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Interviewees :	Samantha Turnbull, ABC Reporter [excerpt]		
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Interviewees :	Tony Davies, CEO, Northern Rivers Social Development Council [excerpt]		
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Report by Samantha Turnbull, ABC Reporter. Compere says some are recovering drug addicts and many of them are in the Byron Shire in Northern New South Wales. Compere says for many addicts with fewer resources, life after rehab can be difficult with no home to go back to. Sharon Sweeney was a drug addict for 40 years until she found her way to The Buttery in Bangalow, Northern NSW. Turnbull says Sweeney spent six months in a halfway house and eight months at the rehabilitation centre. Turnbull says because Sweeney has no family and friends in the state, she was left homeless. Sweeney talks about her life after graduating from The Buttery. Trent Rees, Residential Programs Manager, The Buttery, says they have two halfway houses for program graduates where they can stay for an average of three months. Rees says finding permanent accommodation for people beyond halfway houses is one of the biggest challenges for all rehabilitation service providers. Tony Davies, CEO, Northern Rivers Social Development Council, says his service has worked with almost 3,000 people last year who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Davies says the primary problem for all of them was a lack of housing stock. Turnbull says according to Sweeney, she was saved by the shift project of Byron Bay. Turnbull says Sweeney started working in a converted shipping container known as the Coffee Box where women who are disadvantaged are trained in retail and barista skills.