



Our Support Services



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A member of the EW Tipping Foundation network



About HomeChoices

HomeChoices supports people to choose how they live, and to be as independent as they can be through a range of services across Victoria. These include shared supported accommodation, respite, transition to independent living programs, as well as recreation and skill development programs.

Our innovative approach, and focus on the person we are supporting, helps people to achieve greater choice, independence and community involvement.

HomeChoices is a member of the EW Tipping Foundation network, which provides support services to people with disabilities, families and young people to achieve independence, choice and community for all.



HomeChoices – Supporting people to choose how they live

Shared Supported Accommodation

We have more than 30 houses that people call home across Victoria. These houses cater to people with a disability who want to live in shared accommodation supported by staff.

Each house is set up to meet the residents' needs, with private bedrooms and communal living spaces. We support and encourage residents to make their own choices about their lives and living environment. In addition, we support them to transition to independent living if they want.

HomeChoices has also partnered with the *my future my choice* government initiative to provide accommodation and support services to young people at risk of, or living in, nursing homes. These purpose-built houses provide a home environment with better

**“Community Kitchen gives
people a choice to be
involved and learn new skills”**

Jason, pictured page 4, chef and teacher
for our Community Kitchen

access for families, and the maximum independence and community access possible for residents.

Facility-based Respite Care

HomeChoices' respite services offer the best, customised and flexible support for both the person using the service and their family.

Our respite facilities in Moorabool, Warragul, Wonthaggi and Pakenham can cater for complex physical needs, and our staff specialise in providing high quality services to people with disabilities and their families.

During their stay, the people we support have a valuable opportunity to meet new people, learn new skills, pursue hobbies and interests, or attend community activities.

Innovation & Independence

Our commitment to people living as independently as possible is supported by our range of innovative programs and initiatives:

SustainAbility Stars Program

This engaging program supports people living in HomeChoices houses to implement simple household sustainability actions to save water and energy, and to reduce waste.



Direct Life & Living My Life My Way

These programs assist people with a disability to transition to the supported independent living of their choice. We facilitate this with life skills assessments, funding application assistance, finding suitable accommodation and housemates, developing support networks and ongoing support coordination.

Self Advocacy

Through our Self Advocacy Group, people we support are empowered to voice their opinions about services, as well as have greater independence and choice in how they live.

Community Links in Melbourne

This project links people in shared supported accommodation with mentors from local community groups of their choice to help them develop social networks and participate in their community.

Community Kitchen in Warragul

Based in Warragul, our Community Kitchen teaches living skills such as nutrition, budgeting, shopping, cooking, food handling, teamwork and social networking.

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