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Online Resources

The Wyndham H3 Alliance have produced a resource guide which includes links to information that can help you. This can be found at

www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/h3alliance

Other useful sources of information include:

For general housing advice:

<https://www.consumer.vic.gov.au/housing/renting>

For housing options and advice:

www.housing.vic.gov.au

For Older People: Housing for the Aged Action Group: <https://www.older tenants.org.au/>

For people living with a disability: The Housing Hub <https://www.thehousinghub.org.au/>

For a housing application form

(public and community housing):

<https://housingapplication.vic.gov.au>

For information on services available in your area:

<https://www.infoxchange.org.au/>

For information on homelessness:

<http://chp.org.au/>

For information for renters:

<https://www.tuv.org.au/>

For private rental properties:

<https://www.realestate.com.au> or

<https://www.domain.com.au/>

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Health, Homelessness & Housing

**HOUSING AND
HOMELESSNESS
IN WYNDHAM**

Housing and Homelessness in Wyndham

The City of Wyndham is one of the largest growing municipalities in Victoria, driven in part by relatively lower cost housing, available greenfield land and infrastructure.

Despite Wyndham having some of the lowest house prices in Greater Melbourne, housing affordability continues to decline. There is still significant housing stress and hardship and homelessness across the municipality.

In the five years between 2011 and 2016 Wyndham City saw an increase of 76.3% in its homeless population (ABS, 2016). Homeless people don't always "sleep rough" and estimates also account for increase in people staying with relatives or friends, or in temporary forms of accommodation such as rooming houses, motels and transitional housing.



Where to go for help

The Initial Access and Planning (IAP) service is the point of contact for people experiencing, or who are at risk, of homelessness. The access point provides a range of services and advice, including referral to short term, medium term and longer-term accommodation, and private rental access. The IAP services are funded by the Department of Health and Human Services. This service in Wyndham is delivered by **Unison**. Unison are available during business hours on 1800 825 955 or after hours on 1800 627 727. Visit www.unison.org.au

What does Housing and Homelessness in Wyndham look like?

- Lack of social and affordable housing
- Increasing housing stress
- People with a limited income
- Lack of access to housing options, including for those living with disability
- Older people
- Diversity of stock – not enough smaller housing
- Young people who are unable to live at home
- People experiencing family violence
- People with problematic use of alcohol and other drugs
- Single parent families who have complex or recent lifestyle issues, such as relationship breakdown
- People who are experiencing symptoms of mental ill health
- Newly arrived families
- Changes in employment

These are just some of the characteristics of housing and homelessness in Wyndham.



The main housing options available in Wyndham include:

- **home ownership**
- **private rental**
- **public housing**
- **community housing**
- **shared housing**

The Wyndham H3 Alliance are an alliance of health, housing and homelessness organisations in Wyndham working together to deliver and improve housing and homelessness services and options in Wyndham.

There are very few housing options in Wyndham, and demand is very high and growing. Resources to help those most in need are very limited and are prioritised according to demand and vacancies.

Anyone who is experiencing difficulties which may affect their housing are urged to seek information and advice early to avoid a worsening of their situation. Anyone who does find themselves in a housing crisis, should contact **Unison**.

