

#### My Home, My Funding, Our Cooperative

The Enliven Housing Community Cooperative Model

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Enliven Housing Tenant





## **Stuart A. Hurst**

I am a Traumatic Brian Injury & T10 complete Paraplegic and a SURVIVOR



## A Normal Childhood - 1963 to 1979

- > Born in Camden, NSW
- > Large family, Mum, Dad & 5 older brothers.
- > A normal Australian life, school & sport.





## 1980 to 1988, Working Life

- > QANTAS Aircraft Sheetmetal worker
- > International Traveller
- > European Tour Guide





## **1989 to 2017 Family man**

- > Relocated to Auckland, New Zealand
- > Two marriages and three children
- > Owned many houses and had many jobs;
- Air New Zealand, EPMU, LJ Hooker, Luxor Construction, DOR & ManUp Handyman Services





#### 2018 to NOW, Travel & Disability

- > Traveller through South East Asia.
- > Volunteer at Nepalese school.
- > Major Motorcycle Accident in Nepal.
- > Airlifted from Hospital to Hospital





## **23** Months in Hospitals

- > Pokhara (Nepal)
- > Kathmandu (Nepal)
- Bangkok (Thailand)
- > Royal North Shore (Straya)
- > Royal Rehab Hospital (Straya)





## Life as a disabled fella

- > Discharged from Royal Rehab
- > Into a Group Home
- Now a disabled wheelchair user, living by myself, in a wheelchair friendly apartment with a strong Community Cooperative that has allowed me life and freedom.





#### **From This**

> 1963



> 2018







#### And This,







#### To This







# And now with the help of so many!





**Enliven Community** 

#### Home!

#### > THE WAVE, ROCKDALE











#### Living with a spinal cord injury

- > It's not about how one accomplishes things anymore.
- > It's more a test of will, determination & perseverance.
- > Have trust in being yourself & you WILL SURVIVE !
- > So, never give up, my courageous friend!





# All with a, life I deserve, need, and most importantly... I WANT!





#### **ME TODAY!**

### LIVING & LOVING LIFE





