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## Welcome gesture for new tenants

Moving in to a new home can be stressful and expensive so a Toowoomba housing provider is hoping to ease that pressure for its new tenants.

Clean Start is the inspiration of the YellowBridge QLD housing team who wanted to make life a little easier for their new tenants.

The program will provide new tenants with a welcome kit containing quality, essential household items such as cleaning products and kitchen equipment.

“Setting up house is stressful at the best of times and it is even harder if you are facing other challenges in your life at the time,” said Darce Foley, General Manager of Housing Services at YellowBridge QLD.

“We are really pleased when we can provide someone with a safe place to live and Clean Start is like the useful house-warming gift,” he said.

“We hope this simple gesture helps them settle in to their new place and have a successful tenancy.”

The program received a welcome boost with a \$10,000 community grant from Arrow Energy through its Brighter Futures Program.

Brighter Futures supports local organisations that are dedicated to developing stronger Queensland communities.

“Brighter Futures funding provides grants to local community groups to help improve the social wellbeing of the communities in which Arrow operates,” Arrow Energy Community Relations Manager Peta Tucker said.

“This partnership with YellowBridge QLD is an important step in giving tenants practical support that can lead to long term sustainable housing outcomes.

“Stable and affordable housing is extremely important for families to be able to get ahead – these welcome kits will give tenants much needed help to establish and maintain their housing arrangements.”

YellowBridge QLD and Arrow Energy celebrated the official launch of Clean Start today.

“We are so pleased to see our idea become a reality thanks to the generous grant from Arrow Energy,” Mr Foley said.

“We know that our Clean Start initiative will mean one less expense and stress for our new tenants and that is a really good thing,”

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YellowBridge QLD is a local, not-for-profit organisation that provides housing, disability support, youth services and home assistance for seniors.

It manages 140 community housing properties across the Toowoomba region and delivers programs to help gain and sustain long term accommodation for people in need.

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