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Housing Challenges of Regional Victoria

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Haven Home Safe would like to acknowledge that where we are standing today is on the land of First Peoples.

The land of Dja Dja Wurrung and the Taungurung Peoples of the Kulin Nation

I respectfully acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land and their continuing cultural, spiritual customs and practices.



Artwork by Nukara Nicholls



We provide hope, care and help to prevent homelessness, end housing stress and sustain Victoria's regional communities.

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Industry Overview.



The importance of home.

CASE STUDY

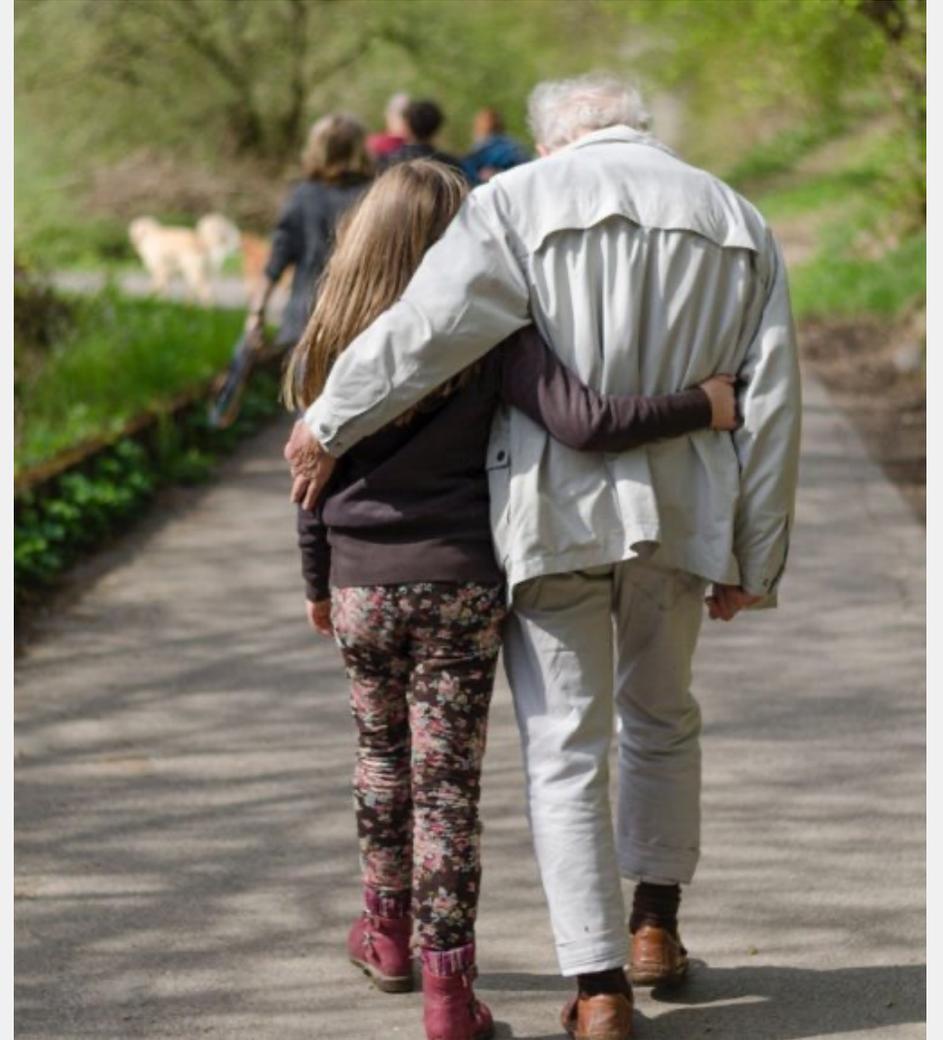
- Sidney Myer Haven - A Haven Home Safe affordable housing community
- 19, two-bedroom units
- SMH has supported 74 adults and 39 children through the Shared Futures program
- Individually tailored for each resident
- The program largely focuses on social and community building activities

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Bendigo demographics.

- The percentage of lone person and single parent households is greater than the state average
- 20.91% receive Age Pension, Disability Support Pension or JobSeeker, which is higher than the national average of 16.19% exacerbating the impact of these housing pressures.
- A lower average income of \$56,542 in Bendigo compared to the national average \$65,953, making housing cost increases harder to sustain.





Housing in Bendigo.

