



## **\$5 mill Supported Accommodation Project Tenders**

Congratulations to The Richmond Fellowship of NSW, NEAMI and New Horizons. The Director General NSW Health has awarded these three NGOs tenders to provide Accommodation Support Services under the Housing and Accommodation Support (HASS) Project. For each tender awarded, the NGOs will work in partnership with a designated Area Health Service (AHS) and community housing association. The role of the AHSs is to deliver clinical support and clinical rehabilitation, while community housing associations are to provide housing and tenancy management. The NGOs will provide accommodation support. Richmond Fellowship will work in partnership with Far West, Greater Murray, New England, Western Sydney and Wentworth AHSs. NEAMI (a psychiatric rehabilitation organisation currently based in Victoria) will work in South Eastern Sydney, South Western Sydney and Illawarra AHSs. Finally, New Horizons will provide accommodation support in the Central Coast AHS. Contracts between the successful NGOs and AHSs are currently being negotiated.

The progress and outcomes of the HASS Project will be followed with great interest. MHCC has a position on the Advisory Committee for the project and will update members on the experience of those involved particularly in relation to the partnership approach taken in the project design and the experience of those in the target group.