

affordable housing

Housing affordability is a significant and increasing problem in all the major cities, on the North Coast of NSW and in Australia generally. Clarence Valley Council has taken an active role in addressing the problem by employing a Community Development Officer - Affordable Housing to research and develop strategies to increase the supply of affordable housing. This position was jointly funded by Department of Community Services, Area Assistance Funding and Clarence Valley Council.

The establishment of an Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) has brought together key stakeholders who have expertise or an interest in housing to develop the Clarence Valley Affordable Housing Strategy. This committee meets monthly and is made up of local stakeholders. Membership consists of representatives from;

- Department of Housing (DOH)
- Community Housing
- Aboriginal Housing Provider
- CVC Strategic Planning
- CVC Manager of Caravan Parks
- CVC Manager of Social Planning and Community Development
- CVC Community Development Officer - Affordable Housing
- Councillor
- Disability Support Services
- Supported Accommodation Assistance Program Provider
- Real Estate Agent
- Financial Services
- Community Sporting Club

[Click here to view minutes from the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee meetings](#)

The [Affordable Housing Strategy](#) provides an opportunity for Clarence Valley Council to consider housing as an issue in a planned and orderly way thereby influencing the delivery of quality housing services and programs into the future.

The [Affordable Housing Strategy](#) has evolved from a housing needs analysis completed on the Clarence Valley. This analysis identified the housing issues that were then prioritised by the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee for inclusion in the Strategy. For more information read the [Clarence Valley Housing Needs Analysis Report](#) in conjunction with the Strategy.

Relevant links that may be of interest

[Department of Housing \(DOH\)](#) - One of the largest providers of social housing with a high priority is to target assistance to those with the greatest needs and to work with other agencies to support individuals and communities.

[Office of Community Housing \(OCH\)](#) - Oversees the development of the community housing sector and promotes client-focused and efficient service delivery.

[Aboriginal Housing Office \(AHO\)](#) - Established in 1998 to ensure that Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders have access to affordable quality housing.

[Community housing](#) - Community housing provides affordable rental housing to people on low to moderate incomes

[Northern Rivers Social Development Council \(NRSDC\)](#) - Provides peak representation to the community and social welfare sector in the Northern Rivers region of New South Wales

[Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs \(FaCSIA\)](#) - FaCSIA helps support strong and resilient communities by helping homeless people and low-income households gain affordable and appropriate housing;

[Shelter NSW](#) - Shelter NSW advocates for the interests of people disadvantaged in housing markets, and builds the capacity of non-profit organizations to provide housing and housing-related services.

[The Centre for Affordable Housing \(CAH\)](#) - The Centre for Affordable Housing is a business unit of the NSW Department of Housing, which works with State and local government, non-profit organisations, and private companies to generate creative responses to declining housing affordability.

[NSW Local Government Housing Kit](#) -The NSW Local Government Housing Kit has been created to help councils understand housing needs and issues in their region