RENTING

12 month median rental increase of:

- **8.1% for houses (\$400)**
- **20.7% for units and apartments (\$350)**

Greater Bendigo vacancy rates are 0.67.

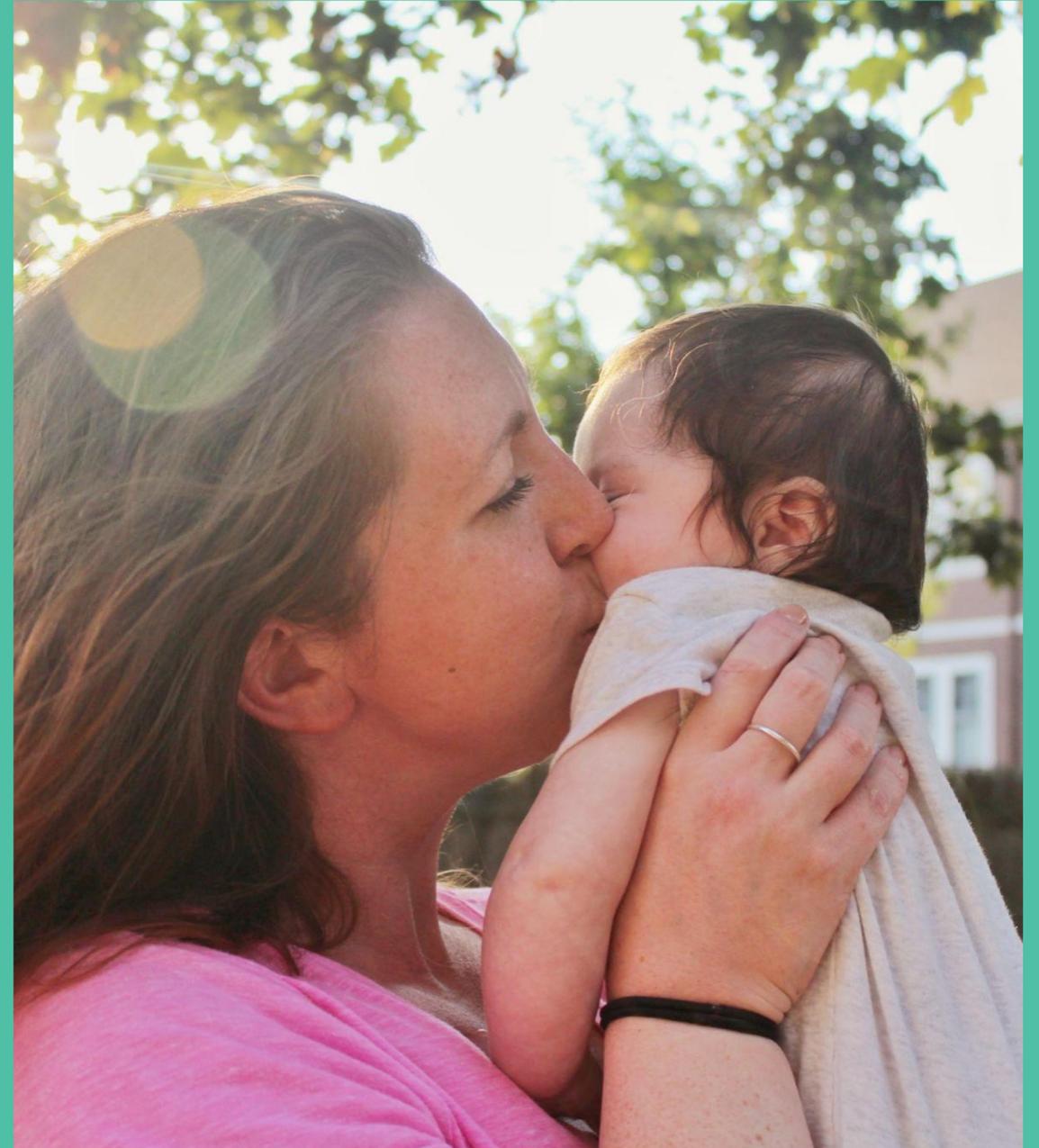
BUYING

- **Median purchase price of a house \$670,000 (up 21.3% in 12 months)**
- **Median purchase price of a unit/apartment \$395,000 (down 3.8% in 12 months)**

Regional Housing Challenges.

