

EVOLVE HOUSING AND WESTERN HOUSING FOR YOUTH AMALGAMATION

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Evolve Housing and Western Housing for Youth (WHY) are delighted to announce their amalgamation and the establishment of a new Division of Evolve Housing to be named 'Evolve Housing for Youth'.

Evolve Housing for Youth will leverage WHY's expertise in providing youth services and Evolve Housing's experience as a Global Mark accredited Tier-1 registered Community Housing Provider (CHP), to deliver the complete suite of person centred quality services to the maximum number of identified at-risk youth.



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Formerly 'Western Housing for Youth'
A division of Evolve Housing

Evolve Housing was established in 1986 to relieve homelessness and housing stress and remains motivated by this core objective. Now managing more than 3,000 tenancies across 26 Sydney Local Government Areas (LGAs), Evolve Housing is one of NSW's largest and most reputable Community Housing Providers. Evolve Housing integrates housing solutions with personalised programs to foster training, career development and life skills to enable households to transition to greater levels of self-sufficiency, realise their aspirations and engage their communities.

WHY was formed in 1979 housing homeless young women and soon developed to house both young women and men at risk of homelessness. WHY has grown continually since then and now manages a minimum 75 Clients at any given time in transition housing in the Parramatta, Holroyd and Auburn LGAs for young men, women, families, couples and families aged 16-25 and their accompanying children, who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, in partnership with a range of Community Housing providers. WHY is now funded in partnership with Parramatta Mission (under the Youth tender) and through this partnership also have access to Crisis and Medium Term Accommodation, Early intervention, Outreach, and Brokerage Services, which enables us to provide a continuum of services to clients at any stage of risk. WHY specialise in ascertaining the needs of at risk young people and providing expert Case Management and Coordination, and Living Skills development through a holistic client focused model and well developed network of wrap around partners to access support for a wide range of services to meet the individual needs of each client.

Providing innovative housing services and solutions to those most in need.

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Evolve Housing's CEO, Andrea Galloway, said "the two organisations' commonality of values and purpose and Evolve Housing's intention of bolstering its credentials as a leader in the provision of person centred support, in addition to housing, got the two organisations talking 18 months ago about amalgamation potential. These discussions have been ongoing and I am very pleased to confirm that the Evolve Housing and Western Housing for Youth have now amalgamated".

"Evolve Housing for Youth is critical to the delivery of our strategy to break the cycle of unemployment and homelessness. We know that youth homelessness is a huge issue with over half of the 105,000 people who are homeless on any one night being under age of 25. We need to provide the youth of today with their basic human right to shelter and a stable home.

"We will leverage Evolve Housing's resources and experience as a community housing provider and WHY's specialist support provider experience to help the youth of Western Sydney and bring about positive change."

WHY's CEO, Debra Ireson, said "I am both pleased and excited by the merger with Evolve Housing and the opportunities this will create, which will help meet the needs of at risk young people in Western Sydney, along with continued funding through Going Home Staying Home in partnership with Parramatta Mission".

The partnership is a strong strategic fit, leveraging the two companies' experience and strengths in the development and delivery of effective person centred housing and support solutions for the homeless and housing stressed.

This amalgamation enhances both companies' position in being able to not only provide housing but actively develop support services that will help Australia's vulnerable reach their full potential and commence their own 'Journey Home'.

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