

Rent Choice Youth Subsidy

Rent Choice is a private rental subsidy that helps you pay the rent for up to 3 years.

It supports access to safe and affordable housing for eligible clients who can show that they can sustain a tenancy in the private rental market.

To be eligible:

- aged 16 to 24 years old,
- don't have your own place to live (you might be sleeping on a couch at a friend's place, in a shelter or boarding house or at risk of homelessness),
- are an Australian Citizen or Australian permanent resident, and
- are motivated to work or complete study or training to help obtain a job,
- are willing to engage with a support provider, who will help you engage in training, education and employment
- are on a low income or studying

Who we are

Samaritans is one of the largest welfare organisations in Australia that is truly local to your region. As the welfare arm of Newcastle Anglican, we deliver over 100 programs and community services to thousands of individuals and families each year.

**'Together
we will find
you a way
forward'**

Get in Touch:

If you are a young person at risk of homelessness, contact our SHS Team:

Ph: (02) 4960 7280

shs.intake@samaritans.org.au

www.samaritans.org.au

Crisis Accommodation Numbers:

Newcastle: (02) 4955 8358

Maitland: (02) 4933 9330

Samaritans



Samaritans Specialist Homelessness Service (SHS)

SHS provides a range of short-term, transitional accommodation, outreach casework, and early intervention support for young people in Newcastle and the Hunter.

Samaritans work with young people aged 12-24 who are homeless or at risk of homelessness in Newcastle and the Lower Hunter LGA's.

We offer support to 12-15 year olds applying for HYAP and can collaborate with other services to support young people with mental health, AOD and trauma.

To find out
more about our
services call
1300 656 336



Youth Transitional Accommodation

Samaritans manage a number of transitional accommodation properties in Newcastle & Cessnock Local Government Area.

- These properties provide young people aged 16 – 24 years with access to **short-term**, stable and affordable accommodation, along with outreach support from a caseworker to develop skills to manage finances, health and/or connect with education and job opportunities, and skills to obtain and sustain a tenancy in rental accommodation.
- Accommodation models vary between properties, with most transitional properties providing share accommodation for young people aged between 16-24.

- All accommodation models require the young person to have some independent living skills, and accommodation is available for up to 3 months.
- Accommodation is subject to availability and specific eligibility requirements. A SHS caseworker must support all transitional accommodation applications – no direct applications are available for these properties.

Other services include:

- Early intervention
- Outreach
- Rent-it Keep-it
- Programs in schools for young people at risk of homelessness

Youth Accommodation

Samaritans Youth Accommodation supports young people to develop the skills needed to maintain a **permanent** and stable living arrangement.

Accommodation is subject to availability and specific eligibility requirements. Please contact the service directly for further information.

NEWCASTLE provides short-term immediate accommodation for young people aged 16-19 who are experiencing homelessness. (Crisis Accommodation).

MAITLAND provides short-term accommodation for young people aged 12-15 who are experiencing homelessness. (Crisis Accommodation).

This accommodation is focused on supporting young people where there is a goal of restoration to family.