HOUSING FOR ADULTS WITH SEVERE, PERSISTANT MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES

ASSESSING THE MANTLE APARTMENTS MODEL

Funded by Queensland’s Wesley Mission, “Assessing the Mantle Apartments model” is a research project undertaken within the Centre for Architecture, Theory, History and Criticism (ATCH), and the Sociology Department at the School of Architecture, University of Queensland.

This research examined the effectiveness of a new model of purpose-designed, supported accommodation for adults with severe and persistent mental health issues.

The two-stage research project interviewed tenants and their families before (in 2015) and after (in 2016) tenants moved into their new homes. This gathered their subjective expectations and experiences, and interviews with the support workers and architects provided additional perspectives. The research aimed to provide Wesley Mission Queensland with information as to the strengths of this innovative model of accommodation to aid in refining future projects.

Outcomes and Related Publications:

Report

A final report highlighting the findings of the research project was submitted to Wesley Mission Centre in February 2017.

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