

Multicultural DV and Homelessness Services

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Muslim Women's Association

- Established 1983
- Specialises in the delivery of services to Muslim women and their families in NSW
- Muslim Women Support Centre (MWSC) established 1988
- At the heart of the MWA is a commitment to fairness, equality and justice in all our interactions and activities



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Muslim Women Support Centre

- Over 25 years in operation
- A non-profit service that offers non institutional, non-judgmental programs and activities
- A 24 hour crisis/supported accommodation for women and children escaping domestic violence or in crisis.





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Homelessness Support Service
Supporting Families Together**

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- Funded under the Going Home Staying Home reforms of the NSW Department of Family and Community Services
- Provide families from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds with safe and supported crisis and transitional accommodation
- Brings a range of expert service providers together



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- Prevention and early intervention
- Safe and supported crisis and transitional accommodation
- Rapid rehousing and intensive support for clients with complex needs



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5 key partners led by MWA

- BaptistCare NSW and ACT
- Creating Links (NSW) Ltd
- Southern Sydney Women's Therapy Centre Inc
- Domestic Violence Service Management
- Metro Assist Inc.



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Crisis Accommodation:

- 2 crisis accommodation properties
 - The existing refuge that has been run by MWA for over 25 years in the Bankstown LGA
 - A new crisis accommodation centre being established in the Canterbury LGA



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Transitional Accommodation:

- Over 30 properties across the Canterbury and Bankstown LGAs
- MWA provides both client and property management support for a number of these properties
- For other properties MWA provides client support services only



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- Property management support for these properties is provided by a number of specialist housing providers including:
 - Ecclesia Housing
 - Evolve Housing
 - Mission Australia Housing



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