

Building Community Support for Community Housing TOOL KIT

Why do some people oppose affordable housing?



TENANT CASE STUDY HOW COMMUNITY HOUSING HELPS ME TO SURVIVE ON A PENSION AND STAY IN MY COMMUNITY

Mal is 75 years old. He has been on his own since his wife Hazel died last year. Mal and Hazel had rented the same old, two-bedroom flat in Tweed Heads for the last 12 years. They lived frugally and were always able to make their rent, which was now around \$285 per week.

Since Hazel died, Mal's aged pension had reduced and he was unable to make his rent and his other expenses. He missed Hazel and was so sad to say goodbye to the home that they shared together. He didn't even know where to start to find a new place. He felt bewildered and worried. He saw a pamphlet for the local Community Housing Provider at the library. He gave them a call and before too long he was packing his things and moving into a new, one-bedroom flat not far from where he had lived with Hazel at a rent he could afford on his pension.

While he still misses the old place, he is not worried about his future anymore. He enjoys sitting out on his balcony and is getting to know his new neighbours. And it's not so far to visit his old friends and neighbours either

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