



No one home

Zero affordable rental properties*

Colder months bring even more chill

Report hits home

*Anglicare 2023 Snapshot: no rentals for anyone on income support

Asylum seekers hit even harder

Bridge clients must stay near Department of Home Affairs and caseworkers



Shelves empty, doors closed

Community-based food support programs now closed after COVID-rush

Let out but left alone

Asylum seekers given 4-6 weeks to leave government provided accommodation

To make matters worse

Multicultural NSW (substantial and welcome) funding will end in June with no extension being offered. Clients are already being exited from support with a resulting increase in mental distress and homelessness.

Together we achieved this:

Bridge supported 207 people (including 67 children) this financial year with \$511,905.

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Rental properties are in drastically short supply. And for asylum seekers living hand to mouth, the demand for a bond and two weeks rent in advance is impossible to meet.

Identifying this need, Bridge has won two grants for our **Safe Homes** program which assists those who can prove their ability to cover ongoing rental payments.

Safe Homes also educates recipients about their rights and obligations as tenants while helping build confidence in dealing with landlords and real estate agents.



During the last 12 months, through Safe Homes, Bridge was able to support 20 adults and 10 children in securing a safe home

You helped make this story...

Daoud is a single male from Iraq who has had an exceptionally difficult journey since arriving in Australia by boat in 2013.

In 2016, he suffered a traumatic brain injury from a workplace accident, leaving him permanently incapable of working or enjoying social activities. Unable to access government assistance, Daoud couldn't even ensure his basic needs, including rent and living costs, were met.

Faced with eviction, Bridge's financial support allowed Daoud to remain in his rental accommodation and also enabled him to afford limited food. He was able to access the Asylum Seekers Centre for recreation activities, as well as caseworker and health support.

Daoud has now been granted a temporary protection visa which provides Centrelink support.

Bridge's long-term financial support was critical to both his survival and well-being.



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