

# **Our clients**

### Erin\*

Erin is a 50 year old single parent, with a teenage son. Erin was on the priority waitlist as a victimsurvivor of family violence. Erin and her son had been couch surfing whilst waiting for a home. She is currently employed at a supermarket, and her son is completing studies through TAFE.

"This house took my breath away, I was shaking with relief but also joy when she [the BeyondHousing property manager] said it was ours. I'm so grateful to have a stable home for us both, I really can't put into words how this home will change the course of our lives."

#### **Jessica & Nathan**

Jessica (40) and Nathan (46) had received intensive support from BeyondHousing's Initial Assessment and Planning team to break their cycle of homelessness. They were on the priority waitlist and had been camping on the river for 5 years, whilst attempting to hold down employment. When health issues saw them unable to fully recover due to their living arrangements, impacting their ability to work, they determined they were ready for long-term housing.

"I was totally blown away by this place, especially the big shower.

It's a big change, paying rent and living with in town neighbours and stuff, but we're gonna give it everything to make it our home for a long long time."

#### Shane

Shane is a 49 year old local man who had experienced a number of housing crises in the past few years. He was placed on the priority waitlist for housing, and was being supported by our Private Rental Assistance Program and BeyondHousing's Homelessness Team. Shane was working whilst living in insecure accommodation in a caravan park when this home became available.

#### "Because I got this home, and where it's located I

can pick up more shifts at work. I know I am coming home to somewhere that's mine, that my stuff is not going to get stolen while I'm out. It's private and quiet, that's what I really wanted more than anything."

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