



Supportive housing successfully supports people with chronic experiences of homelessness to **exit homelessness immediately**, move into secure housing and sustain that housing.















#### Housing Management

COMMON GROUND QUEENSLAND Support Services

MICAH PROJECTS

Concierge Service

COMMON GROUND QUEENSLAND & MICAH PROJECTS

**Brisbane Common Ground (BCG)** is run on a unified supportive housing model. The positive relationships and shared objectives of housing, support, and security providers are the key to the success of Brisbane Common Ground.

#### THE BRISBANE COMMON GROUND PARTNERS

Share a vision

Translate evidence into practice

Understand the complexities and opportunities for effective service delivery

Work to establish Brisbane Common Ground as a home for tenants

## Tenants shared their experience at Brisbane Common Ground.

They reported feeling...

## Connected,



60%

counted more than two other tenants as friends



**71**%

socialised with other tenants at least once a week

#### **Communal Spaces**

It is not simply the design of the built environment that fosters social interactions but a common factor among residents that gives them reason to either come together in social spaces or use social spaces individually.

## Safe,



86%

of tenants felt satisfied with their safety

#### **Concierge Service**

The concierge service, including both the security and tenant services personnel:

- → monitor the building,
- → control access to the building,
- > respond to tenant need,
- → promote onsite safety for visitors and tenants,
- → ensure responsible use of communal resources, and
- → foster a warm and friendly environment.

## Supported,



**76**% found BCG staff helpful

with personal problems



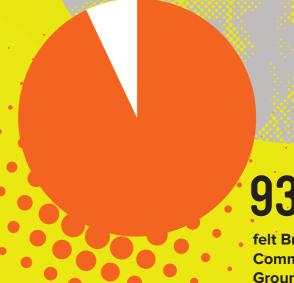
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found BCG staff helpful in accessing services

#### Collaborative **Onsite Support**

In addition to close onsite collaboration between tenancy and support providers, **Brisbane Common Ground's success relies** on a shared vision for supportive housing.

### and at Home



93%

felt Brisbane Common **Ground was** their home

### The community saved

\$13,100 annually per Tenant<sup>†</sup>

### Total savings \*

Health

\$832,335

**Criminal Justice** 

\$122,904

Homelessness Services

\$169,364

#### Service Use Reduction



**MENTAL HEALTH EPISODES** 



DAYS AS **ADMITTED PATIENT** 

420 399

 $(\rightarrow)$ VISITS TO **EMERGENCY** 

**DEPARTMENT** 

156 144

Victim/ Offender

50/24



**POLICE** 24/11 **OCCURENCES** 



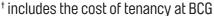
**APPEARANCES** IN COURT



61

45 **NIGHTS IN** 27 **CUSTODY** 





<sup>\*</sup> Figures based on the 41 consenting tenants

# Feedback from the tenants



#### I feel safe.

I have made it my own.
I say who comes in and who doesn't. I feel happy here and able to live the life I always wanted.

- ... It's my home
- ... I feel safe here—which I've never experienced before.



## Being completely independent

... and living on my own gives me a great sense of pride in the sense that I am able to support myself in any and all ways required to lead my own life.



## I feel that it is my home

... which means that I can put things in it. I can make it my apartment and my room and my space and it all reinforces the emotional and material security.



## You can mix with people

... and get friends to mix with and they always give you a hand; they help you when you need things.

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