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Newcastle City Council helps I Am Here create a 'Sense of Place'

Thanks to a generous 'Make your Place' community grant from Newcastle City Council, I Am Here Respite House in Elmore Vale has been able to create a fitting entranceway to their unique home.

General Manager, Ingrid Airlie, is delighted with Council's support and the impact of the new signage.

Set down a leafy laneway in a quiet residential street, I Am Here respite house is indistinguishable from the surrounding homes in its typical suburban setting. However, anonymity does present a small problem.

"Our house is a very special place," Ingrid says. "Part of what makes it so special is its location. We're always mindful that we need to maintain a discreet presence out of respect for our neighbours. However, the house is set well back off the street and can be difficult to find for emergency services as well as guests and visitors who've not been here before."

The solution came in the form of signage and landscaping at the entrance to the house. Funded by the Council's grant, the project fulfils the key goals of clearly identifying the property while presenting a welcoming presence and enhancing the surrounding streetscape.

"We're thrilled with the result," said Ingrid. "Not only does it mark our location in a most appropriate way, but it's helped to reinforce that special sense of place for our guests."

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