

PROPERTY #9: MOOLAP

HOMEOWNERS' STORY

In Moolap, people can see a demonstration tiny home being fitted out to a tiny budget of \$60,000. Tiny houses come in many forms. This version is called a THOW, a tiny house on wheels. Measuring just 8.5m x 2.5m, it's built on a tri-axle trailer and weighs approximately 3.5 tons.

A recent report from the Council to Homeless Persons revealed the Geelong electorate was Victoria's second-worst regional area and Lara was the fifth worst for homelessness. There is a growing realisation that we must develop 'innovative solutions to overcome entrenched homelessness and provide affordable housing' options.

Given the unaffordability of standard housing, it is easy to see why there is growing interest in tiny houses in Australia. However tiny houses also recommend themselves strongly on sustainability grounds, by reducing energy bills for homeowners and greenhouse gas emissions through less embodied energy.

In view of the limited funds that low income people have, renting a small dwelling becomes the most affordable and least binding way to access and live in the community.

A recent collaboration between Deakin University, Geelong Sustainability and Geelong and Bellarine Tiny Homes Ltd is seeking to conduct a trial development of an intentional micro village community in Geelong. We think the project aligns well with Geelong's designation as a UNESCO City of Design and with the City's Clever and Creative future vision. The concept could provide affordable long term housing alternatives to those in need.

Planning laws need to change, to allow secondary dwellings to be for anyone not just a dependent family member. Lots of community support will be required to advocate for changes to planning regulations.

Get involved and help us advocate for more affordable housing in our region!





Peter on The Sustainable Hour on the Pulse 947FM



Recent story in the Geelong Advertiser

Come and see Peter's tiny house, which is almost complete and find out more about the micro-village concept. Visitors on SHD can also see a tiny house on a skid made by local manufacturer, Steeline JH Stephenson.

***Discuss Geelong's housing affordability crisis
Connect with Peter & members of Geelong & Bellarine Tiny Homes Ltd***

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- Tiny home owner/builder – Peter Clapinski, GBTH
- Listen to [interview with Peter](#) on The Sustainable Hour - www.facebook.com/TheSustainableHour/videos/346728392735169/
- Cabinetmaker – Ben Lo
- Local steel frame supplier - Gavin Black, [Steeline JH Stephenson](#)

