



Help us create a future free from gender-based domestic and family violence and homelessness.





Domestic and family violence is the main reason for female homelessness.

54,000 women are homeless in Australia every night. More than 1 in 2 women are turned away from crisis accommodation every night.

Over the last 4 years, Parramatta Women's Shelter has:

- Supported **574** clients comprising 211 adults, and 363 children.
- Provided **23,948** bed nights for transitional accommodation.
- Provided **16,771** bed nights for emergency accommodation.

\$60

Provides a bed night to a Domestic Violence client.

Parramatta Women's Shelter

Our purpose

Parramatta Women's Shelter (PWS) provides crisis accommodation and outreach support for women and their children experiencing domestic and family violence and/or homelessness. A proud member of the Women's Community Shelters (WCS) network, we work with our local community to inspire, empower and support change for these vulnerable families and for our community. We are highly motivated advocates for change and are driven to deliver best practice service for our families.

Our vision

Our vision is a future free from domestic and family violence, gender-based discrimination and homelessness.

Our values



Accountability: As a specialist service, we are committed to our clients, and to supporting change in their lives through a case management model, delivered by skilled staff. We are accountable to the families we support through the outcomes of our work, and are accountable to our community.



Care: We are generous and considerate, client centred and trauma informed. We understand the needs of others and walk together, alongside our clients towards reaching their goals.



Equity: We recognise that the injustice and violence experienced by our clients is the result of inequity, often including gender-based discrimination.



Inspiration: Our clients are our inspiration, particularly in their resilience and the change that our work supports in their lives. We work together to inspire change in our community.



Respect: We are supportive of our clients, staff, volunteers and community and celebrate their dignity and value.



A message from our Board Chair

PWS has assisted hundreds of women and children escaping domestic and family violence and homelessness.

Under the Social Franchise model, we operate alongside a network of women's shelters for those who are experiencing homelessness, domestic and family violence and require crisis and temporary housing.

Domestic and family violence continues to be the leading cause of women's homelessness. Our dedicated Team is committed to delivering a specialist response for our clients. We provide crisis accommodation and casework services as well as outreach to clients in transitional housing. Our shelter works tirelessly to address the nuanced and complex needs of the families and communities we serve.

And there's still much work to be done to combat the root causes of homelessness and gender-based violence and to create a society where every woman can live free from fear and discrimination.

However, we cannot withstand this affliction alone. It takes a whole-of-community response to end gendered violence, and we work hand-in-glove with sector specialists and community to improve outcomes for those in our care.

The generosity of our supporters, donors, and stakeholders is critical in sustaining our operations and expanding our impact.

Donations and other contributions enable us to make real differences in the lives of women and their families, by providing the services needed to enable a pathway to a brighter future.

Together, with your support, we will continue to provide hope and refuge for women in our community.

On behalf of our Board - who volunteer their time, and our incredible Shelter Team, we thank you for any support you can provide, to create a future free from domestic violence, gender-based discrimination and homelessness.



Jane Cummins
Board Chair
Parramatta Women's Shelter
October 2024

Client testimonials

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Provided supreme customer service, positive attitudes, valuing our time, providing knowledgeable resources. These ladies are amazing and are like family to us. Beautiful hardworking women who show love and integrity. Awesome experience and we'll definitely miss everyone.”

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Help with all the paperwork and the support the case workers gave to me and my children. I was going through DV and I didn't have a place to go. They helped me with a safe place to stay with my children.

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Emotional support. Being able to feel safe. Having support with family court, financial help with girl's schooling. Always having someone to lean on and talk to.

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The support from the caseworkers was very good and the kids looked forward to activities and parties. We felt welcomed and included.

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Having somewhere to go with my children and pets. Having a private space. Having support.



We're asking for your help.

We rely on the support of the NSW Government and our community partners to cover our operational costs.

Make a donation

Almost 100% of funds donated goes straight to supporting our staff and clients with accommodation, education, employment and legal assistance. Any amount, small or large, is so appreciated. It all makes a difference.

The impact of your donation includes the following:

- \$20 - provides phone and data credit allowing a woman to make important phone calls, applications and communicate online.
- \$60 - a safe night's sleep for a child or woman .
- \$100 - provides immediate crisis assistance to a woman in her first 24 hours in the shelter.

All donations made to Parramatta Women's Shelter that are \$2 and above are tax deductible.

For your payment link visit <https://parrawomensshelter.org.au/> or scan the QR code here



Sponsorship, partnership and corporate giving

By donating to PWS, your business will be a part of a Western Sydney community movement to help put an end to domestic violence. Our tiered corporate donor system, in cash or equivalent, including benefits, is categorised below. .

As a partner, you will be directly funding the delivery of safe and supported shelter accommodation and casework support for local women and children experiencing homelessness and/or domestic violence.

We are a registered charity.

Bronze \$10k pa

PWS will:

- Provide a certificate of appreciation;
- Acknowledge your organisation on social media; and
- Upload your business logo on our website under the respective category.

Silver \$20k pa

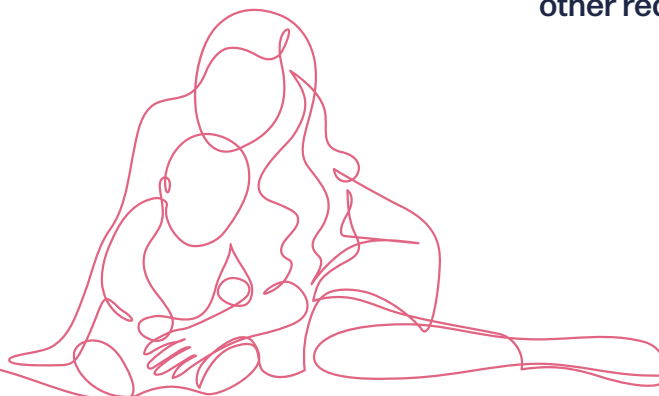
PWS will:

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- Provide PWS logo, for use on your social media.

Gold \$50k pa

PWS will:

- Provide a certificate of appreciation;
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- Provide PWS logo, for use on your social media;
- Provide a report on how the donation will be spent; and
- Be open to discussing any other reasonable request.





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Parramatta Women's Shelter acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land we serve on.

This always was, and always will be, Aboriginal land.

We pay our respect to Elders past, present and emerging.

In acknowledging Country, we commit ourselves to justice, particularly for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women experiencing family violence.

If you would like to know more about the PWS, please get in touch.



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