

Services Provided ...

- ◆ Temporary supported shelter accommodation with Case workers and Children's case workers for women and children
- ◆ Information and referral assistance to access Housing support, and advocacy to obtain rentals and other long term housing options
- ◆ Promotion of good health and wellbeing
- ◆ Life skills to encourage independence and self-esteem
- ◆ Crisis support and referrals as needed including counselling, medical, legal aid, court support, financial planning, parenting support and mothers' groups
- ◆ Community education and development
- ◆ Assistance in managing challenges faced by children in crisis
- ◆ Individual client-centred case management plans
- ◆ Outreach support after shelter stay



*We acknowledge the traditional owners of this land, the Worimi people, and pay our respects to their Elders, both past and present..
GLWS is committed to reconciliation between all Australians.*

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*Providing
the gift of safety
to those who need it most*

Our History ...

An urgent need for crisis accommodation was recognised in April 2015 within the Great Lakes area and a partnership was formed with Women's Community Shelters, Sydney, to make the Great Lakes Womens Shelter a reality.

The Shelter receives ongoing support from local communities, commercial enterprises and State Government agencies.

Great Lakes Womens Shelter opened in January 2016, and has been consistently full ever since, helping homeless women and their children from the Great Lakes region, as well as some out-of-area clients in need of assistance.

Women's Community Shelters offers a ground breaking funding model in which community, business and Government all work together to provide funding to both establish and operate shelters throughout NSW.



What is Shelter life like?...

The Great Lakes Womens Shelter atmosphere is as close to an ordinary home as possible.

We currently have 2 residential homes that include shared kitchen/dining, lounge room and bathroom.

Each resident has her own room to share with her children.

Residents are asked to respect the conditions of stay which are designed to promote safety and security within the home for all residents and staff.

Residents attend regular house meetings which helps to maintain stability within the shelter.

Caseworkers work with residents to engage and formulate a case management plan to address residents individual needs such as referrals for financial help, housing support, parenting and family support and rental applications.

Residents are required to pay a shelter contribution whilst in shelter accommodation.

Our Mission is ...

To provide short term emergency accommodation and support in a safe and nurturing environment that helps women experiencing domestic/family violence and/or homelessness to help rebuild their self-esteem and to achieve control and fulfillment in their lives.

To support women to navigate a path through the legal, emotional and medical support they need. We help them heal and offer them hope.

To support mothers to find appropriate housing and to re-establish routines that provide a strong and secure foundation for their children. The establishment of daily routines are vital for feelings of security, especially during crisis.

We support women over 18 years of age who are homeless and / or escaping domestic or family violence with or without dependent children.

The Shelter gives priority to the needs of our local women but will certainly consider referrals from out-of-area.

Due to the nature of our service, we are unable to accept women with unmanaged mental health or drug and alcohol addictions.

Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 5pm

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1800 RESPECT: 1800 737 732

LINK 2 HOME: 1800 152 152

Domestic Violence Hotline: 1800 65 64 63

Emergency: 000