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February Home Matters

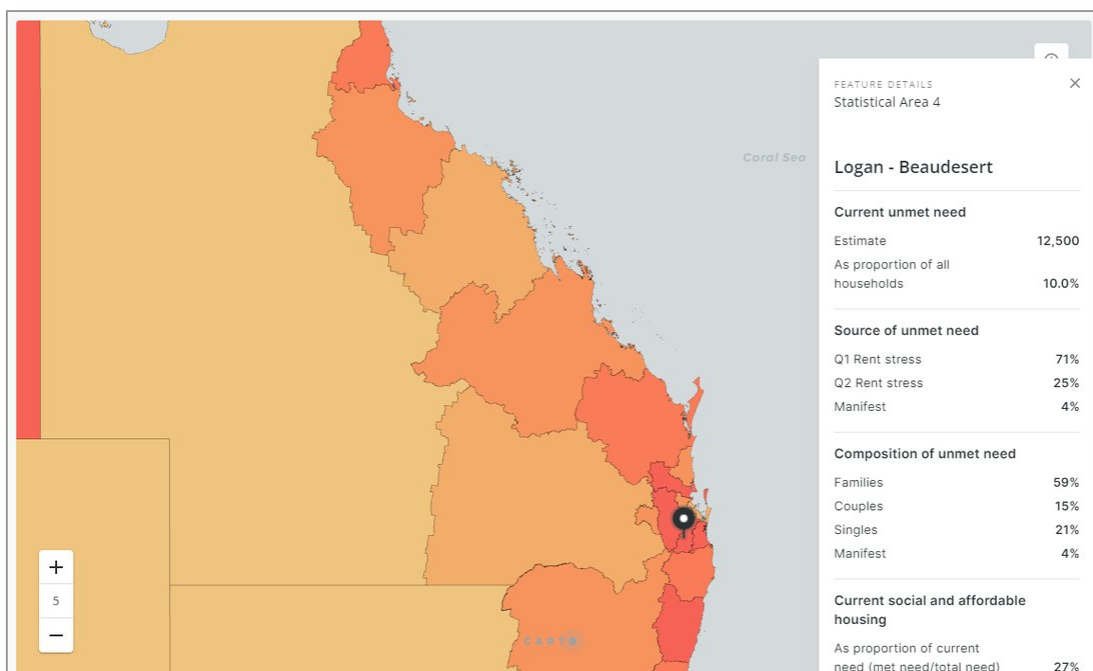
With housing affordability and homelessness continuing to hit Queensland residents hard, Q Shelter is continuing to speak out with our partners to media and government to find solutions.

[Read our joint media statement with Wendy Hayhurst, CEO of Community Housing Industry Association, about the staggering housing stress figures](#) highlighted in [a recent report by CHIA and UNSW](#): 7.5% of households in Brisbane and 8.1% in regional Queensland are not appropriately housed.

Thanks to this work, we can all now access the [City Futures Research Centre Interactive Dashboard](#) – a vital resource for supporting advocacy work.



Housing Need Dashboard
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The interactive Housing Need Dashboard showing data for the Logan - Beaudesert area.

Loss of the supplementation payment

Just as important to our sector is the worrying news that [the Commonwealth Government is planning to remove the Social and Community Services Employment Remuneration Order supplementation payment from the National Housing and Homelessness Agreement with states and territories](#). The cut represents \$68 million over five years in Queensland, with estimates stating it is the equivalent of losing over 80 front-line workers, mainly in the specialist homelessness services.

Q Shelter will continue to seek urgent action from all levels of government to address these and other factors contributing to housing pressures, and we ask you to join your voice with ours. Please contact us to share your thoughts, ideas and concerns, and contact your Commonwealth, State and local government officials as well to keep the momentum going.

Review of the National Disability Insurance Scheme

The Federal Minister for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), Bill Shorten MP, announced a review of the NDIS on 18 October 2022. The [full Terms of Reference are available on the NDIS Review website](#).

The Minister has appointed an Independent Review Panel, to be co-chaired by Professor Bruce Bonyhady AM and Ms Lisa Paul AO PSM. The panel members are Mr Kevin Cocks AM, Ms Judy Brewer AO, Dr Stephen King, Mr Dougie Herd and Ms Kirsten Deane OAM. They are conducting an independent review process of the NDIS throughout the course of 2023 calendar year.

You can provide your personal or organisational-level [feedback at the Review website](#).

Q Shelter is preparing a submission on behalf of the housing and homelessness sector, and we welcome your contributions. Please contact our Policy Manager, Jackson Hills, to organise a time to chat in person, online, or provide your feedback directly by email to Jackson.Hills@qshelter.asn.au.

