

Suzie Fletcher

Tidy Canberra Gardens, Hall ACT

GOVERNMENT SAVINGS ESTIMATE*

\$22,143

Per annum

\$259,170

Lifetime savings
(NVP)



**Woman on PPS
or JobSeeker**



**Economic participation
/job pathway**

Making business possible
/self-employment



Job creation

Start generating
an income via
micro business



**Job & income
sustained**

Sustain income



**Welfare & other dependence
reduced/eliminated**

Increase income and improve
financial independence

ECONOMIC SECURITYTIMELINE

Situational circumstance

Suzie's partner of eighteen years was diagnosed with a terminal illness when their daughter was just one, and after caring for her partner for five years, Suzie found herself over forty, a single parent with a young child and facing the challenge of starting over.

Barriers to mainstream employment

Despite extensive horticulture training and experience and significant job search efforts, Suzie was unable to secure a job in the male dominated profession. The subsequent 13 years of contract gardening work resulted in long periods of unemployment, little to no superannuation and a lack of income security. Now in her 50's Suzie faced the prospect of potential homelessness.

Support accessed through Global Sisters

- Providing business guidance through the Sister School program and involvement in Industry Circles, a group coaching program
- Participation in facilitated sales opportunities in the local area
- Attendance at business education & business planning events
- Connection into a supportive, women-led business community.

Key milestones achieved

Since launching her business in 2018, Suzie's business now generates a regular profit servicing domestic gardens in the North Canberra region.

Current circumstance

Suzie now has a regular income and has achieved her goal of home ownership, having purchased and furnished a 1-bedroom apartment which she now has fully paid off at age 58.



One of my biggest worries that haunted me as I turned half a century was that I didn't own a home and never had. The thought of being 60 and homeless haunted me. My main goal was to ensure this would never happen, this is where Global Sisters came to help. Mentoring me and supporting me through my journey to commence a business of my passion and guide me through. I can now say I'm 2 years ahead of that, and now I own my own 1 bedroom unit outright. One of my lowest points in my life was when I joined GS, I have a lot to be thankful for, your support and encouragement. I attribute me not being homeless to you and your mentors.