

# Shelteristic 2025

The Background:

Over the past five years we have seen a dramatic increase in youth homelessness in regional Queensland. In 2019, in response to this growing concern within our community, we launched the Shelteristic project – a community led, collaborative approach to finding solutions to this escalating issue.

### Our Response:

Shelteristic 2025 is our response to this growing crisis.

The development and building of affordable accommodation for the most vulnerable in our community.

### How are we going to do it:

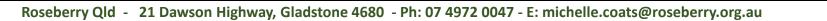
Through community, business and Government partnerships we will raise funds to develop Shelteristic accommodation and facilities throughout regional Qld.

### The Shelteristic Service Model:

Our affordable accommodation will be available for tenancy under a mutual obligation arrangement. Wrap around tenancy support, client-centric and responsive service connection and personal accountability.

## Capacity Building, Training & Employment:

We will provide opportunity for long-term unemployed and young people to access supported training in construction and maintenance to build a local workforce to build and maintain our housing





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37% of youth homelessness is due to no affordable housing

84% of homeless are unemployed

53% of homeless have a mental health condition

2 out of 3 homeless young people have experienced violence at home



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IN 2021, GIDARJIL AND ROSEBERRY QLD AGREED TO WORK TOGETHER TO DEVELOP SHELTERISTIC AND DEVELOP A TANGIBLE RESPONSE TO HOMELESSNESS

Shelteristic Project

Shelter: 'shielded or safe condition; protection' (Cambridge English Dictionary)

**Building Design Scope** 

Common areas to facilitate social activities, shared spaces and quiet areas

**Spatiality** to allow for room to move and several safe spaces to have time-out or quiet conversations

Safety & Privacy that provides a feeling of safety whilst still able to obtain support when required

**Location** close to services, employment and education – encouraging independence

**Connected** by creating a homelike space that is connected to individual and connected to communal space

**Eco-design** to reduce environmental footprint and encourage reuse and recycling





## Service Model Design

#### Supportive:

Majority of participants identified the need for support to maintain tenancy, learn life-skills, connect with employment and training and access health and welfare services. Provision of just a safe place to stay wasn't viewed as a stand-alone solution. Wrap around services needed to be provided to develop pathways for young people to grow and learn and move into independent living.

### Requires Mutual Responsibility:

There was recognition that provision of a shelter needs to be linked to personal accountability – whether this was through a rental contribution (financial) and/or a commitment to regular supports/services/social activities.

### Client-centric & Responsive

The service model – including wrap around services/clinical support/tenancy support needs to be centred around each individual. Possible option is through a responsive case management model allowing for services to create a plan that is tailored around individual needs and a holistic approach to self-development and independence. The service model needs to be responsive to changes within the community – social or economic impacts, so that service is adaptable to meet changing needs/demands of client/community.

10 Tiny Houses – Independent Living – Supported Tenancy Affordable – Socially Inclusive – Community Living



