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From our Leadership Team

In the lead-up to the 2024 State Election, we are calling on all aspiring Queensland Government decision-makers to maintain the current momentum and consider additional measures to strengthen housing delivery.

Throughout the year, Q Shelter has been actively engaging with the sector. This engagement has taken various forms, from direct meetings, forums, and roundtables, standing engagements like regional representative and CEO and Leaders forums, to online events and exchanges. We have also recently

established new policy and reference committees on key subject areas such as tenant engagement, community housing, and homelessness.

These collaborative efforts have culminated in developing our [State Election Platform](#), a crucial document that outlines our key priorities for housing and homelessness ahead of the election.

1. We will officially launch the platform this coming weekend, on the eve of Homelessness Week. Our sector will be squarely focused on preventing and ending homelessness, which is also one of the key planks of our election platform.
2. In addition to engaging directly with policymakers and candidates in the lead-up to the election, we are excited to launch our 'Momentum Series' of online events. We are kicking off our first event on 6 August with a stand-out panel to examine the 'Now Proposition' – exploring the growth and availability of housing supply. We have another event focused on [supercharging community housing growth](#), one on [preventing and ending homelessness](#), and a [candidates' forum in September](#) similar to the pre-local council election forums we hosted in March.
3. We also want to assist the wider sector in its local advocacy efforts, and are about to finalise our Advocacy Kit. This toolkit is intended to support your organisation's work to influence positive outcomes and work regionally and collaboratively to engage with key people who can help make the changes you seek. Once completed, we will send you a copy of the advocacy kit.

We are excited to hear about your impact along the way. Please let us know if we can help you in your future efforts locally or if you would like more information on the state-wide approach in the lead-up to 26 October.

Warm regards,



Jackson Hills
Manager Policy & Strategic Engagement

Homelessness Week 5-11 August



Q Shelter are embracing this year's Homelessness Week theme by taking action providing support to a number of events and initiatives, and by offering a sector discount for some of our most in-demand training.

Sector Discounts on Training

In response to overwhelming demand, and to support the sector, we are offering our [Trauma-Informed Care training](#) at a discounted rate for the month of August. It's now **\$90 FOR EVERYBODY**, using the discount code: **care**.

Lady Musgrave Trust Annual Forum

Q Shelter's CEO, Fiona Caniglia, joins a host of other leaders speaking at this year's Annual Forum on Women and Homelessness: *A Port in the Perfect Storm: How the housing crisis can lead to real housing solutions.*



The Lady Musgrave Trust 16th Annual Forum
on Women and Homelessness



A PORT IN THE PERFECT STORM

How the housing crisis can lead to real housing solutions

🕒 Wednesday, 7 August, 9am–1.30pm 📍 Gardens Theatre, QUT Gardens Point Campus

RESERVE YOUR ONLINE TICKETS

The Now Proposition

On Tuesday, Q Shelter will host [the free webinar, The Now Proposition](#), exploring what can be done immediately or soon to increase the growth and availability of housing supply. The panel features industry experts from AHURI, Urbis, the Building 4.0 Cooperative Research Centre, and Economic Development Queensland. [Reserve your place now.](#)

Brisbane Zero Homelessness Week Forum

A collaboration of ten sector organisations including Q Shelter, this all-day forum on Thursday 8 August will feature 21 break-out sessions, panels, workshops and one-time access to training for specialist homelessness services. [Find out more on the registration page.](#)

BRISBANE ZERO + SEQ Friends
HOMELESSNESS WEEK FORUM 2024



Unlocking systems
to end homelessness
**BRISBANE
ZERO**

Community Housing Futures

Property Development Masterclass for CHPs in Queensland

Last week the [Property Council Academy](#) delivered a customised Property Development course to assist Community Housing Providers (CHPs) to grow their portfolios, supporting the vision that every Queenslanders has a home. The in-house program was designed by the Property Council Academy in partnership

with Community Housing Futures and the three peak bodies, [Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Queensland](#), [CHIA Queensland](#) and [Q Shelter](#).



