



THE
LADY MUSGRAVE
TRUST

Breaking cycles of disadvantage through housing and support

TURNING POINT 2026



The history of The Lady Musgrave Trust

"Queensland's oldest charity, supporting young women and children since 1885."

For 141 years, we have been dedicated to providing safe housing and wraparound support to young women and their children, helping them break free from intergenerational disadvantage and build brighter futures.

Our model of delivery – what we do

Housing plus support to young women and children to break the cycles of intergenerational disadvantage for young families.

"I had a three-week-old baby in my arms when I was kicked out with nowhere to go. I was bouncing between places that didn't feel safe, just trying to keep my kids okay. **When I got housing, everything changed.** I realised I could do things on my own. I was setting goals, getting the girls into daycare, working towards my license. It gave me hope."

– Jess, mother of Tom, 12 months



Collaboration not competition

"It takes a whole community – people, services and values-led organisations – to turn safe nights today into lasting housing pathways for tomorrow."

"Thanks to your efforts, we have transformed from nothing into something special. The kids and I are so grateful for all that you've done for us. I hope you continue to bring the same energy and support to others as well."

– Lenya, 24 years, mother of Sophie (2 years) and Max (4 years)



The crisis facing young mothers in Queensland

48%

increase in homeless children in Brisbane in one year¹

75%

of homeless families are sole-parent mothers²

68%

left housing due to domestic violence³

12+

Families wait 12+ months in motels with no permanent solution⁴

¹ ABC News, October 2025 | ² Micah Projects, October 2025

³ Queensland Youth Housing Coalition, 2023 | ⁴ ABC News, January 2024



Jinndii Waijung (Mother's Nest in Yugambeh)

Queensland's first purpose-built supportive housing complex for young mothers (18–24 years) and their children experiencing homelessness or fleeing domestic violence.

Key Features

4 self-contained units (9 bedrooms total)

On-site wraparound support office

Communal spaces for programs

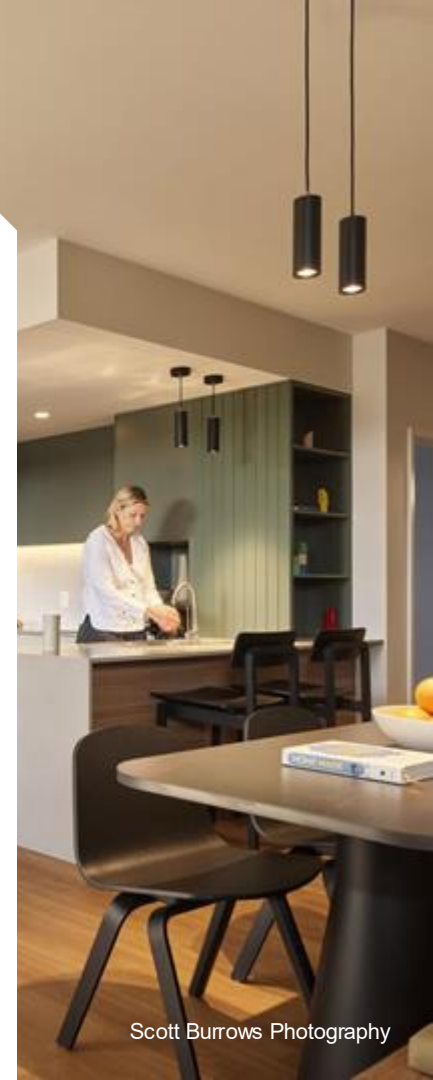
Trauma-informed, co-designed

Impact

~4,000 safe nights per year at this site.

12,000 nights across LMT's portfolio.

Opened March 2025 in Logan



Scott Burrows Photography

How did we do it?

The collaboration model

Land & Funding

Developer donated 731m² Logan site
Queensland Government funding
Property Industry Foundation

Design & Build

McNab delivered at cost
Blight Rayner Architecture
Pro bono legal, QS support

Co-Design

Young Parent Influencers (YFS)
Traditional Owner guidance
Cultural artwork by Waylene Currie

Timeline

Years of planning and partnership-
building.
Official opening: March 20, 2025

Indirect impacts



Reduced emergency accommodation and hospital costs



Model for government-philanthropy-industry partnership



Blueprint for replication across Queensland



Young mothers supported to pursue education
and employment

Direct impacts



Safe, stable housing for families in crisis



First consistent home for many children



Wraparound support and case management



Breaking cycles of intergenerational disadvantage

The support program:

Wraparound care



Case Management

On-site professional support team

Goal-setting for housing pathways

Access to allied services



Life Skills

Financial literacy and budgeting

Parenting programs

Tenancy and household skills

The support program:

Connection and healing



Community Connection

Peer support and group activities

Links to local services and schools

Reduction of social isolation



Trauma-Informed Care

Safe, predictable environment

Empowerment and
choice-based support

12–24 month transitional housing

What's next? Scaling the model

Jinndii Waijung is just the beginning. We're ready to replicate this proven model across Queensland.



We're doing it again in Ipswich but with 14 units and a large common space. Construction commences in July and tenants will enjoy 2027 Christmas in their new home.



Gold Coast project in planning phase



Actively seeking land and funding partners



Building a 'coalition of believers' to scale impact



"This is an example of government, community, philanthropy and corporate **all coming together to change the lives of young women and their kids** – and that's very special."

– The Hon. Sam O'Connor MP, Queensland Minister for Housing





"I never had a home. I grew up on the streets from the age of 13. **Now I'm part of designing safe, welcoming places for other women and their children – places I wish I had.** Spaces where mums can feel safe, kids can thrive and families can breathe. Every woman and child deserves that."

– Sarah, lived experience advocate and co-designer of Jinndii Waijung



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