



### Key Messaging

- Youngcare is a national not-for-profit organisation dedicated to supporting young Australians with physical disabilities, especially to assist them to exit, or avoid entering, inappropriate accommodation such as aged care, long-term rehabilitation centres and hospitals.... No place for any young person to live.
- With your support, Youngcare is creating change for young Australians with physical disabilities and helping them live with more dignity, freedom and independence.
- They do this by funding grants for items and services that can't be funded elsewhere, building high-quality Specialist Disability Accommodation, and operating a free nationwide support line offering disability-related information and advice for all.
- Everyone deserves to choose where they live, who they live with, and how they live their lives.
- Youngcare is advocating for a more inclusive and accessible Australia, for people of all abilities.

### Useful Statistics

- Youngcare Connect has held over 58,500 conversations with people seeking disability-related information, since 2011.
- Youngcare funded over \$1million in grants in the 2021-2022 financial year.
- Disability houses and apartments across 8 locations (Pelican Waters, Helensvale, Rothwell, North Lakes, Townsville, Chermiside, Woolloowin, Coomera). More in planning and construction stages.
- Youngcare home locations give residents access to the essential shops, services and social outlets that all young people want to be able to access. It helps them live equally among their community with more freedom than forms of supported living such as aged care or rehabilitation centres. Youngcare also use external support providers so that our residents can choose the care that's right for them.
- Youngcare delivers uniquely designed homes so young people with physical disabilities can live with as much independence as possible. Youngcare homes are aspirational, modern, and designed to suit the neighbourhood.
- 4.4 million Australians live with a disability. 2.5 million are aged under 65.
- 5.8% of the entire Australian population have severe or profound limitations<sup>1</sup>. This is 32% (1 in 3) of all people with disability.
- Adults with a severe or profound disability, are 12 times more likely to experience a very high level of psychological distress than people without disability.