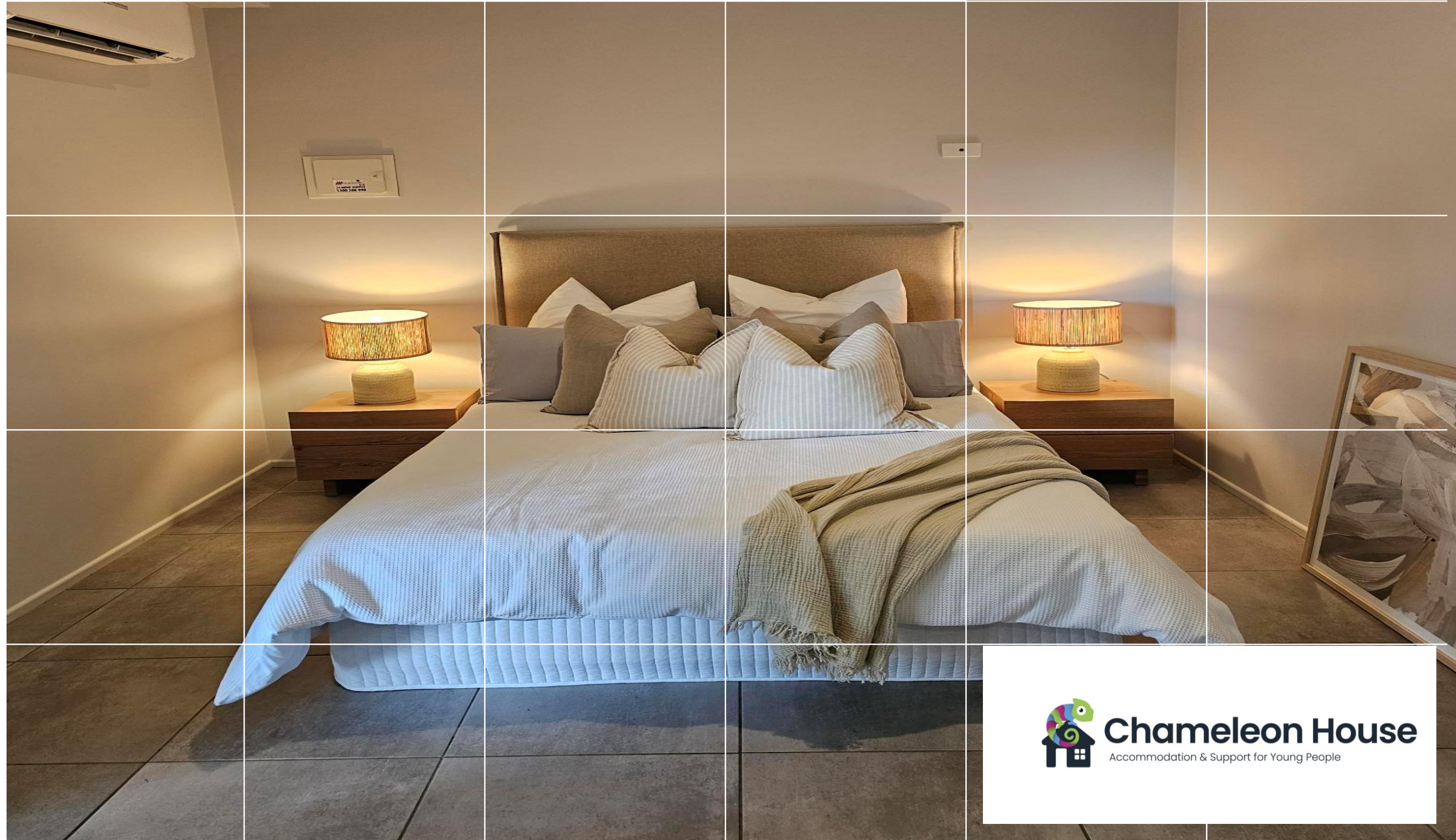




Nicki Kemp
CEO

Clyde House: The House the Community Bought



Chameleon House
Accommodation & Support for Young People

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT *of Country*

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which our services operate.



