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August Home Matters

A message from our Executive Director

Go for Gold: Brisbane 2032 Legacy

Q Shelter has launched <u>a report developed in partnership with Urbis</u>, on legacy from the Brisbane 2032 Games.

There is so much work to do if we are to prevent significant negative impacts leading up to the Games caused by factors such as regional infrastructure projects and surge workforces. We developed a suite of recommendations across themes of housing, homelessness and economic inclusion. I encourage you to read the report and to make it an active discussion with your teams and your boards. We hope it provides ideas for your own advocacy for the best-ever Games legacy for inclusion.

Q Shelter has written to The Hon Stirling Hinchliffe who is chairing the Legacy Committee, to propose a Housing and Homelessness Expert Panel providing support to the Legacy Committee. We will keep you informed of our progress.

Advocacy to address issues in the Auditor-General's Report on Social Housing

Q Shelter has written to the Minister for Communities, Housing and the Digital Economy,
and the Treasurer in the wake of the <u>Auditor-General's report into the delivery of social</u>

housing. The report highlighted issues both with supply and with service delivery. Q
Shelter highlighted:

- A greater role for community housing providers through an enabling policy framework
- · A focus on strategic land banking
- An identified lead agency on whole-of-housing system reforms
- The need for an additional \$20million in support funding to help people exit homelessness and sustain their tenancies.

Q Shelter Canberra Visit in Homelessness Week

Jackson Hills, Manager of Policy and Strategic Engagement, has just completed a series of meetings in Canberra with National Shelter colleagues. Among other discussion points, Jackson briefed key members of Parliament on the recommendations included in the Go for Gold report. As part of the National Shelter Council we are also continuing to provide input and advice on federal housing policy and investment.

Regional engagement

We have had a significant week of engagement with more ahead. Thanks to the Townsville and districts Housing and Homelessness Network for allowing me to attend. It is great to see such focussed actions emerging from your strategic planning efforts. Jackson Hills also worked closely with Matt Kenny from South Burnett CTC on a regional forum on housing. Unfortunately, floods in the region forced the postponement of the forum until September.

Countdown to Q Shelter Regional Representatives Gathering

The Q Shelter Regional Representatives Network continues to grow with the addition of South Burnett. The whole event will take place this year in Parliament House with focussed sessions on regional action plans and planning for future learning events across the State. The event is always combined with meetings with the Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy to present issues and discuss solutions.

Yours sincerely,

Fiona Caniglia



Go for Gold: Legacy for Brisbane 2032 Olympic and **Paralympic Games**

Last week we released a new 46-recommendation report detailing an economic and social legacy framework for the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games, focussed on leaving behind a world best in social inclusion legacy.

We urgently need to ensure that early planning for legacy is focussed on the toughest, yet most important issues - to ensure Queenslanders have a home and ensure that residents are not displaced. Read our full media release here.



Indexation for funded housing and homelessness services

On 13 July 2022 we wrote to The Hon Cameron Dick, Treasurer and Minister for Trade and Investment, to raise concerns about indexation levels for the housing and homelessness sector. **Read the full letter here.** Below is an excerpt.

"The longer-term impact of indexation rates below the true rising costs of service delivery paints a grim picture for the future of community services. If this trend continues, the sector will continue to reduce support services, and targets for the growth of social and affordable housing will need to be adjusted."

Homelessness Week 2022

This year's theme is *To end homelessness we need a plan*. We are incredibly encouraged by the forward-thinking actions of so many in this space. A few highlights of the week so far have included:

- Attending Homelessness Australia's launch event on Monday 1 August. Q Shelter's
 Liz Kemp reported a common thread amongst the panellists: the need to imbed a
 Housing First approach into the Federal Government's National Housing Plan. Most
 panellists also recommended that the Federal Government deliver social housing,
 not just state governments. Service Integration was seen as another key area to
 implement into the plan to reduce homelessness, with a no wrong door approach.
- Our joint Learning Exchange with Queensland Alliance for Mental Health on 2
 August. Over 50 participants joined and committed to providing more opportunities for different services to collaborate.
- The launch of <u>Common Ground Gold Coast</u> on Wednesday 3 August. The Common Ground model is underpinned by supportive housing principles--bringing housing, support services and the community together.
- Homeless Connect Gold Coast. Congratulations to the entire team at the Gold Coast Homelessness Network and all the volunteers who made the event possible, along with support from council, the Gold Coast community fund, GC Suns and local support services.
- Q Shelter's Daniel Taber-Kennedy giving us a preview of the presentation he will make at next week's <u>National Homelessness Conference</u>.



