



## Be a role model

*“Encourage young people to engage in their own progress”*

**F**or Bronwen Slack, being a Lead Tenant is an exciting, rewarding and mind opening experience – especially for someone who has grown up in an environment where they have not been exposed to the challenges that some may face.

“It can really open your mind up to what the real world is like”, Bronwen, who has been a Lead Tenant for seven months, says. “Growing up in a situation where you haven’t been exposed to adversity, it makes you realize that there are people out there who need your help, and that you can contribute in a meaningful way. I’m really enjoying it so far”.

The Salvation Army Westcare’s Lead Tenant program is a semi-independent living program, where two adults from the community (volunteer ‘Lead Tenants’)

and two young people share a house.

Lead Tenants provide appropriate role-modeling through engagement in education, employment, self-care, communication and positive behaviour. Lead Tenants are there to establish positive and meaningful relationships with the young people, taking opportunities to develop the young person’s social and recreational skills.

The program is designed to encourage young people to engage in their own progress towards being responsible members of the community and ultimately their positive independence.

Being a Lead Tenant allows you to continue with your everyday life while making a positive impact on young people’s lives. Bronwen, who moved to Australia to study from South Africa seven years ago, maintains her active lifestyle by working full-time as a veterinary surgeon, attending dance classes and being in a stable relationship. 

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