



ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF TENANTS UPDATE

Thank you to each of our tenants who voted in the ACT election. We are excited to introduce the first Access Housing Advisory Committee of Tenants. The ACT members will kick off duties in the new year, with their first meeting to be held in January.

Who is representing you on the ACT?

 **15** Access Housing tenants from across the Perth and Peel regions who have a range of experience and a willingness to be involved.

Some committee members:

- have experience living with disability and mental health challenges;
- are carers for someone in their lives;
- speak English as a second language and were born overseas; and
- are under 35 and over 65 years of age.



The committee has a combined **118** years of tenancy experience with Access Housing!

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS



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Secretary



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GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS



Patricia T



Annie



Theresa



George



Monique



Luul



Melanie

The ACT has visible committee members and non visible members. This means that some members prefer to not be publicly recognised. You may not see them in the newsletter or at tenant focus groups but they will still be contributing meaningfully to the work of the ACT.

From the ACT Chairperson Trish Owen



What a privilege it is to be writing this as the Chair of the ACT! It has been an amazing journey so far and I am excited about the opportunity for the ACT to provide a platform for communication between Access Housing and its community of tenants.

Having been a part of the initial group of tenants to establish the Terms of Reference and Code of Conduct, I feel assured that Access Housing is genuine in their commitment to making a difference in our lives as tenants. During the inaugural Annual General Meetings of the ACT, I was excited to meet fellow tenants and hear their opinions about what we would like to see improved.

The first Access Housing ACT committee membership offers a combined 118 years of Access Housing tenancy experience! I think it is safe to say we are an important stakeholder voice. For us it is about our home and, while some may view what we live in as assets, we know differently. We have connection to our accommodation and have important ideas to contribute. The ACT is about our voices being heard. I am encouraged that the 15 individuals on the committee are committed and excited to amplify the tenants' voice.

I'd like to thank Access Housing for their work and effort in initiating the ACT. It is an honour to be on the committee and I am looking forward to acting on behalf of the broader Access Housing tenant group.

Trish Owen
ACT Chairperson