CHPs learnt how to manage a development from start to finish and gain the necessary skills to address the unique challenges and opportunities in community housing projects, including applying for future funding rounds and increase housing stock. Thank you to [our course experts](#) and attendees.

Workforce Connect

HomeNow

The [HomeNow campaign](#) promoting career pathways in Queensland's housing and homelessness sector continues, and we have been encouraged by the great feedback we've received when attending career expos, universities, TAFEs and sector engagement events.

Promote your organisation to job seekers

A new aspect of the campaign is the [Opportunities page on the HomeNow website](#). This page is designed to promote your organisation as a potential place of employment to job seekers, volunteers and students.

We are eager to feature as many organisations as possible to showcase the depth and diversity of organisations across the sector, so we encourage you to participate. It's free and easy to be listed on the page – [view the registration form for more information](#).

The monthly HomeNow email newsletters will now also include a 'featured job' from the sector in each edition. If you have a vacant role you would like to promote, please contact us: workforce-connect@gshelter.asn.au

Share HomeNow social media content

HomeNow is a campaign built for the sector, so we invite and encourage you and your organisation to get involved and help us to attract more people to our sector workforce. There are a few ways you can get involved:

- Follow the HomeNow social media accounts: [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Instagram](#), [TikTok](#), [YouTube](#) and make sure your organisation's social media accounts are also following the HomeNow accounts
- Like, comment and share the social media posts and content you see from HomeNow
- Make use of any of the [video assets](#) for your own recruitment and promotional purposes.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the Workforce Connect team: workforce-connect@gshelter.asn.au.



WellNow Workforce Wellbeing Framework

It has been a few weeks since we launched the new [WellNow website](#), the home of the sector Wellbeing Framework. A big thank you to those who have accessed the website and the resources so far. We are continuing to improve the site to make it easier to use and navigate, and we appreciate your patience as we adjust and improve. Please keep in mind the resource library on the website will continue to grow and evolve, so we encourage you to visit the site regularly for updated content.

A key component of the Wellbeing Framework project is ongoing sector collaboration and consultation. In the coming months we will be running online and in-person sessions for organisations and the broader sector, providing information on how to use the framework and resources. We'll also be reaching out to users of

the WellNow website for feedback on the resource collection, including whether the content is assisting your organisation in enhancing wellbeing in your workplace.

We invite you contact the team at any time if you are interested in getting to know the resources and how to use them, or to provide feedback, via email: workforce-connect@qshelter.asn.au.

A challenge to Live Like Her



This year some of the [Q Shelter team are taking on the Live Like Her Challenge](#) on Thursday 5 September.

The Live Like Her Challenge raises money to provide more housing for homeless women over 55 through [The Forgotten Women](#) project. By challenging people to spend one night sleeping in their car, the challenge raises money and awareness of the 40,000 women over 55 in Queensland facing homelessness.

We encourage you to join us, sponsor us, or get involved to support this year's Live Like Her Challenge.

[The Forgotten Women: Live Like Her Challenge 2024](#)

Australian Homelessness Conference 2024



Adelaide Convention Centre
13 - 14 August 2024

Conference Convenor



Host Government Partner



Government of
South Australia

Registration for this year's Homelessness Conference in Adelaide has been extended to Monday 5 August.

The [program is also now available on the conference website](#), and includes Q Shelter's own Dr Fiona Oates, Fiona Caniglia, and others from the sector in Queensland.

Australian Zero Homelessness Summit

The biennial [Australian Zero Homelessness Summit](#), co-hosted by the Australian Alliance to End Homelessness (AAEH) and the Western Australian Alliance to End Homelessness (WAAEH), will be held on Wednesday 16 October 2024. At the Summit you'll hear directly from communities around the world that have ended homelessness or are making significant progress towards this goal.

