



Proposal for the Lease of 172 Keirnan Street, Whitby

To: CEO, Serpentine Jarrahdale Shire

From: Homelessness We Care Serpentine Jarrahdale and Surrounds (HWCSJS)

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Introduction

Homelessness We Care Serpentine Jarrahdale and Surrounds (HWCSJS) is a dedicated non-profit organisation committed to addressing homelessness and financial hardship within the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale and its surrounding areas. Our mission is to provide essential support services, foster reintegration into mainstream society, and promote harm prevention for individuals experiencing homelessness.

We seek to lease the property at 172 Keirnan Street, Whitby to expand and sustain our services. This premises will serve as a vital base of operations, allowing us to fulfil our mission better and provide a safe, supportive space for vulnerable individuals.

Justification for Leasing 172 Keirnan Street, Whitby

1. Essential Service Hub for Homelessness Prevention and Support

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HWCSJS operates 365 days a year, providing meals, food hampers, and essential items to individuals experiencing homelessness, financial hardship, and social isolation. The lease of 172 Keirnan Street would enable us to:

- Establish a permanent base to streamline our services.
- Provide direct and immediate support, including food, clothing, and emergency relief.
- Expand our capacity to support the growing need in the SJ Shire, where we estimate 150 individuals are currently homeless, excluding those in financial hardship or at risk of homelessness.

2. Facilities for Hygiene and Dignity Restoration

Many of the individuals we serve lack access to basic hygiene facilities, which negatively impacts their health, dignity, and ability to reintegrate into society. This property will provide:

- **Showers and washing machines**, allowing individuals to maintain hygiene and personal care.
- **A secure space for personal belongings**, reducing the risk of theft and loss.
- **A fixed address**, in partnership with the Serpentine Jarrahdale Community Resource Centre, enables individuals to receive government support, Centrelink payments, and identification documents, critical for employment and services access.

3. Community Kitchen for Meal Preparation

A kitchen facility at this location will allow us to:

- Prepare meals for our **regular Friday Feed program** and other meal services.
- Cook nutritious meals for food hampers distributed to families and individuals in need.
- Enhance food security by reducing reliance on external locations for meal preparation.

4. Providing Purpose and Dignity through a Community Garden

We intend to establish a **small community garden** on the premises, where:

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- Homeless individuals and those at risk can participate in growing fresh produce for our meal programs.
- Individuals can regain a sense of purpose and responsibility, which are crucial to rebuilding self-identity and self-worth.
- The community can engage with and support our mission in a productive and healing environment.

5. A Safe Space for Counselling and Mental Health Assistance

HWCSJS is deeply committed to **harm prevention and mental health support**. The leased premises will provide a stable and private location where:

- **Counselling services** can be conducted in a dignified and confidential environment.
- **Mental health assessments** can be facilitated in collaboration with The Olive Branch WA and other partner organisations.
- **Welfare checks** can be carried out structured, allowing individuals to receive consistent support from trained volunteers and professionals.

6. Strengthening Community Engagement and Partnerships

Securing this property will enhance our ability to collaborate with community partners, including:

- **Serpentine Jarrahdale Shire**, ensuring the local government's ongoing support.
- **Local police and SJ Shire Rangers**, who assist in identifying and supporting homeless individuals.
- **Businesses and charities**, such as The Olive Branch WA, Farmers Markets, churches, and local businesses that donate food and essential supplies.

Conclusion

The lease of 172 Keirnan Street, Whitby, is crucial to expanding our reach and impact in the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale. These premises will provide a much-needed base for our homelessness prevention initiatives, mental health support, hygiene services, food security programs, and reintegration efforts.

We believe this property aligns with our mission and will significantly reduce homelessness, improve public health, and foster a stronger, more connected

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community. We would like to discuss this proposal further and explore the potential for collaboration in securing this essential facility.

We appreciate your consideration and look forward to working together to create meaningful change.

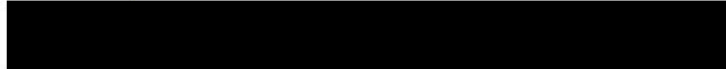
Sincerely,





CEO, Homelessness We Care Serpentine Jarrahdale and Surrounds







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