

About Coast Shelter

Coast Shelter is a not-for-profit charity based on the NSW Central Coast which provides accommodation and support programs for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

Coast Shelter has been operating for over 23 years and provides accommodation to over 150 men, women, families and youth every night. In addition to this, Coast Shelter also coordinates the provision of over 1,000 free meals every week through the Coast Community Centre. Coast Shelter has ten programs which work together to achieve our mission of ending homelessness on the Central Coast. These programs include:

Women and Children's Refuges

- Kara (Gosford)
- Neleh (Woy Woy)
- Elandra (Toukley)
- Rondeley Domestic Violence Response

Youth Refuges

- Rumbalara (Gosford)
- Maya Young Women's (Narara)
- Youth Angle (Umina)
- Wyong Youth Refuge
- Woy Woy Youth Cottage

Men's Refuge

- Coimba (Gosford)

Coast Community Centre

- 346 Mann Street, North Gosford

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Coast Shelter is recognised by the Australian Taxation Office as a Public Benevolent Institution and is a Registered Charity (CFN: 15695) making all donations over \$2 tax deductible.



Ending homelessness on the NSW Central Coast

Coast Shelter's ten accommodation programs are funded by the NSW Department of Family and Community Services. The Coast Community Centre receives no operational funding from Government.



Coast Shelter acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land where we work, live and play. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and future for they hold the memories, traditions, the culture and hope for Aboriginal Australia.

Bequest Giving



When you make a bequest to Coast Shelter, you are giving for the future and helping to ensure our services are available for generations to come.



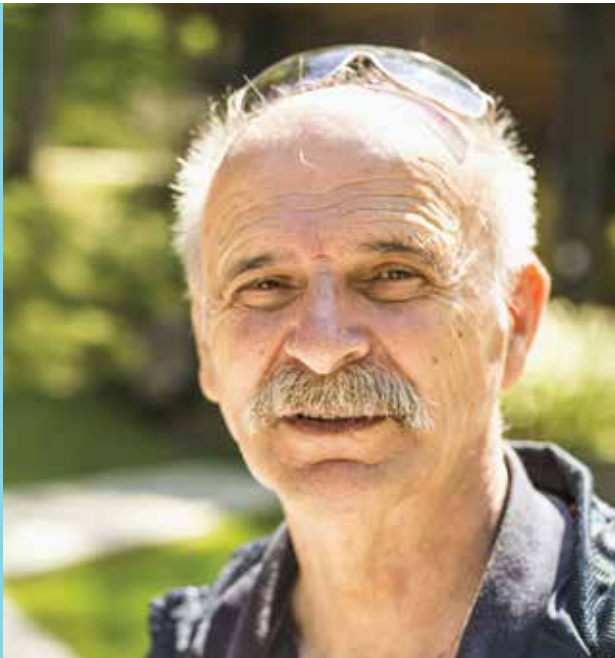
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Leaving a Bequest

Regardless of your income, wealth or assets, everyone over the age of 18 should make a Will. It will most likely be one of the most important documents you will ever sign and determines how your assets will be distributed. It also provides you with an opportunity to leave a bequest and continue supporting a charitable cause that you regard as important.

Bequests are often referred to as “the gift that never stops giving”. A Bequest is a deeply personal gift which allows you to express your support in the manner you feel most appropriate.

It doesn't matter how large or small your gift to Coast Shelter is, because every gift makes a difference. And, it makes a difference to homeless and disadvantaged people right here on the Central Coast.



Alby's Story

Alby was referred on to our Coimba Men's Refuge for assistance from the Oncology Clinic at Gosford Hospital. He had been residing with his family in the local area but following a fairly innocuous fall, an examination revealed that he was suffering from an aggressive type of cancer. Alby was then admitted to hospital and it was during this time, that his family decided to move to Queensland leaving Alby homeless.

Alby was then accepted into our Men's Refuge and with the support of the Team and from his fellow residents, he continued battling Hodgkins Lymphoma through regular trips to the Clinic for chemotherapy. Alby's fantastic attitude to life and his difficult circumstances never wavered and the Refuge certainly benefitted from his inclusion. Recent results suggest that the cancer is now in remission and coupled with Alby's recent move to a nice one-bedroom unit at Umina, the future certainly looks promising.

How to leave a Legacy

Thank you for considering making a long-lasting contribution to Coast Shelter. Your legacy will help many families and individuals overcome homelessness and disadvantage in years to come.

For a confidential discussion about leaving Coast Shelter a gift in your will, please do not hesitate to contact our Executive Officer, Laurie Maher, on 4325 3540.

Laurie can provide you with further information on how your bequest could be used in Coast Shelter's programs and arrange a tour of our various services if you wish.



Sue's Story

Sue and her two young children left their home in country NSW after suffering physical and emotional abuse from her husband for many years. A particularly violent attack compelled Sue to leave and when her husband went to work, she took the kids and drove until they reached Gosford.

Sue had enough money for a few nights at a motel and then contacted Housing NSW, who referred her to Kara Women's Refuge. Staff immediately arranged an AVO and organised medical appointments to address the family's physical and psychological needs.

Through Sue's determination to give her children a safe and stable home, she was able to secure a two-bedroom unit through a Real Estate Agent who was willing to give her a chance. Sue had built a rapport with this Agent during the 45 applications she had made for a rental property. We are pleased to report that the family are still in their unit. She has now commenced study to be a dental nurse, which she is enjoying immensely and the kids are settled and happy in their new school. Sue told us recently that she still looks over her shoulder at times, but not as often as she used to.