The Panel will deliver its final report to Disability Reform Ministers by October 2023.

For more information head to ndisreview.gov.au.

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Q Shelter Policy & Investment Framework

On Tuesday 24 January, Q Shelter hosted a session with members and key stakeholders to shape our policy investment and program proposals to government.

We circulated the draft policy framework to those who attended to seek feedback into the next iteration of this document. This is an iterative process. We believe this produces well-thought-through and constructive ideas to shape policy and deliver better outcomes.

There are three areas of our underpinning framework:

- Healthy housing system measures
- Prevention through intensive early life assistance
- Poverty reduction framework

We aim to finalise this document next week and will add it to [our Policy statements online](#). We will continue to adjust and adapt it throughout the year, so please email us any additional ideas or refinements.

To discuss the framework, please [contact Jackson Hills](#), Manager of Policy and Strategic Engagement.

Farewell to a Q Shelter colleague

We said a fond farewell to Michael Boylson last week, who has been both the Chief Operations Officer and Manager of Strategic Projects over the last three years at Q Shelter. Michael is returning to work in the electric car industry. In his time at Q Shelter he made a significant difference to the internal health of our operations bringing many improvements that will make a difference for years to come.

Our Executive Director, Fiona Caniglia, expressed her sincere thanks to



Michael for being such a wonderful colleague and for helping in so many different ways. His Q Shelter colleagues and members of our Management Committee got together last week to thank Michael for his contribution and support.



Training and events



February Learning Exchange

Tuesday 7 February 2023, 4:00pm - 5:00pm. Free and online.

Q Shelter's monthly Learning Exchanges are for everyone connected to the delivery of housing, homelessness and support services. It's a regular space to raise challenges, exchange ideas and learn together.

February's Learning Exchange starts our year of Workforce Wellbeing. Guest speakers **Linda Sheahan from Beyond Blue** and **Tere Vaka from Penny Gordon and Associates**. We will discuss the importance of maintaining wellbeing within our workforce, and why this is especially important for those working in caring industries.

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Feeling the Pulse on Housing Investment and Growth

Wednesday 15 February 2023, 2:00pm-2:45pm. Free and online.

This is a regular monthly session for community housing providers who are working on growth projects. It is an opportunity to exchange learning, identify challenges and barriers, and to work on finding solutions together.

We run these sessions on the third Wednesday of the month, excluding school holidays.

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Asset Managers' Network Meetings 2023

Thursday 16 March 2023, 10:30am-12:00pm. Free and online.

The dates are booked in for this year's Asset Managers' Network Meetings, with the first scheduled for 16 March.

The Network provides a forum for Community Housing Providers to share issues and best practice, and to hear from experts in the field.

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Workforce wellbeing 2023

Workforce Wellbeing

This month's theme is aimed at giving us a better general understanding of wellbeing. Looking after ourselves makes us better able to help others.

Remember that each month we'll focus on [a different wellbeing topic and share resources to explore on The Deck](#).

The training and events below are part of our Workforce Wellbeing offering. Look for the leaf icon to find more Workforce Wellbeing events.

Fortnightly Chair Yoga Express

Tuesday 7 February 2023, 12:00pm-12:15pm. Free and online.

Reclink Australia and Q Shelter have partnered to bring the housing and homelessness sector **Chair Yoga** to target better health and wellbeing. Each session is free and uses the same Zoom link, so register now and put it in your calendar as a

recurring event.

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Responding to vicarious trauma at work

Friday 31 March 2023, 9am-12pm or 1pm-4pm. Pacific Pines, Gold Coast.
Thursday 20 April 2023, 9am-12pm or 1pm-4pm. Spring Hill, Brisbane.

This training is an introduction to vicarious trauma, helping participants recognise the signs and protect our workforce from its serious impacts. We are offering morning and afternoon options for these first training dates on the Gold Coast and Brisbane.

We are planning to deliver this series for five regions across Queensland, with more dates being added later in the year.

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Discounted first aid training

Join us for discounted first aid training!

Q Shelter is planning first aid training for our Brisbane-based staff with St John Ambulance, and we're inviting our subscribers to join us. We have negotiated a discounted rate of \$100 per person. [Please register your interest for the training](#), which will be held in central Brisbane, at a time and location to be advised.

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2023 Gold Coast Homelessness Symposium

1 March 2023, Robina Community Centre

The theme for the Gold Coast Homelessness Network's (GCHN) 2023 Homelessness Symposium is "Connecting Communities Together". This annual event is a chance to come together and inspire innovation in our collaborative response to homelessness

on the Gold Coast.