Expressions of interest for those needing financial assistance to attend closes on 16 September. They are also offering support for a limited number of people with lived experience of homelessness to attend the Summit. This includes transport, travel and accommodation fees. Expressions of interest close on 16 September. Find out more about applications under the 'Equitable access' heading on the registration page below.

[Australian Zero Homelessness Summit 2024 - Humanitix](#)

Q SHELTER Events

Engage | Learn | Celebrate

Top Training & Events

See the [full calendar of up-coming events, training and workshops on the Q Shetler website](#).



Now Proposition: Exploring growth and availability of housing supply

Online 6 August 10am

Our August Learning Exchange will feature a panel of four experts discussing what can be done to increase growth and availability of housing supply.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Feeling the Pulse

Online 20 August 2pm

Community Housing Futures regular Feeling the Pulse online discussion and learning exchange, specially designed for community housing providers who are working on growth projects.

[**REGISTER NOW**](#)



Motivational Interviewing training

28 August, 1pm - 3pm

Practical skills for frontline workers and managers to successfully navigate challenging conversations.

[**REGISTER NOW**](#)

Positive Psychology for Resilience in the Workplace

Online 12 September 10am

Explore strategies for enhancing wellbeing and boosting workplace resilience with motivational interview and positive psychology principles.

[REGISTER NOW](#)



Responding to Vicarious Trauma - online training

10 September, 2pm - 5pm

Our popular introduction to vicarious trauma training, delivered online. Recognise the signs of vicarious trauma and protect our workforce from the serious impacts.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

PIA State Conference 2024

K'gari 4-6 September

Planning Institute of Australia's State Conference is the premier event for the planning profession in Queensland. The 2024 Conference will take place on K'gari (formerly Fraser Island) and registrations close 9 August.

[REGISTER NOW](#)



HOMELESSNESS IS A HOUSING PROBLEM.

An industry event
for real change.

 **SHELTER**
Because home matters

 **HAA**
Housing All Australians

Brisbane, Thursday 5 September, 7:30-9:30am

In partnership with Housing All Australians, the business-led movement helping Australia's homelessness crisis, Q Shelter invites Members and supporters to the

first [HAA National Tour Breakfast event](#), bringing together industry leaders to discuss solutions and drive change.

Latest research on The Deck

Have you seen the latest sector research on The Deck this week?

From the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, [an exploratory analysis of available data on Specialist homelessness services clients experiencing family and domestic violence](#).

[Subscribe now](#), and you too could be joining us each Friday on The Deck to catch up on the latest academic research.



Job opportunities in the sector

WE ARE HIRING!

JOIN OUR TEAM



Service
Integration

Full-time

**SERVICE
INTEGRATION
FACILITATOR
ROCKHAMPTON**

- ✓ Provide local assistance to strengthen existing and emerging Service Integration groups to provide person-centred and place-based care planning for people with complex needs
- ✓ Support sector partners to facilitate care plans and improved service system responses
- ✓ A senior officer with a proven track record in engagement and community development

APPLY NOW

Full details on our site

[Service Integration Facilitator, Rockhampton - Q Shelter](#)

[Financial Counsellor, Brisbane - Tenants Queensland](#)

[Neighbourhood Centres Coordinator, Moreton Bay - Encircle Community Services](#)
(and several other vacancies)

[Housing Senior Policy Officer, Brisbane - Queenslanders with Disability Network](#)

[Women and Family Advocate - Housing, Scenic Rim - yourtown](#)

[Youth Domestic and Family Violence Response Worker, Brisbane - Zig Zag Young Women's Resource Centre](#)
(and several other vacancies)



Service Integration

Regional Care Coordination

You can now find all the latest information, contact details and data on the regional care coordination activities and networks on The Deck.

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Closing quote

“More children in Australia are experiencing poverty and homelessness. We need a co-ordinated national approach to address the underlying causes of harms to children, and we need a much greater sense of urgency.”

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