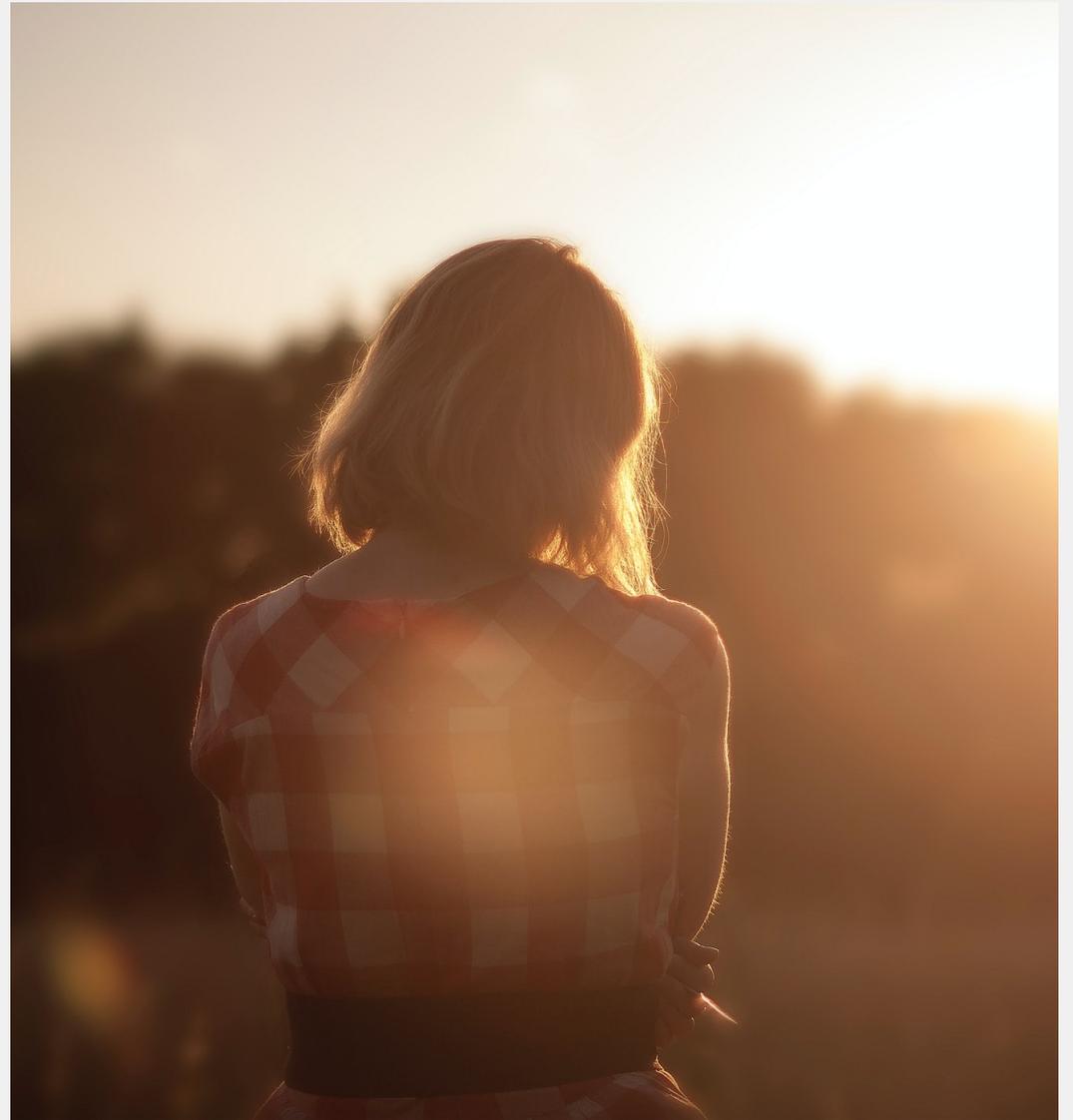
- Increase in people presenting in financial stress
- Last year we saw 1,580 first-time clients
- 1 in 4 families now seek food relief
- Over 3000 applicants on the waiting list for housing
- Big Housing Build by Homes Victoria will see more the 683 homes built across regional Victoria.

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Who are HHS Supporting.

- Single people impacted by huge rental increases
- Single mothers on Centrelink, who are paying high rent and needing support with living expenses
- Women over 50 who are living in their car



Thank you.

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