Q Shelter's Jackson Hills with the <u>Set Free Care</u> team at Gold Coast Homeless Connect. For more photos and stories, make sure you are following us on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>LinkedIn</u>, and <u>Twitter</u>.

Sharing the Couch

NT Shelter have been publishing a fantastic interview series, <u>Sharing the Couch</u>, with thought leaders in the affordable housing and homelessness sectors. Interviewees include:

- Michael Fotheringham, Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute
- · Adrian Pisarski, former CEO of National Shelter
- Brent Warren, Territory Families, Housing, and Communities
- Wendy Morton, NT Registrar for Community Housing
- · Kate Colvin, Everybody's Home

<u>Subscribe to their YouTube channel</u> to make sure you are notified when the next interview is released.



Training & Events





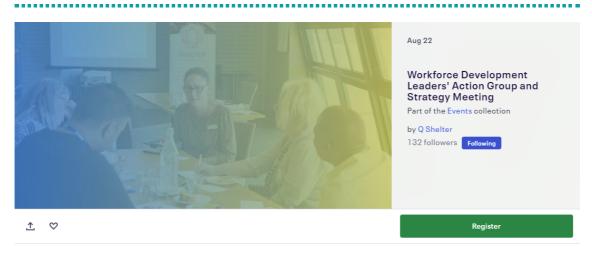
We have a huge program of training opportunities and other events coming up soon. <u>Visit</u> <u>our events page to see them all.</u> Below are just a few!



Brisbane 2032 Legacy Learning Series - Saul Eslake. 17 August 2022. Online.

In partnership with CHIA Queensland and National Shelter, this session, the first in our series, will explore the elements of a healthy housing system and identify why the solutions to the current housing crisis need more than just social housing.

The conversation with leading economist <u>Saul Eslake</u> will demonstrate how the lead up to Brisbane 2032 is both an opportunity and a threat to housing affordability.



Workforce Development Leaders' Action Group and Strategy Meeting. 22 August 2022. Online.



QLD Housing and Homelessness Sector Peaks Partnership Networking Event. 23

August 2022. Parliament House.



Q Shelter CEO and Senior Leaders 'Day of Dialogue' Planning Workshop. 30 August 2022. Online.

This is an online workshop to discuss building a structure for the 'Day of Dialogue' with thought leaders and decision makers across all levels of government, the private sector and community.

At this workshop, we will discuss the key ideas we need to advance with these groups, the issues and importantly the possible solutions. We will then confirm who will participate in the delegations, which are likely to occur in October 2022. **Learn more about the workshop.**

REIQ flood appeal

We are thrilled to see the REIQ deliver \$70,000 worth of flood support to Queenslanders, including a \$15,000 donation to Q Shelter which will be distributed to organisations who provide direct rental assistance for domestic and family violence victims who have been affected by the floods. A huge thank you to all who donated so generously.

Learn more about the impact of the appeal.

Job opportunities

<u>Lifestyle Support Worker.</u> Communify. Brisbane.

Intake & Assessment Worker. Kyabra. Brisbane.

Family Support and Advocacy Worker. Micah Projects. Caboolture.

Team Leader Homelessness Hub. Red Cross. Townsville.

Housing Specialist. YFS. Logan.

Housing Manager. BHC Creating Liveable Communities. Brisbane.

<u>Women and Family Advocate - Domestic and Family Violence Transitional Housing.</u> Yourtown. Brisbane.

Tenant Advocate. QSTARS. Ipswich.

Youth Services Case Manager. ATSICHS. Brisbane.

Family Support Worker. Yulu-Burri-Ba ACCH. Brisbane.

Case Manager- Housing and Homelessness Programs. inCommunity. Ipswich.

