

Hello and welcome to the latest edition of Housing Talks

We hope you are keeping safe and enjoying the lifting of some of the restrictions as life is starting to return to normal.

Home Inspections

EHL staff have recommenced inspections of our properties with some small, practical changes in line with COVID-19 and safety precautions in place to protect both your household and staff.

These changes include a phone call from our staff with some pre-screening questions and the Housing Co-ordinator will have hand sanitiser, gloves, and a mask that they may use during the inspection. If you have any concerns about EHL staff visiting your property, if you or other household members are isolating or have tested positive to COVID-19, please let us know immediately via email at housing@each.com.au or phone directly on 9847-5916. As always, inspections are a great opportunity to meet the team and identify/report any maintenance concerns or damage. We look forward to reconnecting during 2021 and 2022.

FREE Globe Replacement

Do you want to have your globes replacement for free?

The Victorian Government is subsidising the LED upgrades to reduce greenhouse gases and lower electricity bills under the Victorian Energy Upgrades (VEU) Program which aims to reduce greenhouses gases by providing access to energy efficient products and services. As a result, GLOWER will replace your globes with LED for free and this will assist in reducing your energy consumption. For more information or to book online please see [Glower – Switch to LED Lights for FREE](#)

Bush Fire – Plan and Prepare

Victoria is one of the most fire-prone areas in the world. If you are living in a Bush Fire Prone area, you will have received a phone call and information from EACH Housing staff recommending that you have a Bush Fire Plan in place. More information about Bush Fire planning is available by clicking the link below. Please contact EACH Housing on 9847-5916 if you need assistance to plan and prepare.

[Your Bushfire Plan | CFA \(Country Fire Authority\)](#)

EACH Vaccination Clinics

As part of Australia's COVID-19 Vaccination Program, EACH is pleased to be an approved vaccination provider for the COVID-19 vaccines at our clinics in Ringwood, Kilsyth and Pakenham. COVID-19 vaccinations can be booked by calling 1300 097 151, 8.30am-4pm or online using the link below. **If you would like to be vaccinated but unable to attend a Vaccination Clinic, or need some additional assistance, please call 1300 097 151 as EACH may be able to come to you.**

[EACH COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics - EACH](#)

Clinics are located in Ringwood, Kilsyth and Pakenham. A sensory area is available at our COVID-19 Vaccination in Ringwood to provide greater access for people with a disability or sensory needs or anyone who may need additional supports.

NDIS Services

For more than 25 years, EACH has supported people with a disability, mental illness and/or psychosocial disability to achieve their goals through local, individualised, community-based support. EACH is registered to provide support for NDIS participants and can offer an integrated range of health services that promote everyone's wellbeing from early childhood to older adults. Supports include Supported Independent Living, Social and Community Participation, Support Coordination, Childhood Intervention Services, Health and Wellbeing Services, NDIS Positive Behaviour Support and NDIS Mental Health Occupational Therapy. For more information, please contact EACH on 1300 003 224.

Gambler's Help

At EACH, we know that for some people gambling can change from fun to stressful.

If you or someone you care about is experiencing problems with gambling, help is available. We understand that gambling affects people from all walks of life and in different ways.

Our Gambler's Help Eastern service offers support, advice and information to people affected by gambling (both gamblers and non-gamblers) and to the broader community. We provide a range of professional services across the Eastern Metropolitan Region of Melbourne.

Our service provides:

- free and confidential support;
- help with controlling or stopping your gambling habits;
- support for family members, friends and carers;
- help to sort out your finances and give you tips and tools to manage better;
- one-on-one appointments, or with others.

For further support, please visit www.gamblershelp.com.au.

Who can access this service?

This service is available to people living or working in the Eastern Metropolitan Region of Melbourne who are experiencing gambling harm. Support is also available to families.

What does this service cost?

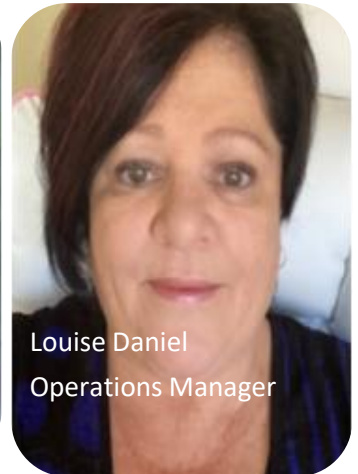
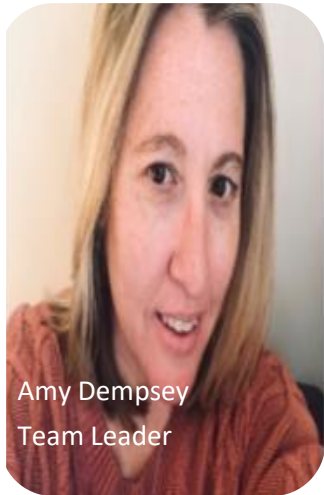
Our services are free or low-cost, please contact us for further information.

When can this service be accessed?

Services can be accessed Monday to Friday. A limited number of afterhours appointments may be available.

For more information on our Gambler's Help Services, please contact us on 1300 003 224.

Meet the Housing team



If you have any questions or concerns about your property, rental payments, inspections, maintenance or would like to be connected with a service or support, please call your Housing Co-ordinator on 9847-5916 or email housing@each.com.au.

Be part of our resident newsletter

We would love you to contribute to our newsletter – perhaps you do photography, art or would like to write a story or poem. If you would like to contribute in some way, please let us know by email housing@each.com.au or phone 9847-5916.

VINNIES NILS Program (No Interest Loan)

Do you need a small loan of up to \$1500? No fees. No charges. No Interest.

Am I eligible?

I have a Health Care Card/Pension Card

OR

Earn less than \$45,000 a year after tax of \$60,000 for couples or people with dependents.

Items available to NILS clients are as follows; Car Repairs, Maintenance, Registration, Computer, Table, Education, school uniforms, fridge, freezer, furniture, medical & dental costs, mobile phone, TV, veterinary costs. For more information phone Vinnies on 5229 8829.



24/7 Mental Health Services



Is it an emergency?

If you or someone you know is at immediate risk of harm, call **triple zero (000)**

Suicide Call Back Service

Anyone thinking about suicide

- suicidecallbackservice.org.au
- 1300 659 467

Lifeline

Anyone having a personal crisis

- lifeline.org.au
- 13 11 14

Beyond Blue

Anyone feeling anxious or depressed

- beyondblue.org.au
- 1300 22 4636

Kids Helpline

Counselling for young people aged 5 to 25

- kidshelpline.com.au
- 1800 55 1800

MensLine Australia

Men with emotional or relationship concerns

- mensline.org.au
- 1300 78 99 78

Open Arms

Veterans and families counselling

- openarms.gov.au
- 1800 011 046