

WA SENIORS & HOUSING



HOMELESSNESS ON THE RISE FOR SENIORS

Australians aged **55yrs +** that are experiencing **homelessness** has increased by **28%**. They are the quickest growing age bracket that are experiencing homelessness.



LONG TERM HOMELESSNESS

Older people have the longest terms of homelessness, with **64+ year** olds accounting for **49.3%** of people experiencing **homelessness**



HIGHER RATES OF HOMELESSNESS FOR WOMEN

Between 2011 & 2016 the percentage of **older women** experiencing **homelessness** increased by **31%** compared to 26% of older men



CAUSES OF HOMELESSNESS FOR SENIOR WOMEN

The key reasons for more **older women** seeking housing assistance were because of **Domestic and family violence** (26%) and **financial difficulties** (17%)



REASONS SENIORS EXPERIENCE HOMELESSNESS

ABSENCE OF SPOUSE

Death or Divorce
Leaving violent/abusive partner

LOW INCOME

Forced out of work early
Insufficient Government Pension

LACK OF ACCESS TO SOCIAL HOUSING

Less likely to receive access to homelessness services

UNAFFORDABLE HOUSING AND HIGH RENTAL PRICES

Increasing costs of living
Increasing property & rental prices

ABSENCE OF RETIREMENT SAVINGS AND WEALTH

Insufficient Superannuation
Inability to access Superannuation