Clyde House

is located on the lands of the **Turrbal** people.



Chameleon Housing

head office is located on the lands of the **Gubbi Gubbi (Kabi Kabi)** people.



I pay my respects to Elders past, present and emerging and acknowledge their continuing connection to land, waters, culture and community.



As a service supporting young people across our region, we recognise the strength, resilience and wisdom of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and are grateful for the opportunity to work on these lands every day.

Chameleon Housing

A stand-alone community-based Specialist Homeless Service that supports young people in a ISA and Young Parents in CAP housing.

We have been around for over 38 years. We are small but mighty.



Governance and Structure

Volunteer Management Committee

Manager

Accounts & Administration

Team Leader

Youth Workers



What we do

We support young people aged 16–25 and young families aged 18–25 who are homeless or at risk, providing safe housing, case management, and programs that build resilience, independence, and tenancy skills.



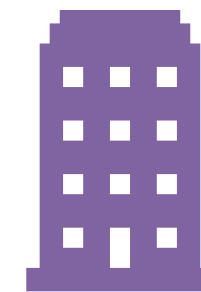
How did this project start?



Demand for youth accommodation exceeded available beds.



At the time we had 4 ISA beds and employed 6 staff.



In 2020 we set a clear goal to add additional beds.



Why Replicate Chameleon House?

34 young people resided in Chameleon House in the 2 years prior to Clyde opening.

 **59%** Rough sleeping before entering Chameleon House

 **43%** Successfully reunited with family

 **46%** Moved into share or independent accommodation

 **88%** Remained engaged with support after leaving

Average stay: 3 months

Time to stabilise, rebuild relationships and plan for independence.



Start With a Vision



To replicate what we were already doing.



To keep this youth housing in the City of Moreton Bay.



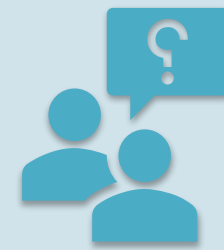
A commitment to create additional supported accommodation.



Making the Vision Visible



We Said Yes



Rotary, Lions Clubs, community groups, businesses and all levels of government and alignment.



Every conversation built trust.



Building a Community Around the Project



SUPPORTERS BECAME
ADVOCATES.



ADVOCATES BECAME
PARTNERS.



PARTNERS BECAME
CHAMPIONS.



The House the Community Bought

LYEAC, Ausbuild,
Moreton Bay
Tourism, Lewis
Leasure Foundation.

Mums and Dads,
supporting our
service through
donations.



Stars Aligned



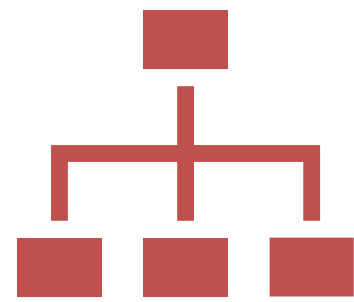
Property Industry Foundation, AVJennings, CBRE
and community fundraising all played a role.



Leaned on the Politicians and community
members that supported us and had them
advocate on our behalf.



A Community Achievement



This is not a house bought by an organisation.



This is the house the community bought.



Creating Our Own Luck

"Luck is what happens
when preparation
meets opportunity." –
Seneca

Clyde House was not
luck. It was years of
positioning,
preparation and
partnership.



The Journey Wasn't Easy



YEARS OF WORK.



COVID DISRUPTIONS.



RISING COSTS.



STAFF TURNOVER.



ONGOING SETBACKS
AND BARRIERS.





Impact

Six additional
beds. 10 in
total

A transitional
unit.

Living skills
and
independence
programs.

16 staff



The Vulnerability Continues

Lives are changing,
but recurrent
funding remains
uncertain.

The supporters
continue to rally.



Leadership Lessons



RELATIONSHIPS CREATE
OPPORTUNITIES.



VISIBILITY MATTERS.



COMMUNITIES WANT
TO HELP.



PERSISTENCE MATTERS.

