

# MADRA News



## Minister announces Social Housing for Mallacoota

MADRA is overjoyed to share with the community the first real payoff from the campaign to have social and affordable housing built in the district.

Minister Richard Wynne wrote to MADRA last Thursday (full text below) to confirm what we had been told informally, that 10 residences will be constructed in Mallacoota.

There is also a commitment to put two short term modular units on 1 Betka Rd (land owned by the State Government), with more to follow on other sites that are yet to be confirmed. The intention is for these units to be a staging point for people to occupy while the residences are being built; this is hoped to be complete by the end of next year.

As MADRA has indicated previously, it's not just people on government benefits who qualify for social housing, but also those who earn modest incomes. Lea Davis, the housing officer at MDHSS, has all the information about who can qualify and how you register on the list maintained by the Victorian Government for social housing. Any interested resident who has not yet spoken to Lea is urged to do so.

While this is a big win for the community, it will only address some of the demand. MADRA will keep advocating for more social housing to be built – in Mallacoota as well as surrounding areas – while continuing its representations to ensure that building approvals continue to receive priority at EGSC.

MADRA thanks all of the people and agencies who have supported the campaign.



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Dear Mr Preston

### **Additional Social Housing in Mallacoota**

Thank you for your letter of 14 December 2021 regarding Mallacoota Fire Recovery Housing crisis. I acknowledge and would like to commend the work that Mallacoota and District Recovery Association (MADRA) have achieved to date.

As you would be aware, Homes Victoria, along with other Government agencies, are responding to both the immediate and longer term social and affordable housing needs in Mallacoota.

The immediate response is being delivered jointly by Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH), Bushfire Recovery Victoria (BRV) and Homes Victoria. This will see the installation of two short-term modular homes on Homes Victoria land at 1 Betka Road. Installation is expected to be complete by June 2022. Other sites are actively being pursued for the installation of similar housing.

I am also pleased to inform you that Homes Victoria has recently confirmed that they will build 10 new homes in Mallacoota. These homes will be a mix of social and affordable housing and be configured to meet the known demand for housing in Mallacoota and the surrounding areas, including both demand from people experiencing significant disadvantage as well as from essential workers in key local services, such as health and social care. Identification of land will commence immediately with the aim to deliver completed homes in 2023.

I would again like to acknowledge and thank the members of the Mallacoota and District Recovery Association for the important contribution they are making to facilitate the recovery of your community.

Should you wish to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact Mr David Snadden, Executive Director Asset Management at Homes Victoria.

Yours sincerely



**Hon Richard Wynne MP**  
Minister for Housing