

# The MISHA project

**Mission Australia's Michael's Intensive Supported Housing Accord (MISHA) project** was an innovative homeless program funded by a private donor that provided men experiencing chronic homelessness in the Parramatta area of Sydney with immediate access to long-term, stable accommodation while supporting them to build the lives they would like to live.

## How we helped



## What difference it made

### Sustained housing

On entry, our participants were chronically homeless.

**After 2 years with MISHA:**

 **89%** were still in secure housing

### Substance use disorder

The drop in substance use disorders was particularly dramatic:

**37%** Before MISHA → **7%** After 2 years

### Mental health disorders

Were **halved**

**I'm still kicking myself. Every time I'm waking up in the morning I go, ok, is this real? (Client aged 59)**

**Yeah, it's me little kingdom compared to where I've sort of come from. (Client aged 38)**

## What it saves

**Health, justice and welfare cost to Government per person per year**

**Before MISHA**

**\$32,254** → **\$24,251**

**After 2 years**



**That's a saving to government of**

**\$8,002** per person per year