

The 53 Community Workbook Project

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WHAT IS IT?

A free, expert-overseen localised housing Workbook — compiled using public data, NDIS figures and AI analysis — that maps disability housing need and supply across every segment of your Local Government Area.

The Project helps communities explore the 5 key housing segments in a 3-step process. Overseen by Joseph Connellan, a recently retired, experienced housing practitioner.

THE 5 HOUSING SEGMENTS

1. Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA)
2. SIL Houses
3. Social Housing
4. Private Rental
5. Home Ownership

THE 3 STEPS

1. Compile local housing Workbook
2. Collect Feedback using completed Workbook
3. Present Feedback in face-to-face session

The project includes two video presentations — one explaining the local Workbook and one presenting Feedback.

WHAT YOUR COMMUNITY GETS

- › Key concepts and frameworks for housing people with disability
- › A local, high-level overview of NDIS funding and where it goes
- › Data on every housing type in your area
- › Evidence to take to Council, developers and Government
- › An informed, united local voice — built through the process itself

WHO IS THIS FOR?

Any community group — regional or metropolitan — in Victoria that can bring together local people motivated to get better housing outcomes for people with disability in their community.

THE VICTORIAN CONTEXT

Across Victoria, disability housing need is growing but poorly documented at the local level. Communities face compounding pressures: supply shortages, transport gaps, limited SDA stock and ageing carer families with no plan for the future.

2026 NDIS changes are unlikely to make things better. Communities that wait for Government to act risk being left behind.

THE SUCCESSFUL FIRST PILOT

The first pilot was successfully completed by MASARG in the Mount Alexander Shire.

The pilot Mount Alexander Shire pilot by MASARG started with a Workbook (that was distributed for feedback to be added) and a video outlining key element. Both are available from www.53CW.com.au.

The project surfaced that:

40%

NDIS underspend

17

People with SDA not using it; some vacant during housing crisis

Key gap

Ageing carers: largest invisible future housing cohort

WHAT People SAID

"Wow... a lot of information to digest — but very helpful."

"The process strengthened our Committee to unite behind important decisions."

IT'S FREE

This is pro bono work. The only cost to your community is time, commitment and venue hire for the feedback session.

Ready to pilot? Get in touch.

Three free pilots available for Victorian communities now.

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