



MEDIA RELEASE

AGED HOUSING PROJECT

The Shire of Goomalling is currently working with the Shires of Toodyay, Dowerin and Victoria Plains on a business case for an Avon Aged Housing Alliance Project to provide housing to expand on the existing eleven (11) units and the additional four (4) units already approved for funding through the Royalties for Regions Country Local Government Fund.

A cost benefit analysis is being developed to identify the number of units each local government requires. Initial indications are for four (4) to six (6) units for Goomalling.

From conversations with community members there seems to be a demand for a mix of two (2) and three (3) bedroom units. The units will be built to Platinum level of the 'Livable Housing Design'.

A 'Livable' home is designed and built to meet the changing needs of occupants across their lifetime. 'Livable' design recommends the inclusion of key easy living features that aim to make homes easier and safer to use for all occupants including: people with disability, ageing Australians, people with temporary injuries, and families with young children.

A 'Livable' home is designed to:

- be easy to enter
- be easy to move around in
- be capable of easy and cost-effective adaptation, and
- anticipate and respond to the changing needs of home occupants.

This project also allows for some flexibility of tenancy model and does not necessarily require the tenant to be means tested. We will be investigating Lease for Life, or weekly rental.

Community comments and expressions of interest from residents, their family, friends and acquaintances are invited to assist us with identifying current and future need for this type of housing.

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