

## Our Spaces Watch Party instructions

Thank you so much for your interest in hosting an Our Spaces Watch Party.

The Our Spaces Watch Party concept has been designed by Regional Development Australia Mid North Coast (RDAMNC) to assist people who live in the Mid North Coast to have productive conversations about housing while being inspired by the stories showcased in the short film.

## How to host a watch party

### Before the event

1. Select a venue and date for your watch party
2. Decide what activities you'd like to include with your event (e.g. dinner, light supper)
3. Determine the ticket cost
4. Decide whether you will be fundraising at the event (or not). If you are fundraising we recommend you donate to LifeLine
5. Register your watch party via this link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YLY333B>
6. Download the Our Spaces template invitation, copy and paste to a new MS Word document or email and send out to your audience <https://rdamnc.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Our-Spaces-watch-party-invitation-3.docx>
7. Make sure your venue can provide you with a screen, sound and internet connection to broadcast the film from YouTube
8. Download the Housing Pledge flier and print copies for your audience <https://rdamnc.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Our-Spaces-A5-Flier-PRESS-scaled.jpg>



## At the event

### 9. Introduce the film:

Lack of affordable housing is a significant problem, not just on the Mid North Coast, but all over the country. There is not just one solution for this problem, but we know this: [Australia has 13 million spare bedrooms](#), and that number is growing each year. In the Mid North Coast alone there is an estimated 81,000 spare bedrooms.

Our Spaces was developed by Regional Development Australia, Mid North Coast (RDAMNC) to answer the question: what resources do we as a region have, right now, to help solve this thorny problem?

The short film was shot by well-known film maker Peter Clarke. It showcases the quiet revolution happening in peoples' homes across the region, as people who have the space and the means open their homes to other people, with sometimes life-changing results.

Our Spaces features the stories of five different Mid North Coast families who share their domestic space in some way with other people. It aims to inspire and empower people to think differently about their living spaces.

Some other regional data includes:

- 81,000 spare bedrooms in the MNC
- 6 of the 10 LGAs under the greatest housing stress in NSW are in the MNC
- MNC (76%) of houses have 3 or more bedrooms
- MNC 27,569 (30.1%) single person households (ABS 2021)
- 21,601 people were renting in 2016: 22,225 in 2021
- The median rent was \$260 in 2016 and \$330 in 2021
- There are currently 12,492 unoccupied private dwellings in the MNC
- The average number of bedrooms per dwelling in the MNC is 3.1: The average number of people per dwelling is 2.3



10. Broadcast the film via this link [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jtU\\_qwXul6s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jtU_qwXul6s)
11. Facilitate a conversation about housing in the Mid North Coast – some ideas for questions follow:
  - a. Who in your community do you think is currently having issues with housing?
  - b. Who else?
  - c. What do you think the major block is?
  - d. What else?
  - e. Are you in a position to share space in your home?
  - f. What could you gain in doing this?
  - g. What would you need to change in your home to have a flatmate?
  - h. What help do you need to do this?
12. Encourage your audience to get a flatmate, host a watch party and share the information with friends.
13. Take some pics and share with the hash tag #ourspaces

THANK YOU SO MUCH

