

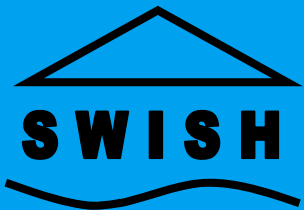
ACON SWISH HOUSING PARTNERSHIP

“ensuring safe, secure, affordable housing opportunities for our communities...”

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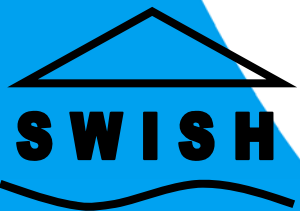
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equality ● empathy ● partnership ● courage ● diversity ● community

ABOUT ACON & SWISH

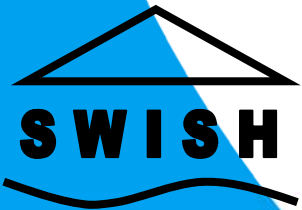
- ACON Housing assists People Living with HIV/AIDS and Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Trans-gendered People (GLBT) who are on low incomes and experiencing difficulties in finding somewhere to live.
- The South West Inner Sydney Housing (SWISH) Cooperative is a housing association operating in the inner metropolitan area of Sydney.
- SWISH manages 656 properties housing 1300 families
- SWISH's mission is to build sustainable communities through the provision of affordable housing for low to moderate income earners.



ELIGIBILITY

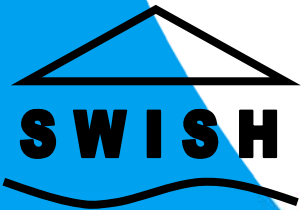
A person with HIV/AIDS, or GLBT is eligible for ACON Housing Project Services when they:

- Are homeless or risk of homelessness
- Need assistance in navigating through Public or Community Housing
- Are escaping violence or threats to their personal safety at home.



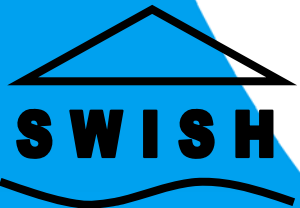
OUR PARTNERSHIP

- SWISH and ACON have a longstanding partnership to assist GLBT households
- Two programs
 - long standing fee for service program to provide medium term accommodation through seven properties
 - more recent exploring the use of SWISH vacancies and voids to provide short-term accommodation to GLBT escaping domestic Violence



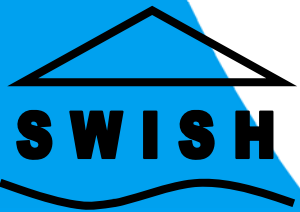
Main Program

- Provides transitional medium term (up to six months) through 7 dwellings.
- ACON works intensively with clients to achieve long term housing goals.
- Over the past two years ACON has assisted 50 clients.
- Most rehoused in Department of Housing stock or programs



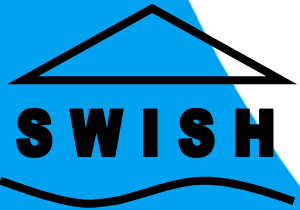
ACON SUPPORTED HOUSING PROVIDES

- To provide short term accommodation for gay lesbian bisexual and transgender (GLBT) domestic violence victims
- SWISH asked to partner due to strong partnership w ACON and effective tenant management skills
- Program aims to explore potential of using vacant and /or voided properties as short term accommodation
- Provides space for client to stabilise while ACON provides support & negotiates long term housing



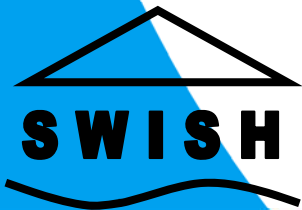
GLBT CLIENT REQUESTS

- 5 people assisted since the start of the program a year ago. On average 3-4 months
- 9 requests for assistance
- Requests cannot always be met due to lack of suitable stock
- Most tenants exited to the private rental market



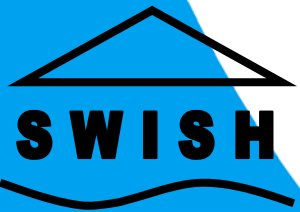
CRISIS ACCOMMODATION Issues

- Suitable housing may not be available-fast turn around time , level of works required on voids.
- Difficulty of matching clients to the available stock
- Clients with complex needs may not be appropriate.
- Sometimes the length of stay is longer than anticipated.



ACON Housing Project

- The ACON Housing Project has been apart of ACON since the early 1989.
- The ACON Supported Housing Program since the early 1990's.



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