

Belmont Clothes Library Loaning Clothes To Ngulla Mia

The Belmont Clothes Library community project is proudly supported by the Textile Clothing Footwear Resource Centre of WA, numerous Rotary Clubs and the Business Professional Women's network in WA.

The clothes library, which is bursting at the seams, has recently been requested by community organisation Ngulla Mia to lend them a range of men's and women's suits.

Ngulla Mia (Our Place) is a brand new accommodation service for homeless individuals with mental illness in Perth. The Richmond Fellowship of WA is working in partnership with the Inner City Community Mental Health Service (ICCMHS), with three clinicians – a Senior OT, a Senior Social Worker and a Clinical Nurse Specialist – dedicated to the Ngulla Mia service (called the Homeless Team).

The service being offered is state wide service and can accommodate males and females aged 18-65. Their general criteria stipulates that residents must have a severe and persistent mental illness, be homeless or at risk of homelessness, and show a willingness to engage in recovery (as the recovery model is the foundation of the program).

Ngulla Mia has a capacity for 34 residents, meals are provided. The service will be available for a range of homeless people, from rough sleepers to "couch-hoppers", and those in crisis-care/short-term accommodation. Ngulla Mia has anticipated that many requiring their services will only have limited clothing, and therefore the provision of clothes from the Belmont Clothes Library will be gladly accepted.

Carol Hanlon, founder & manager of the Belmont Clothes Library said, 'We are thrilled to be able to lend some of the clothes to Ngulla Mia. It is a fantastic new service, and I'm sure the residents will enjoy to be able to borrow them.'

The Belmont Clothes Library are also calling on other Community and Church groups who would like assistance to start their own clothes library in their region to contact them.

To register interest in establishing a Clothes Library, send a brief outline of your organisation and the reason why you would like to accommodate a Library to info@belmontbec.com.

For further information please contact...

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