What is the Tamil Senior Citizens’ Association?

The Tamil Senior Citizens’ Association (the Association) Canberra is a not-for-profit community housing organisation that provides secure, affordable accommodation for people on low to moderate incomes. Particular target groups of the Association include older people and new migrant families to Australia. The Association aims to provide an alternative to home ownership and public housing and is managed on a co-operative basis by a Tamil Association Housing Sub-Committee.

What accommodation is offered by the Association?

The Association currently manages 11 free-standing properties, ranging from two to three bedrooms. Rent for these properties is calculated at 25% of a household’s assessable income. If a tenant is not eligible for a rebate they will pay market rent.

Four of these properties have two bedrooms and are owned by the Association targeted at older people and persons with special needs belonging to the Tamil community. The Housing Sub-Committee has discretion to determine the rental for these four properties.

What is the benefit of being housed with the Association?

The Association provides a personalised service assisting clients with issues relating to their tenancies.

Who can apply?

To be housed with the Association you must:

- have been approved and referred to the Association by Housing ACT after undergoing an eligibility assessment;
- become a member of the Association, if eligible; and take part in activities of the Association; and
- sign a Tenancy Agreement.
How much will it cost?

To be housed by the Association you must agree to pay:

- two weeks’ rent in advance at the start of your tenancy, with fortnightly payments continuing;
- a four week rental bond to be deposited with the ACT Rental Bond Office;
- 100% of Commonwealth Rent Assistance (if eligible); and
- an annual membership subscription to the Association of $25 per family or $15 if single.

Can I get involved?

The Association offers a range of ways for tenants to participate including:

- **Monthly Meetings**: Tenant members are invited to meet and discuss issues at the monthly meeting of the Association held at 11 Bromby Street, ACT Isaacs.
- **Becoming a Housing Sub-Committee Member**: Tenants are provided with the opportunity to be elected to the Association’s Housing Sub-Committee and to have a voice in tenancy management.
- **Taking part in activities** such as picnics, barbecues, exercise/yoga classes, walking groups etc free, or at a nominal charge.

How can I contact the Association?

The office of the Tamil Senior Citizens’ Association is located at:

11 Bromby Street
ISAACS ACT 2607
Phone: 0423 907 206

Further Information

For more assistance on Housing ACT matters, please telephone 133 427.

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