

Mallacoota District Health and Support Service (MDHSS) manage a small number of independent living units. These units are intended for persons with low income and low assets who are able to live independently in the community and able to handle their own support and care. The units are located within MDHSS grounds and consist of four 1-bedroom units and one 2-bedroom unit.

Features:

- Security of occupancy
- Delightful garden setting
- Realistic entry contributions
- Low weekly rental charge
- Washing machine
- Parking facilities
- Verandah at the rear of each unit

The Miva Units are located within easy walking distance of MDHSS facilities and doctors. The units offer a flexible and comfortable lifestyle for people who wish to live without the problems associated with maintaining a home.

Residents who live in the Miva Units are fully independent and responsible for their own cooking, cleaning etc. Residents are welcome to enjoy the activities and programs offered through MDHSS, for example: regular lunches, craft activities and bus trips. Residents enjoy friendship, independence, security and quality of life in comfortable surrounds.

Double Unit: Consists of a living room, kitchen, purpose-built bathroom, laundry and two bedrooms. There is plenty of wardrobe space and a patio area.

Single Unit: Consists of a living room, one bedroom, kitchen and a bathroom which incorporates a laundry.

A carport area is available. Residents who enjoy gardening may wish to take responsibility for maintaining their garden but there is no obligation to do so.

Entry criteria:

Entry to MDHSS' Miva Units is based upon need. MDHSS will assess the medical, physical, emotional and financial needs of the applicants.

To be eligible for residency in these units, you must:

- a) be able to live independently in the community (which may include persons who are receiving assistance with daily care needs or basic support under aged care or community care programs which allow them to continue to live in the community);
- b) be registered with disability services or be assessed by ACAS as requiring hostel level of care;
- c) meet the rules which currently apply for the Centrelink Income Test and Asset Test for the Age or Disability Pension;
- d) be a local resident or have immediate family permanently living in Mallacoota;
- e) be unable to secure appropriate accommodation elsewhere or unable to continue to reside in your own property for medical reasons;
- f) sign a formal residence agreement.

For the 2-bedroom unit, both residents need to satisfy the above criteria or one to be a live-in carer. (If this is the case, the applicants need to be considered separately.)

MDHSS management will assess all applicants. If there is more than one applicant, a selection panel will be formed consisting of a Community Reference Group member, a medical practitioner and the MDHSS Manager. The selection panel's decision will be made on the basis of greatest need and its decision is final.

The 2-bedroom unit is to be occupied by two people who accept the following conditions of residency:

- 1 If one of the two residents leaves or dies then the remaining resident will be relocated to a MDHSS single bedroom unit at the earliest appropriate time. The cost of relocation to a MDHSS single unit will be paid by MDHSS.
- 2 The rent of the 2-bedroom unit remains the same – it is not dependent upon occupancy of one or two residents.
- 3 The ingoing contribution is payable at the time of entry.

Costs

Ingoing contribution

One-bedroom unit:	\$5,000
Two-bedroom unit:	\$8,000

Weekly maintenance charge

One-bedroom unit:	\$70 per week plus utilities
Two-bedroom unit:	\$120 per week plus utilities

RESIDENTS' RIGHTS

Each resident has the right to:

- full and effective use of his or her personal, civil, legal and consumer rights;
- live without discrimination or victimisation and without being obliged to feel grateful to those providing his or her accommodation;
- personal privacy;
- live in a safe, secure environment;
- be consulted on, and to choose to have input into, decisions about the living arrangements;
- complain and to take action to resolve disputes.