

## HOUSING

The following initiatives have been suggested so far. Do you have any further information or input on any of the initiatives? If so please email [kerry@readycommunities.com.au](mailto:kerry@readycommunities.com.au) (updated 30 July 2024)

Progress
Already in place
Requires a local lead
Complete or no longer tracking

**NOTE:** We have focused our efforts in this theme into the conference (4-6 Sept) which will incorporate housing as a primary stream. At the event we will host a housing panel on day 1 and workshop on day 3. The findings of this, combined with any updates on the following initiatives will be incorporated in the conference paper which will be produced at the end of October 2024.

Initiative suggested	Date	What we heard	What's happened so far
Advocate for increased or improved public transport to increase access to housing	26/2	It's difficult to get around the Macleay without a car, more public transport would make additional areas accessible	
Provide a one-stop shop for housing support	26/2	A one-stop-shop for support, identify a range of businesses supporting people who are in need of housing, it takes a whole community	-
Map the industry for supported living in the transition from home ownership and assisted living	26/2	Better understand what support is available in the transition from living at home to supported living	-
Create a campaign to support downsizing and increase in over-50 gated communities	26/2	Support downsizing to alleviate more large homes in the community	-
Establish a program to engage young people to rebuild burnt out houses	26/2	When a young person is paired with a mentor they learn both work and life skills	-
Identify a range of alternate accommodation options for key target groups (e.g. youth)	26/2	We need a range of options e.g. YP Space caravan park, potential use of spare room in nursing home	(30/7) engaged with YP space who have engaged in numerous RM opportunities
Provide mentors to support accommodation service with long-	26/2	Mentors support people to gain and maintain accommodation	-

term funding and partner with mentors with experience			
Create rent to own programs	26/2	Develop a localised program to support home ownership	-
Provide incentives, funding, and planning for more places to accommodate tourism and temporary visitors (eg., caravan parks and cabins) to decrease pressure on use of existing homes	26/2	Increase access to tourism accommodation to alleviate homes currently used as Air BNB etc.	-
Location of new housing or relocation to avoid flood risk	26/2	Ensure new DAs are not exposed to flood risk	-
Advocate for legislative changes to make land and housing more accessible	26/2	Advocate for changes that are currently roadblocks to share accommodation and building additional housing	-
Create a program to promote the use of vacant housing	26/2	Leverage empty housing to create more supply in the marketplace	-
Collective ownership of land and leasing home builds from the collective	26/2	Land trust or similar	-
Tell good stories	26/2	Share good stories about housing solutions	Regional Australia Institute has a range of stories online. There are further case studies available via nearby Housing Matters
App to register those looking for a room	26/2	Source and promote an app to make it easier to share housing	Flatmates.com already exists and has partnered with Social Impact in the Regions conference
Billeting program	29/2	Implement billeting program for SIITR24	Contacted local service groups to support (30/7) Rotary West Kempsey will support billeting program