



**TINY
HOMES
FOUNDATION**

IMPACT REPORT

2022



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Thank You to Our
Partners



It is with great joy that we are able to present our first impact report.

Every charitable social welfare organisation seeks to improve the lives of our fellow human beings. To see that our tiny homes in collaboration with our wonderful team of partners and supporters have been able to achieve so much in being a 'springboard' into a better life for so many young people is immensely satisfying, yet there is so much more to be done. This is just the beginning.

I hope that as you read through this report you will catch a glimpse of the opportunity we all have to be a part of the movement to provide safe and secure housing for everyone who needs and wants it.

I look forward to Australia being the first nation to end homelessness and I hope that you join with us in making that dream become reality.

Sincerely,
David Wooldridge

- MAR 2016** • DA Approval of Australia's first TH project
- JUL 2016** • WFTD (Work for the Dole) program #1 start at The Skills Generator
- AUG 2016** • ABC Radio National Interview
- FEB 2017** • Onsite works and WFTD program #2 begins
- FEB 2018** • Project launch and Open Day
- MAY 2018** • Lease signed, residents MOVE IN!
- JAN 2019** • Tiny Home on Wheels (THOW) Construction Commenced
- JUL 2019** • Australasian Housing Institute Award for Leading Innovation
(in partnership with Pacific Link Housing)
- OCT 2019** • THOW arrives at BackTrack in Armidale
- NOV 2020** • 4 Replica Tiny Homes Completed by BackTrack (1000+ hours of training)
- OCT 2022** • Pre-Development Application for Umina



Tiny Homes as Affordable Housing

Our pilot project completed in May 2018 has helped more than 28 young people have a secure place to call home and has provided over 5000 nights of safe and supported accomodation.

During their supported tenancy each young person is encouraged to re-engage in education and work opportunities and to exit to alternate housing when ready. The project in Gosford NSW comprising four tiny-homes and common-rooms was built by 20+ Work-For-The-Dole participants who gained practical job ready skills enabling them to transition into paid employment opportunities.

“It's not about building houses..., it's actually about changing people's lives.”
- David Wooldridge, CEO Tiny Homes Foundation

The partnership between Central Coast Council, Pacific Link Housing and Coast Shelter has demonstrated how purposeful collaborations between landowners, social housing providers, support agencies and NFP developers can diversify and grow housing stock availability for people on very low incomes.



JOHN'S STORY*

John came to be a tenant in one of our Gosford tiny homes after having previous stays with other refuges, family and temporary accommodation.

Having secure accommodation in the tiny home has allowed John to achieve his goals. ie: maintain employment and to reconnect with his daughter. Through the support he receives from our partner Coast Shelter, John has been able to work on a savings plan and is beginning to explore opportunities for long term accommodation.

The stability and independence provided by the tiny home has allowed John to continue to achieve his goals without the pressure of continually finding accommodation.

It has also provided him with a rental history which will greatly benefit John when seeking his next place to call home.

*Not his real name



Our tiny-home-on-wheels (THOW) was successfully employed by our partners, BackTrack in Armidale, to provide additional youth accommodation at one of their shared accommodation locations whilst 4 new tiny homes were constructed nearby.

Whether a tiny-home-on-wheels or a tiny house on footings, qualified professional services and trades are engaged throughout each stage of development to ensure our process complies with all building, certification and registration requirements.

“ Each element of our residential program is designed to help young people develop the skills they need to confidently transition into semi- and independent living. Now that BackTrack has the four tiny homes available, these dwellings offer young people a transitional accommodation option that enables them to build tenancy history, while still accessing flexible, wrap-around support as needed. There has been plenty of interest from young people, so our Wellbeing Team and Warrah house parents have been supporting them to work their way through a life skills pathway and identify any areas they can improve upon before making a transition into this style of accommodation.

- BackTrack annual report 2021 ”



MORE THAN
50,000
PEOPLE WAITING FOR
SOCIAL HOUSING,
WITH WAIT TIMES UP TO
10 YEARS

5,000+
SAFE NIGHTS FOR
28
YOUTH, AGED 17 - 24
AVERAGE LENGTH
OF TENURE
6 MONTHS



COST TO NSW ECONOMY IN
FRONTLINE SERVICES
\$48,000*
FOR EACH HOMELESS
PERSON OVER 12 MONTHS

IN EXCESS OF
\$13,000*
IN SAVING TO
NSW ECONOMY PER
PERSON



* “Cost Offsets of Supportive Housing: Evidence for Social Work” Cameron Parsell, Institute for Social Science Research, The University of Queensland 2016



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In five years the number of older woman experiencing homelessness has increased by 31% to close to 7,000 in 2016, Census data shows. In 2016-17 more than 13,000 women accessed specialist homelessness services nearly 20,000 times.

- Census Data

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As an evolution of our pilot tiny-home project, we have designed a tiny home specifically for older women and/or mothers with young children. We hope to have our DA finalised soon and commence building in 2023.

Project Description

- The project will consist of two self-contained tiny houses constructed of two pods each – a kitchen/lounge pod and bedroom/bathroom pod.
- Sustainably designed and oriented to maximise year round liveability.
- Designed to meet Liveable Design Guidelines.
- Each tiny home will be approximate 35m2 and be connected to mains electricity, water and sewer.
- We hope to integrate employment and skills training development through this project.





THOW – Tiny Home On Wheels

- Weight kept under 3t by using lightweight materials and minimalist fixtures.
- Dimensions are: 6m long x 2.4m wide x 4.3m high.
- Conventional engineering approved stick-build.
- 15 amp power connection, single cold water hose connection, gas hot water system.
- Plumbed kitchen sink, bathroom basin and shower to single grey-water outlet pipe.
- Plumbed for flush toilet.

Crisis Accommodation

The effects of natural disasters are often devastating and include unexpected homelessness. "Months after Lismore's flood in late February, more than 1000 people remain in emergency accommodation and very few (less than 20%) businesses are back operating. Some families have been forced to live in tents and caravan parks, having to move from site to site."*

Consequently we are looking to partner with local relief organisations across NSW to help facilitate the use of our tiny-home-on-wheels (THOW) ensuring that it's made available to those who need it most and to address the desperate need for crisis accommodation.

*ABC North Coast / By Bronwyn Herbert - Posted Sun 29 May 2022



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