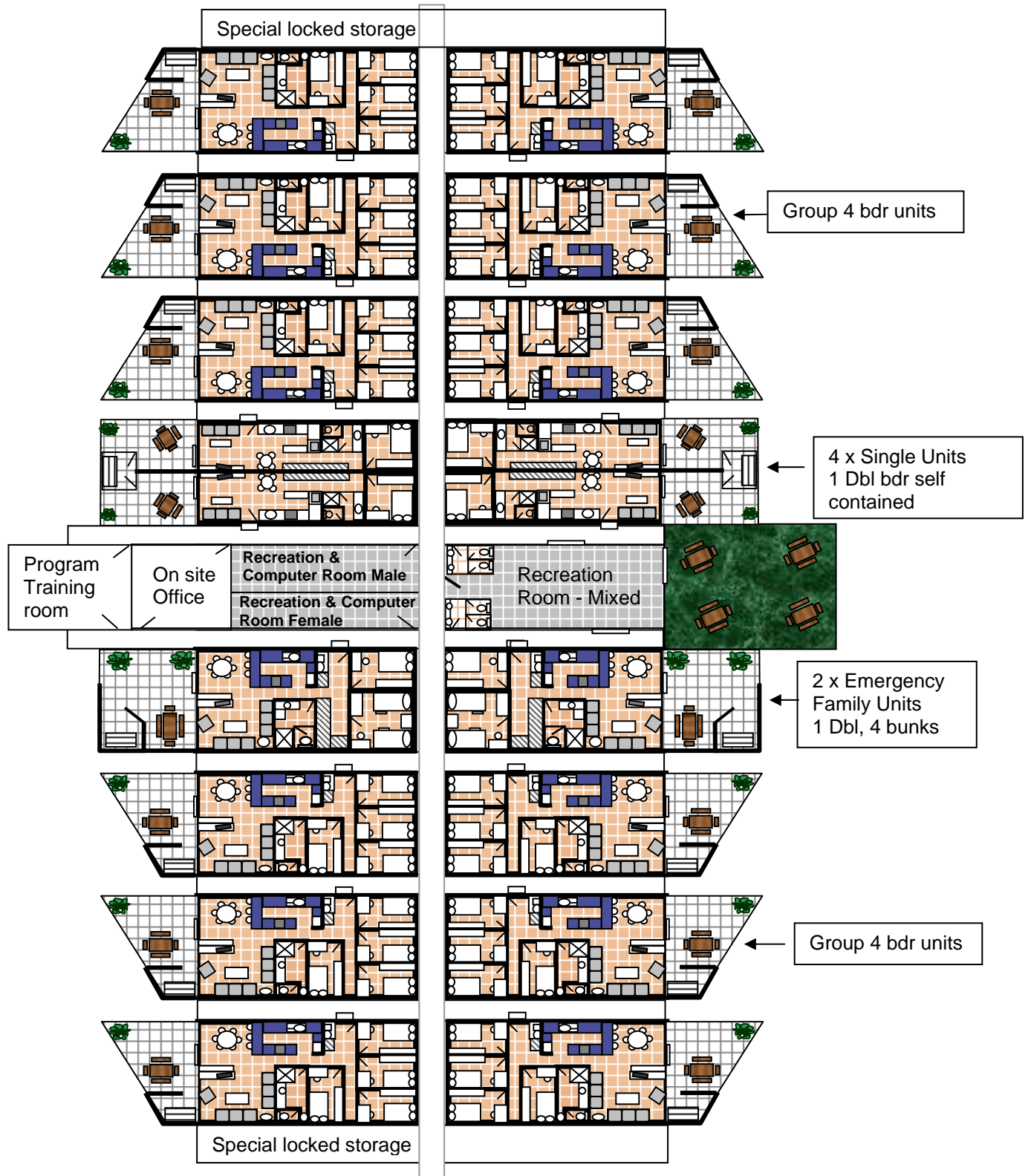


# HOMELESS PROGRAM REHABILITATION ACCOMMODATION BLOCK *(copyright)*

(for 6 mth rehabilitation programs) The Block consists of:

- 12 units of x 4 queen single bedrooms, bathroom, washer, kitchen/fridge, dbl lounge, dining (6), storage, TV and balcony/dry line, outdoor table (some have 1 set of bunks)
- 4 units of x 1 queen single bedroom, bathroom, washer, kitchenette/small fridge, lounge/dining, storage, TV & balcony, share dry line, outdoor table each.
- 2 x Emergency Family 2 bedroom units, 1 x dbl bed, 4 bunks, bathroom, washer, kitchen/ small fridge, lounge, TV, dining, storage, balcony, dry line, outdoor table.
- 1 x Male and 1 x Female recreation and computer facility room
- 1 x Mixed recreation room with library, table tennis, TV and games tables
- 1 x Program Training room for Weekly social/communication/skills training courses.



## **HOMELESS REHABILITATION PROGRAM:**

The Mega Centre will house, provide for and employ homeless people of mixed ages for up to 6 months and rehabilitate them physically, socially, emotionally, mentally and professionally to return to society and the work place in a sustainable manner. There will be particular selection criteria in choosing homeless people who can most likely regenerate, restore and personally sustain viable living conditions into their future.

Various areas of the Department of Communities, Health, Education, Youth and external support groups will manage a wide variety of rehabilitation/support programs and facilities:

Housing 60 homeless people (mostly singles) including up to 2 families groups with children.

- Providing modern, clean and secure accommodation and meals served in the Mega Centre cafe 3 times a day, on-site support and counselling, health and nutrition education in a drug and alcohol free environment.
- This will be funded by various Government Departments, community sponsorship and partly subsidised by the participants Centerlink income.
- They will be assessed for ability to work in the Mega Centre Customer Service, maintenance or appropriate placement – for at least 4 – 5 days a week and ability to interact with the general public.

Rehabilitation Programs (3-6 months)

- Skill assessment, computer and business training and development courses – 2 to 4 x 2hr sessions per week. Sport or activity participation for health and fitness 2 x 1 hr sessions per week. Communications and social interaction programs 2 x 2 hr sessions a week. Held in on-site Training Rooms and Conference/Seminar Centre.
- Link up with Centerlink support, job prospects counselling, networks and training courses.
- Utilize in-house job placement, career and financial consultants. (Target - 80% external job placement)
- Be supported by on-site Rental Accommodation consultants who liaise with the Rental market. (Target – 90% housed independently or returned to family homes)
- Random inspections of living conditions will be maintained weekly.
- Benefits and participation conditions will be managed on a “3 strikes and you’re out” disciplinary basis.
- Rigorous, busy, positive and modern facility with a commitment to positive empowering rehabilitation, training and education.

Liveability – We are 80% urbanized and spend 90% of our time indoors, so the built environment is our ‘natural’ environment. Housing must create liveability, positive, nurturing and safe built environments for people.

Equity – It is our duty to improve the future prospects of homeless people who live alone in the worst conditions. We must address and reduce lonely unsocial conditions and design for brighter inspiring futures.

Conviviality – Humans are social animals; our health is linked to our social networks. Housing homeless people must encourage and support social networks, and not foster social isolation or segregation.

Viability – We are what we eat, drink, breath, think and speak. Developing social interaction and working skills programs along with encouraging sustainable living patterns can rehabilitate and create initiative and individual viability.

Prosperity – Individuals need enough wealth to acquire basic needs for health, housing and wellbeing. Assistance with job placement, computer skills and business and social interaction will build personal esteem and prosperity.

***We ARE going this way anyway...***

***We might as well do it WELL***

***And create outstanding possibilities FROM the future***

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