

LODDON MALLEE  
HOUSING SERVICES Ltd.

The work of Loddon Mallee Housing Services is primarily about people. Loddon Mallee Housing Services offer:

- Transitional Housing
- Housing Information and Referral
- Long Term Housing
- Assertive Outreach
- Mental Health and Disability Support
- Indigenous Support
- Affordable Housing Association
- Specialist Personal Support

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Loddon Mallee Housing Services upholds the safety and rights of the people with whom we work.

In particular we support:

- Equal Opportunity
- Privacy
- Access & Equity
- Clients' Rights
- Client Confidentiality
- The right of all people to safe, secure and affordable housing.



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'Homeless' 1890, Thomas Kennington 1856-1916, Bendigo Art Gallery, View Street, Bendigo



".....Where the heart is...."

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*'It's just us. All of us together.'*

It is a fine and fragile line that we all tread which forms the divide between safety, security and cultural and community connectedness and hardship, alienation, dispossession and homelessness.

Homelessness can happen without warning, but more often it is a slow insidious process. And it can happen to any one of 'us', not just to any one of 'them'.

Loddon Mallee Housing Services Ltd is the leading homeless person's agency in the region.

We strive to embody the values of dignity and respect and we work in a concerted and practical way to make a difference to the lives of people experiencing homelessness or who are in housing crisis.

Our goal is to assist people not only to overcome the initial crisis but also to work together towards long-term housing, stability and independence.

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Our ultimate purpose is to integrate people experiencing homelessness into broader community supports so that they may create a more secure and connected future that allows them to actively participate of the community of their choice.

Loddon Mallee Housing Services offers an integrated service delivery and is made up of the following divisions:

- HOUSING SERVICES DIVISION
- COMMUNITY SERVICE SERVICES
- AFFORDABLE HOUSING ASSOCIATION

Loddon Mallee Housing supports the Victorian Government in its strategy for growth in housing for low income Victorians through the Affordable Housing Association Initiative.

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**INNOVATION** Engaging in research, training and development, LMHS adopts a market needs approach to a service delivery targeted at both at the current range of people experiencing homelessness and the emerging needs of the homeless population in the region.

Loddon Mallee Housing Services hosts **YS4** which is a new approach to assisting young people experiencing both homelessness and unemployment.

**COLLABORATION** We enjoy strong collaborative links with other service providers and provide a continuum of housing services and support programs to a wide and diverse range of people living in the Loddon Mallee Region.

*"We are, all of us, save for the vagaries of physical of mental illness, poverty, addiction, or unforeseen circumstances, one half step away from the 'troubled families' and 'families in crisis' we work with... and just about the same distance from the safety net of services we have woven to protect and restore them.*

*Thus we make a grave mistake if we begin by thinking of 'us and them'. It is just 'us'. All of us together."*

Professor James Whittaker  
University of Washington