

## C1. Aged Accommodation Policy

### Policy Objective

To establish a process for determining applications to live in the Shire Pensioner Units located at 100 Prinsep Street Norseman and to determine the manner in which the Council calculates the rental for the units.

### Policy Statement

#### Accommodation

Preference will be given to those eligible applicants in the order they were received on the current waiting list for accommodation.

The eligibility criteria for accommodation is as adopted by Council, reviewed as required from time to time.

#### Conditions of Eligibility

1. Men aged 65 years and over and women aged 60 years and over and hold a current Aged/Seniors Concession Card.
2. The primary criteria for selection of residents will be based on their physical and financial need.
3. Tenants shall not own other residential property whilst occupying a unit.
4. Following information to be provided along with the application,
  - i. A letter of support from the applicant's General Practitioner (GP) confirming applicant's ability to look after himself/herself;
  - ii. A letter of support from the applicant's current landlord (if applicable); and
  - iii. A letter of support from a member of the community who has known the applicant for at least one year.
5. Be a long-term resident (have been living in the Shire for more than 3 years in a rented property, or have owned property).

Where there is a vacancy in the centre the CEO shall refer any applications for accommodation to Council that do not fully satisfy the eligibility criteria for consideration.

#### Rental

The rental to be paid for each pensioner unit shall be calculated in a manner similar to that used by the Department Housing and Works (HomesWest) in that it is based on a percentage of the gross rate of age pension.

In the case of a single occupant the rental shall be calculated as follows:

- 15% of the gross single rate of age pension.

In the case of two occupants the rental shall be calculated as follows:

- 15% of the gross couple rate of age pension.

Note:

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The rental calculation does not take into consideration any additional payments and benefits or means testing that otherwise may apply.

The rental shall be set annually at the adoption of the schedule of fees and charges.

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