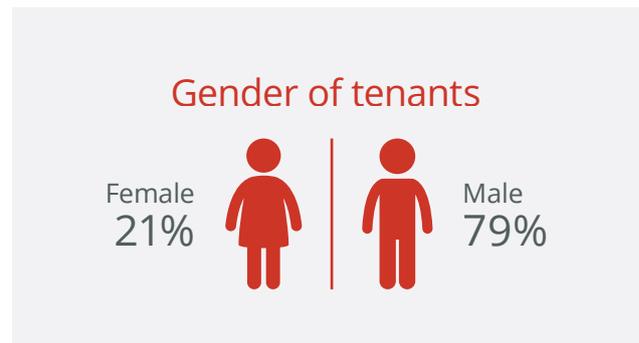


# Affordable Housing for Veterans and their Families



Since 2020 we have successfully provided a home to 28 veterans and 38 of their family members, 66 people in total.

Westside Housing is a registered community housing provider and an ACNC registered charity. Our commitment to providing rental homes to vulnerable veterans commenced in 2002 in partnership with the former RSL Poppy Day Trust, now RSL Care SA's Andrew Russell Veteran Living (ARVL) program through a purpose-built site in the southern suburbs of Adelaide.

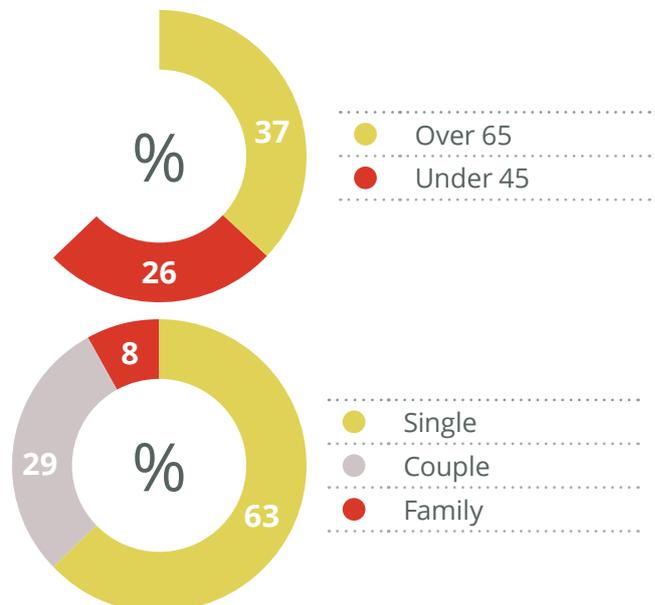
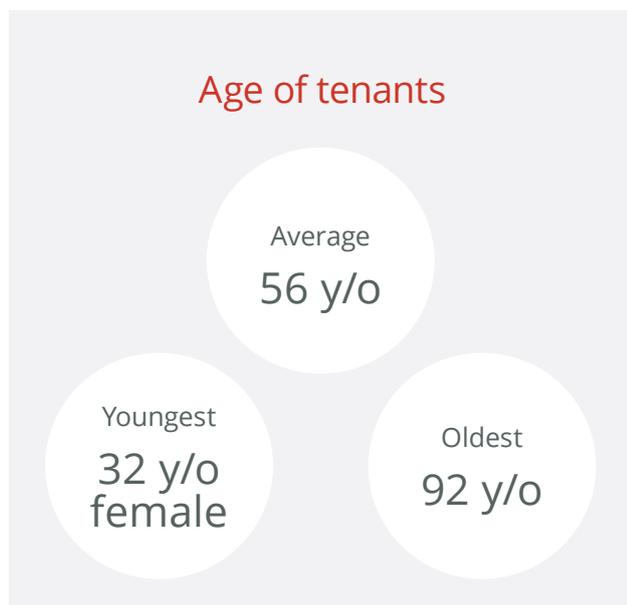


## How do veterans find us?

The vast majority of people find us through our partnership with ARVL. Others find us through word of mouth in the veteran and homeless communities, and some through the veteran's mental health service, the Jamie Larcombe Centre.

## Contemporary veterans increasing

We continue to see demand for veterans over 55 but increasingly we see people in their 30s and 40s, and more women in the past 3 years.





Purpose built homes at Parafield Gardens and Tonsley.

## A safe place to call home

Veterans can stay as long as they like or need.

Often the veterans we work with have a different experience of home and place having moved around more than most, and shared accommodation more than most. It can take a long time to settle in and we find that veterans stay in our housing for long periods of time, and this includes the younger veterans.

Tenants can leave temporarily for more intensive support when they need it in a mental health facility, drug or alcohol rehabilitation, to get away bush camping or other reasons and they are welcome to return.



## Housing First

The people we see are vulnerable and overwhelmingly in recent years have a diagnosed mental health condition and have a history of substance misuse.

We operate a Housing First model and have purchased and built veterans' housing with our equity to make applying for a home simpler and faster, to increase the supply of homes available to veterans, and to provide a broader range of housing types.

### Types of our housing for veterans

- Community housing
- Westside owned affordable housing

