



## 'HAIRDRESSERS WITH HEARTS'

*One woman's vision to tackle DFV - one haircut at a time*

*By Laura Valenti, Managing Director*

**Through my work on DFV awareness in the property management space, I have met incredible women working to fight Domestic & Family violence.**

One such woman is Sonia Colvin, founder of Hairdressers with Hearts, a DFV awareness training program for hairdressers which began in her salon in Bribie Island just 2 years ago and is now being rolled out nationally. The program trains hairdressers to look for the signs of DFV in their clients, know what questions to ask, and who to refer them to.

Sonia herself has assisted hundreds of clients flee DFV situations and her vision is for every hairdresser and barber in Australia to receive this training.

I was invited to their national training launch in March and saw how one woman's idea (and determination) can inspire an industry to join together and tackle a social problem.

Just like the intimate relationship that hairdressers have with their clients, Property Managers are privy to what happens behind closed doors via property inspections, and we are tasked with assisting tenants break their lease to flee from a DFV situation. My goal is to spread the word amongst my peers so we can do our part to provide safe and secure housing to DFV victims.

*For more information on HwH:  
<https://www.hairdresserswithhearts.com.au/>*



***At the national training launch of Hairdressers with Hearts.***

*With me from left:*



***Simone O'Brien*** - Spokesperson for HwH. Simone almost died from a violent attack by her partner when she tried to break up with him. Her scars are a constant reminder of the attack but she uses her experience to bring awareness of how a controlling partner can suddenly turn violent.

***Sonia Colvin*** - Founder of HwH. Hairdresser turned DFV awareness advocate.

***Faiza El-Higzi OAM*** - Advisory Council Member and women's advocate. Faiza was MC for the event.

***Lisa Curry*** - 3-time olympic champion and spokesperson for HwH. Lisa spoke about the life-long emotional struggle caused by growing up in an abusive household.

# MARCH LEASING REPORT

**Office Vacancy Rate: 0.19%**

## 'Boomerang' Tenants

As the rental market vacancy rate remains at a record low, many tenants are having difficulty securing a property - even those with a good rental history.

This month, three of our past tenants came back to us in search of rentals. They were excellent tenants so we were pleased to be able to place them in properties.

We love that our valued tenants had such a good experience that they choose to come back and rent through us.

## Coast2Bay Update

### - First Tenancies Secured!

In our February Newsletter, we spoke about organisations like Coast2Bay Housing Group that provide housing for people struggling financially from the Covid crisis.

The properties are provided by private landlords (through agents like us), and a Head Lease is signed with Coast2Bay who places disadvantaged tenants into the property and guarantees the rent through government funding.

We are pleased to advise that our first two properties have signed 2-year head leases with Coast2Bay - a 3-bedroom house in Caboolture and a 4-bed 2-bath house in Morayfield.

Let your property manager know if you would like your property to be considered for this program when your current tenants vacate.



## IMPORTANT DATES

### DISBURSEMENTS

Wed 7th Apr  
Wed 14th Apr  
Wed 21st Apr  
Wed 28th Apr

### STATEMENT

Mon 3rd May

## OFFICE HOLIDAYS



### EASTER

Fri 2nd April to  
Mon 5th April

### ANZAC DAY

Mon 26th April

# ARE YOU READY???

**NEW SMOKE ALARM LAWS take effect in just 9 months!**

If your property is not 2022 compliant by January 1st, you will not be permitted to place new tenants in your property or even renew the lease.

**Don't wait for smoke alarm prices to go through the roof - ACT NOW**

<https://www.qfes.qld.gov.au/community-safety/smokealarms/Pages/sold-leased-properties.aspx>