

## OFFICES

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**Financial Counselling Helpline 1800 007 007**



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## SERVICES OFFERED

### DISABILITY SERVICES

Providing high quality community-based supported accommodation to people with developmental disabilities including acquired brain injuries, intellectual disabilities, high physical support needs and significant challenging behaviours.

### FAMILY SERVICES

Provides targeted family support services, free counselling services, community programs, and short term accommodation. We assist anyone experiencing a crisis or problem in their life.

### FINANCIAL SERVICES

Provides assistance, advocacy and support to all people who may be experiencing financial difficulties. Programs include financial counselling, money management, financial literacy, financial counselling for gambling related issues, a no interest loan scheme (NILS) and a Financial Counselling Helpline.

### YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES KATHERINE

Is a Youth Homelessness Prevention Program providing support and counselling to young people and their families.



### VISION STATEMENT

People are able to gain improvement in their quality of life by achieving the highest attainable standard of social and economic outcomes.

### VALUES

- Recognition of the intrinsic worth of every human being
- Generosity from the heart
- Service to the community
- Justice within our society

### MISSION STATEMENT

To impact positively on the dignity and quality of life of people who are affected by social and economic disadvantage.



*Your LOCAL Community Service*



## MONEY MANAGEMENT WORKERS

Money Management workers assist people to better manage and understand their financial options and to make informed decisions.

Support can be provided through small Money Management groups offering approved courses. Money Management courses comprise three 3-hour sessions. These sessions include information on:

- budgets and savings
- financial planning
- spending patterns
- goal setting
- banking options
- credit information and pitfalls
- rights and responsibilities of borrowers/ lenders.

Support is also available for people who wish to discuss their difficulties on an individual basis.

### Money Management Workers and Financial Counsellors can also assist with:

- **Income Management:** Money Management Workers help people to understand income management and take advantage of the Centre Pay deductions. They can discuss options and provide information on the Basics Card.
- **Matched Savings:** Money Management Workers can explain the process and requirements for accessing the Matched Savings initiative. They can also assist people to register and set goals.



- **Financial Hardship:** Financial Counsellors can assist with negotiation of debts, hardship and bankruptcy.
- **Gambling Related Financial Issues:** Financial Counsellors can provide counselling for current or recovering gamblers and their families.
- **Tax Help:** Somerville's Financial Service's staff run a free 'Tax Help' program to assist low income earners lodge their Tax Returns.

**All services are confidential and are available during normal office hours.**

The number to ring for the Financial Counselling Helpline is:

**1800 007 007**

*Please Note: Calls from mobile phones may incur additional costs.*

**These services are funded by Australian Government support and are provided free to the public.**