FOYER OXFORD AND KPMG
WHAT IS FOYER?

• Integrates accommodation with support and opportunities to connect with education and work.
• Understand that the only long term avenue out of homelessness is through education and ultimately work.
• Provide high quality transitional accommodation – 2 year stay
FOYER OXFORD CONSORTIUM

Responsible for construction, building maintenance and tenancy management

Support service provision and establishing intersector and mainstream service connection

Building location, community integration, access to training and development of courses specific to client group
MAJOR SUPPORTERS

- BHP Billiton
- Government of Western Australia Department for Child Protection
- Lotterywest
- Government of Western Australia Department of Housing
- Australian Government
FOYER OXFORD

- Foyer Oxford opened February 2014 – 6 years in development. “Interim Foyer” Small scale operating since Sept 2011
- 98 apartments including 24 apartment for young parents and their children.
- Largest single site accommodation project for young people in Australia
- Onsite at the Central Institute of Technology Campus on Oxford St, Leederville
FOYER DEFINING FEATURES

THE FOYER DEAL

ADVANCED THINKING
WHO ARE FOYER’S RESIDENTS?

• 16-23 at entry, homeless or at-risk of homelessness
• Coming from a range of institutional backgrounds
• 24% with experience of the care system
• 19% Aboriginal, 14% CALD
• Mix of needs – 45% relatively low needs, 10% high needs.
• 48% identify a mental health condition, 10% require their support
WHAT’S FOYER LIKE?

“Before I was carting crap all over the place – I never knew where I was going to stay, how long I was going to be there. I couldn’t concentrate on study, I couldn’t get a job because one day I might wake up in Cannington and then how could I get across Perth? It was all too unpredictable. Since I’ve been here I’ve been eating better, going to the gym to be healthy. I’m able to concentrate on my study (Cert IV), and I’ve got a job in a supermarket.

Now if I get bored, I go out for lunch. There are heaps of good places around here. That’s different because before I didn’t have any money. And also I just went along with whatever my boyfriend wanted, I didn’t think about what I wanted. [Since then] I’ve dropped my no-good boyfriend. I found myself again and now I concentrate on what I want to do.”

Foyer Oxford Resident
EARLY RESULTS

Jan – Jun 2015
33 exits

- 85% exit to long term positive accommodation
- 77% singles engaged in EET on exit (much lower for young parents)
- 10% -17% improvement in EET engagement on exit.
There are 98 people at Foyer. Imagine 98 people, who come in and stay there for two years and **focus on themselves**, and imagine they come out like I did – **determined to do well**, to succeed, with the direction they need to go somewhere.

That’s 98 young people every 2 years – **the benefits to the community are massive**. That’s 98 tradies, receptionists, people going to uni, TAFE, teachers, child care workers, people who want to be youth workers.

The next generation, with the determination to guide the next [following after that] generation. **It’s mind blowing, the potential of it.**

Former Foyer Oxford resident
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