What is Havelock Housing Association?

Havelock Housing Association (HHA) is a not-for-profit community housing organisation that provides accommodation for people on a low to moderate income.

Particular target groups of HHA include young mothers, refugees, single parent families, students, and people facing mental health issues through partnerships with AIDS Action Council, Richmond Fellowship, ANU Student Co-operative and Migrant and Refugee Settlement Services.

HHA’s Vision: To be a dynamic, innovative and progressive community housing provider, offering homes to people on low to moderate incomes in the ACT.

HHA’s Mission: To provide members with safe and secure accommodation consistent with community housing standards that will contribute positively to their quality of life. In achieving this mission, HHA will promote social justice, work towards maximising member participation, follow sound business principles, and be a responsive and innovative organisation.

What accommodation is offered by HHA?

Havelock House accommodates 101 people in 20 units in a group-share environment. Units are different sizes and accommodate from 2 to 8 people. Accommodation at Havelock House is for single people who are able to live independently in a shared living arrangement. Each person has their own bedroom however all other facilities (such as kitchen, lounge and bathroom) are shared.

Havelock House offers both income-based (25% of an individual’s assessable income) and affordable (74.9% of market rent) rental options.

Rent, including levies, covers all expenses such as electricity, gas, basic furniture and the use of washing machines and dryers.
Conditions for living in Havelock House:

- You must be a single person;
- You must be over 18 years of age;
- No children are allowed to stay overnight;
- No animals are allowed;
- Residents must be able to obey fire evacuation procedures;
- Residents must be willing to participate in the cleaning of common areas;
- Rent must be paid two weeks in advance;
- You must follow the rules for acceptable behaviour; and
- No squatters are allowed in any form of accommodation.

**Gungahlin Singles Accommodation (GSA)** is a two-building accommodation site, divided into 20 single persons’ units. Accommodation at GSA is for single people who are able to live independently. Each apartment has a bedroom, kitchen, lounge and bathroom.

GSA offers both income-based (25% of an individual’s assessable income) and affordable (74.9% of market rent) rental options.

Conditions for living in GSA:

- You must be a single person;
- No children are allowed to stay overnight;
- No animals are allowed;
- Residents must be able to obey fire evacuation procedures;
- Rent must be paid two weeks in advance;
- You must follow the rules for acceptable behaviour; and
- No squatters are allowed in any form of accommodation.

**Individual Dwelling Accommodation:** HHA also has a number of individual dwellings across the ACT. Properties range from one through to four bedroom options that all have separate bedrooms, kitchen, lounge and bathroom.

Rent for these properties is calculated at 25% of a household’s assessable income.

Conditions for living in individual dwelling accommodation:

- Rent must be paid two weeks in advance;
- You must follow the rules for acceptable behaviour; and
- No squatters are allowed in any form of accommodation.
Who can apply?

To be housed with HHA you must:

- Have been approved and referred to HHA by Housing ACT (HACT) after undergoing an eligibility assessment;
- Not have any outstanding debt with HHA (or be willing to enter in to a repayment plan);
- Not be on the list of previous applicants who are deemed unsuitable to be housed;
- Attend an interview with an Intake Officer;
- Be accepted as suitable to be resident;
- Become a member of HHA; and
- Sign an Occupancy or Tenancy Agreement (depending on which accommodation option you are offered).

How much will it cost?

To be housed by HHA you must agree to pay:

- a Bond of 4 weeks’ rent. If eligible, you can apply to Housing ACT for a Rental Bond Loan (see the ‘Rental Bond Loans’ Fact Sheet for more information). All Bonds are lodged with the ACT Office of Rental Bonds. Bonds are refundable when you vacate the premises (conditions apply, such as leaving your premises in good clean order, no outstanding rental payments);
- two weeks’ rent paid in advance;
- 100% of Commonwealth Rent Assistance (if eligible);
- a $5 membership fee.

Can I get involved?

HHA offers a range of activities and programs for its tenants including:

**Senior Residents Program**: Residents are encouraged to join this program and help HHA in numerous ways such as gardening, maintenance, administration, domestic duties, computing skills at shared accommodation options.

**Social Events**: HHA holds some functions throughout the year such as barbecues, Christmas Party, Melbourne Cup and residents are encouraged to help organise these functions.

**The Havelocker (HHA’s Member Newsletter)**: Needs participating members to help bring a creative, informative and fun magazine to residents.
What are the benefits of being housed by HHA?

HHA takes great pride in 25 years of service to the public, providing a high standard of Community Housing.

Our friendly, well-trained staff excel in providing personalised service and linking our clients with any support services they may require to ensure the maintenance of a successful and ongoing tenancy.

Resident meetings are held regularly to provide a forum for you to voice any ideas or comments you may have. Minutes of these meetings are reported to the Board of Directors on a monthly basis, so you can be sure your thoughts will be heard.

Further Information

The head office of Havelock Housing Association is located within the Havelock House building at:

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