Service Integration

Townsville

In response to requests from frontline workers in the housing and homelessness sector in Townsville, Q Shelter provided de-escalation training last month. Both sessions were sold out and we received outstanding feedback from attendees who found the training both engaging and practical. We hope to bring the training back to give others a chance to develop their skills in this area.

If you are interested in attending future sessions, please register your interest here.

Emily Mussap, Regional Care Coordination Facilitator

Sunshine Coast & Gympie

The Sunshine Coast Housing and Homelessness Network (SCHHN) will be acknowledging this year's Homelessness Weeks theme *To end homelessness we need a plan* by coming together to further progress our Regional Strategic Plan. Work on the SCHHN strategic plan commenced in May 2022 where the sector identified the following key action areas:

- 1. Increasing supply and diversity of housing product in the region
- 2. Greater input from the sector into planning schemes
- 3. Highlighting community best practice and innovation in housing solutions
- 4. Advocating for the continuation of the NRAS program, or an alternative rental subsidy program, to prevent exits to homelessness
- 5. Preventing homelessness for those exiting the justice system and hospitals
- 6. Better coordination across services to manage housing client referrals and transition.

Our next meeting will establish working groups to progress each of these actions. If you are interested in attending the SCHHN, please email sunshinehousingnetwork@gmail.com.

Lastly, we are excited to be bring "Working with people affected by hoarding and squalor" training to the region in October. Registrations will open soon!

Tracey McNee, Regional Care Coordination Facilitator

Redlands

Macleay Island Community Event- Wednesday 20th July

A big thank you to all the community services and the community members that joined us for an amazing community event. The day was lovely with a sausage sizzle, 6 lucky raffle winners, a chance for a meet and greet with community services from vast sectors and the chance to be back together in large group settings.

Thank you to Micah who were able to assist 13 residents with Flu and Covid vaccinations.

It was great to see the amazing support from the Lions Club who assisted with the BBQ even in the pouring rain.

A great day and look forward in making this a regular event.

Russell Island Community Event- Wednesday 2nd August

A big thank you to all the community services and the community members that joined us for an amazing community event. The day was very lovely with a sausage sizzle, 6 lucky raffle winners, a chance for a meet and greet with community services from vast sectors and the chance to be back together in large group settings.

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Redlands Care Coordination meetings- Change of times

The Redlands Care Coordination meetings will run every second Tuesday 10am to 11.30am. Next meeting is **16th August 2022**. Meetings will determine whether they are online or face to face at the Bayside Housing Centre- shop 3/8-12 Dollery Rd, Capalaba. Look out for calendar invite from Bree.

Please contact Bree Tukavkin on 0411 738 159 or <u>Bree.tukavkin@qshelter.asn.au</u> for further details.

Bayside Housing and Homelessness Network

Bayside Housing & Homelessness Network will be Thursday 11th of August 10-12pm at Birkdale School of Arts Hall- 101 Birkdale Rd, Birkdale QLD 4159. Please contact Breanne Tukavkin the Network Facilitator- bree.tukavkin@qshelter.asn.au or 0411738159 for more details.

Bree Tukavkin, Regional Care Coordination Facilitator

Logan

Care Coordination Group (CCG) meetings are continuing to flourish with effective outcomes for clients referred to CCG and outstanding service collaboration. Meetings are run every second Tuesday 11.00am – 1.00pm with the next meeting scheduled for 9 August 2022 at Access Community Services.

For more information about Logan CCG, please contact me at rebecca.hinton@qshelter.asn.au

Rebecca Hinton, Regional Care Coordination Facilitator

Sector news

<u>Daggy Jumper Day helping young people with nowhere to go</u>. Brisbane Youth Service.

<u>Jacob is looking for his next home, but worries he'll have to compromise more than</u> <u>most.</u> WA today.

Why the Gold Coast must avoid another Smith Collective. The Gold Coast Bulletin.

<u>Unfinished Brisbane quarantine hub no 'quick fix' for domestic violence crisis housing, critics say.</u> The Guardian.

Redefining overcrowding in homelessness. Pro Bono News.

"Engaging training that made you think and brainstorm real-life situations".

Workshop attendee, De-escalation training, Townsville, July 2022













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