accordance with Social Housing guidelines, rent is calculated as 25% of the Resident's fortnightly income + applicable rent assistance + any applicable energy supplement
2. **Utilities, furnishing and program fee** – A fortnightly payment of \$50 to cover the contribution to the cost of furnished home, including access to WIFI, minor repairs and maintenance, power, pest control, and common-area cleaning

Program support and activities

- Informal assistance from our Pathways Manager to discuss your long-term housing goals, develop individual pathways to independence and make referrals or applications to other programs as required.
- Provision of a fully furnished home which is move-in ready, including linen, cookware, appliances etc.

ICLA is committed to providing furnishings that are durable and easy to clean. We buy a mix of new and quality second hand furniture. We are unable to offer furniture storage to Residents.

Eligibility

To be eligible for ICLA's Pathways housing program, participants must be in receipt of a Disability Support Pension or on another form of benefit or income support, sufficient to accommodate the service fees.

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Eligible participants must meet the following criteria:

- Aged 18 – 64
- Willing and committed to abstaining from any alcohol or illicit drug use in ICLA properties
- Meet [Social Housing Eligibility Criteria](#)
- At risk of homelessness
- Experiencing mental health issues
- Under the care of a treating healthcare professional (GP, Psychiatrist, Psychologist, Community Mental Health or other)
- Able to manage their day to day needs to meet their tenancy obligations **or** are actively engaged with relevant supports to do so

The Pathways Program offers transitional accommodation placements for up to 18 months, after which residents are required to transition to alternative accommodation. Therefore, participants are required to maintain active engagement with any support services they may require securing and transition to suitable alternative housing at the end of their tenancy.

ICLA Tenancy Support Service

An additional *Tenancy Support Service* is available to Pathways participants for an additional fee, payable by Centrepay deduction or through an NDIS plan. The Tenancy Support Service aims to ensure that residents can secure and transition to suitable alternative accommodation by the end of their tenancy. This service can include assessment, individual case planning, one on one assistance, liaising with service providers and providing capacity building assistance to support participants in achieving their housing goals.

- Developing your housing goals and exploring alternative housing options
- Completing applications for private rental accommodation or social housing
- Securing priority housing assistance by gathering supporting evidence, writing supporting letters and liaising directly with DCJ to follow up on the status of your social housing application
- Navigating the private rental or social housing application and transition process, including support to obtain furniture and appliances as/when required
- Budgeting and financial planning to support your long-term housing goals
- Building capacity to obtain sustainable accommodation with greater independence

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