

2023 SUMMARY

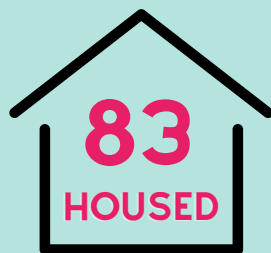
FIRST NATIONS 45+ COHORT STRATEGY

OUR AIM

We set out to end homelessness for First Nations Individuals 45 years old and over with a history of rough sleeping in Brisbane by December 2023.

First Nations people are over-represented on the Brisbane By-Name List and our strategy aims to align with outcomes identified through the Closing the Gap agreement.

WHAT WE'VE ACHIEVED



15+
ORGANISATIONS
COLLABORATING
TOGETHER



- Increased visibility for First Nations 45+ experiencing homelessness
- Improved collaboration and service coordination response
- Momentum and support for our strategy

OUR JOURNEY SO FAR

**OCT
2022**

It all started with an idea and the willpower to give it a go.

**JAN
2023**

A **monthly working group** was established with representatives from housing providers, homelessness and other support services to set our goal and plan for how we were going to achieve it.

**FEB
2023**

We started to build our **By-Name List** to create visibility for these individuals in our community experiencing homelessness. We also started to advocate for **dedicated housing** and for this group to be a **priority focus**.

**MAR
2023**

We repurposed our **weekly service coordination** meetings to prioritise the coordination of housing and supports for this cohort.

**AUG
2023**

Milestone of 60 people housed - equal to the same number of individuals we started with on our April baseline By-Name List.

**SEP
2023**

We started to focus on **sustaining tenancies** as the list of people permanently housed continues to grow.

**OCT
2023**

We presented our strategy and learnings to other communities around Australia who are using the same framework to end homelessness.

**DEC
2023**

83 individuals from our By-Name List were housed this year! While we didn't quite end homelessness for everyone on our By-Name List, we have built momentum and support to continue and improve our efforts and outcomes going forward.

WHAT WE'VE LEARNT

- The importance of data informed decisions
- The power of collaboration for systems change
- Better cultural responsiveness in service provision and housing supports
- The importance of integrating new ideas into existing solutions
- Don't be afraid to try, fail and improve

WHAT'S NEXT...

- Continue to advocate for dedicated housing
- Commitment to sustaining tenancies and rapid re-housing for people returning to homelessness

"Identifying key agencies, strengths based, person-centred, yarning up barriers and what the environmental impacts were leading to homelessness"

~ Front line worker,
First Nations led service

"The will to make change and the commitment to improve the circumstance of Mob over 45 sleeping rough in Meanjin ensuring Mob are housed and are able to keep that tenancy"

~ Team leader,
First Nations led service

"With their [Brisbane Zero collaboration] support, they've enabled the one thing that most of us want and need, which is a secure place to live"

~ Individual housed through
this strategy