



## WHAT IS A COMMUNITY LAND TRUST?

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A Community Land Trust (CLT) is a **non-profit organisation** that owns and manages land for the benefit of the community. Whilst we might focus on other activities in the future, the **Waterfall Way CLT's priority is providing affordable homes for locals**.



CLTs can also use the land for other community benefits such as gardens, shops, and workspaces. They ensure these assets remain affordable and accessible for future generations.

### How do CLTs work?

- CLTs are run by local people who want to improve their community.
- The CLT takes **the land off the market forever as a form of community stewardship**. This means that the CLT is responsible for looking after the land so that it can be used for community benefit for many generations.
- Residents typically lease **or co-own their homes** in agreement with the CLT through a shared ownership arrangement. The Waterfall Way CLT's focus initially is on co-ownership.
- Homes are kept affordable **by removing the land value from the market** and setting limits on resale prices.
- Housing prices **are linked to local wages**, ensuring that people who live and work in the area can afford to stay.

### Why are CLTs important?

- They provide secure, long-term **affordable housing for local people**.
- They help **prevent rising house prices** from pushing people out of their communities
- They promote **community control and decision making**.
- They **protect important local assets**, like shops, parks and workspaces, for future generations.

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### What do CLTs offer the community?

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### A worldwide movement of community-led housing

**A worldwide movement** CLTs started in the USA and are now used worldwide to create sustainable, affordable housing in both cities and rural areas. They have a strong track record of providing long-term solutions to housing challenges.

**Why are we supporting CLTs?** We believe CLTs can make a real difference, both locally and nationally. By keeping land and housing affordable, CLTs ensure local people on local incomes can continue to live and work in their communities. They provide a fair and transparent way to manage housing and land for the benefit of all. We think it's a model worth getting excited about!

For more information:

[www.housingmatters.org.au/waterfall-way-community-land-trust](http://www.housingmatters.org.au/waterfall-way-community-land-trust)  
[www.australiancltnetwork.org.au](http://www.australiancltnetwork.org.au)

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