



Key Themes from Tuesdays with Nexus **1 September 2020 - 9.30am**

35 people attended this session – Thank you for your participation.

1. Olivia Hittman- Launch Housing, Homelessness and Housing

If you are at risk of, or experiencing homelessness please call 1800 825 955 to speak to a Launch Housing support worker for advice. olivia.hittmann@launchhousing.org.au

Key Themes

- Update- DHHS have continued COVID-19 crises accommodation funding until April 2021 (was previously to be capped in July 2020).
- Around 2000 people across Vic can maintain hotel/motel housing.
- The Heart program is in effect- giving housing case managers to people in crises accommodation.
- These case managers support creating linkages to transitional or long term housing opportunities and liase with mental health, AOD, justice etc.
- The Rough Sleepers Initiative (RSI) is still in effect and some people are returning to rough sleeping situations despite being housed in motels/hotels.
- Overall feelings of hopefulness that this experience will promote the creation of more social housing and DHHS to continue to address issues around homelessness and housing .

For more info check out- <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/housing-and-homelessness-projects>

2. Wayne Gleeson- Sumner House (CIRF) Launch Housing **wayne.gleeson@launchhousing.org.au**

Sumner House is a 40 room, 4 level Covid Isolation Recovery Facility (CIRF for short). Located Gertrude/ Brunswick St, Fitzroy and functions as a facility for people who are experiencing homelessness who are either COVID positive, who are suspected COVID cases or who have been in close contact with someone is positive and are unable to quarantine at their current accommodation.



It has a triple partnership between Brotherhood of St Laurence, St Vincents's hospital who provide the medical support and Launch Housing who provide the housing and homelessness support. St Vincents's and Launch have 24 hour on site support 7 days a week.

3. Repite and Recovery facilities (RRF)

Respite and Recovery facilities (RRF) have been established over the past few months. These are 12 week crisis accommodation for people who had been identified as having a chronic physical health need who could benefit from the on-site, multi-disciplinary medical and homelessness support.

Sacred Heart Mission on Grey Street St Kilda (Over 50) (RRF)

Ozanam House (Woman and LGBTQI+) (RRF)

Atrium House in East Melbourne (Youth) (CIRF)

4. The Mobile Fever clinic (SVH)

The Mobile Fever Clinic (MFC) has authorisation to undertake enhanced testing of people experiencing homelessness as an at-risk population. The MFC routinely attends residential and homelessness support sites to offer asymptomatic and symptomatic COVID-19 testing to people. It also attends sites following a confirmed positive case to offer onsite testing.

Department of Health- Coronavirus Health Information Line- 1800 020 080.

The line operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Next session:

'Tuesdays with Nexus' - A weekly interactive online session

Date: Tuesday's – 08/09/2020

Start time: 9.30 am – Victoria

Duration: 45-60 mins



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