



DISABILITY HOUSES

HELP US BUILD 'FOREVER HOMES' FOR PEOPLE
LIVING WITH A DISABILITY IN BUNDABERG.

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Why was the carinbundi foundation established?

The Carinbundi Foundation was established to address the housing needs of Bundaberg people living with a disability.

"Access to adequate, safe, secure, accessible and affordable housing is a fundamental human right and one stipulated in the United Nations Conventions on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Australian adults with disabilities experiencing housing disadvantage including homelessness, poor quality housing and housing unaffordability ...

People with disabilities experienced disadvantage across all housing indicators, and people with intellectual and psychological disabilities fared worst."

These findings suggest that there is a housing crisis for Australians with disabilities (Zoe Aitken, 2018)

Who is carinbundi?



Carinbundi has been providing disability support in the Bundaberg region since 1995.

The organisation was set up by families for families and has a long history of locals supporting locals.

Supports include day service programs, a respite house, flexible respite programs as well as Supported Independent Living (SIL).

SIL is help with and/or supervision of daily tasks to develop the skills of an individual to live as independently as possible.

There are many reasons why people with disabilities are unable to remain living with family and we are proud to support them to stay healthy and safe, make friends, get involved in social activities, learn new skills and become valued members of our community.



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The Carinbundi Foundation is a registered charity and relies on community support to continue providing accommodation for people with intellectual and/or physical disabilities in the Bundaberg region.

It is not just about providing houses for people with disabilities - it is much more than that.

We build houses that become homes where residents are free to be themselves, where they feel safe and secure and can share with like-minded friends. These houses will be their "forever homes".

As a not-for-profit, we can offer homes at less than market rental rates - giving residents additional money each week to go out and be part of their community.

We want inclusiveness to be affordable.

Safe and secure homes for people living with a disability

Our research shows that people living with a disability want quality, affordable housing where they can be part of a small community, feel safe and secure and have the necessary support they need to live a full and happy life and reach their full potential.

Families want peace of mind knowing their loved ones are safe and happy.

Our homes will be close to community amenities where residents can visit their local shops and become integral members of their community.



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How we change lives

Sandy's son Bradley suffered a convulsion just after birth leaving him with brain damage. Now an adult, Brad needs 24-hour care as he is also epileptic in addition to his severe intellectual impairment. For Sandy and her husband, the strain over a long period was causing many issues in their family life.

They also questioned whether they were even equipped to meet his day-to-day needs in the long term. Supported Independent Living has proven to be a huge relief for the family, and a big step forward in Brad's development. Slowly but surely he is learning to do more things for himself.

Sandy also says that it provides her with a great deal of peace of mind. "We know Bradley will be secure in time to come. He'll have a permanent home to live in and he's not going to be displaced."



"It was difficult making the decision for Lydia to move into Supported Independent Living. Initially, I felt that I wasn't being a good mum and I felt a sense of guilt that I wasn't looking after my own daughter. Now that I have seen how much Lydia has grown in confidence and developed with her everyday living and people skills I feel really confident that this was the best move for Lydia – and our whole family."

"I am very proud of Lydia's achievements and she now has a part-time job which she loves."

"It has been a really positive experience for our family. As a young woman, Lydia is living her life, her way. This is no different to any other young woman – they need their own space to grow and develop."

"She now has her freedom and independence which she loves plus the safety of living with friends but having a support worker there when required."

"As a mum, I have complete peace of mind but, more importantly, I can be MUM. I visit her at home regularly and we still have regular Mum and daughter outings which is wonderful."



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