You can [find more information and reserve one of the limited places for this year's Symposium on the GCHN website.](#)



Register your interest for future courses

Register your interest for any of the courses you'd like to attend this year, or [visit our events page to see what is already scheduled.](#)

- Building community support for housing & homelessness infrastructure
- Tenancy Sustainment
- Trauma Informed Care
- Vicarious Trauma
- Working with People affected by Hoarding and Squalor
- De-escalation
- Domestic and Family Violence and Tenancy: Safely Sustaining Tenancies

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Job opportunities

[Chief Executive Officer - YFS.](#) Closes 6-Feb.

[Community Housing Futures - Program Manager.](#) Open.

[Community Housing Futures - Sector Capacity Lead.](#) Open.

[Project Officer - IFYS, Maryborough, Hervey Bay, Fraser Coast.](#) Open.

[Supervisor - Habitat for Humanity, Brisbane.](#) Closes 10-Feb.

[Service Delivery Manager - Tenants Queensland, Brisbane.](#) Closes 12-Feb.



Service Integration

Brisbane

The South West Care Coordination Group continues to meet fortnightly on every second Wednesday via Microsoft Teams. If you are working with an individual or household who is homeless or at risk of being homeless with complex needs, please consider a referral into the SWCCG.

For more information please [contact Daniel Taber-Kennedy](#).

Disaster Resilience Expo

The **Inala Disaster Resilience and Wellbeing Expo** was held on 20 January. The Expo successfully brought together key local stakeholders and members of the public to discuss Disaster Risk Reduction, local supports and resilience and wellbeing techniques following a disaster.





Logan

The Logan region continues to focus on Hoarding and Squalor. Three meetings were held in 2022 incorporating multiple services and representatives within Logan. We will continue these meetings in 2023, with the first on 3 February.

The Hoarding and Squalor meetings focus on identifying the current services funded to deliver hoarding and squalor supports as well as further areas of need.

Logan's face-to-face meetings recommenced in January and are continuing to flourish with the addition of new organisations into Logan Care Coordination Group. This has resulted in effective outcomes for clients referred to the Group, and outstanding service collaboration.

Meetings are held fortnightly in person at Access Community Services. The next meeting will be Tuesday 7 February 10am-12.00pm.

For more information about LCCG, please contact Regional Care Coordinator [Rebecca Hinton](#).

Redlands, Bayside & Southern Moreton Bay Islands

There's [a new flyer available](#) for the **Southern Moreton Bay Islands (SMBI) Community Hub** events over the next six months. Look out for the flyer and keep it as a handy reference, and we look forward to seeing at our next event. You can also find [more information on the SMBI Hubs page](#).

The next **SMBI Community Hubs**:

Macleay Island Hub at Community Centre Hall **Wednesday 22 February**, 9am-1pm.

Russell Island Hub at the Recreation Hall **Wednesday 8 March**, 9am-1pm.

Bayside Housing & Homelessness Network will now meet monthly, on the first

Thursday of each month. Join us from 10am to 12pm at Bayside Housing Centre, Shop 3/8-12 Dollery Road, Capalaba. Our next meeting will be on Thursday 2 February. For more information please contact the Network Facilitator, Breanne Tukavkin at bree.tukavkin@qshelter.asn.au or call 0411 738 159.

The **Redlands Care Coordination** meetings will run every second Tuesday 10am to 12pm. Meetings are held at the Bayside Housing Centre, Shop 3/8-12 Dollery Road, Capalaba. The next meeting is 14 February 2023. Please contact Bree Tukavkin on 0411 738 159 or Bree.tukavkin@qshelter.asn.au for further details.

Please use these links if you need to access the [Care Coordination Consent Form](#) or the [Care Coordination Groups Referral Form](#).

Cairns

The Cairns Housing & Homelessness Network are excited to have Q Shelter Executive Director, Fiona Caniglia, facilitating our Strategic Planning Workshop on Tuesday 21 February.

The workshop will devise a two-year strategy for Cairns, including an overall advocacy strategy to increase housing stock and service delivery to the region. We will also focus on young people and their experience of homelessness, and women and children experiencing domestic and family violence.

Sector news

[Cuts to remuneration funding would put homelessness services at risk.](#)

[The areas of Queensland worst affected by housing stress - Joint CHIA and Q Shelter media release.](#)

[Housing stress: New data shows most unaffordable places to live in Queensland - Cairns Post.](#)

[2022 Queensland Vacancy Rates end on a low note - REIQ](#)

“It’s likely that 2023 will be a case of – New year, same rental pressures. Our state will continue to feel the impact of population growth with very strong interstate migration as well international migration including students set to return in force to the southeast corner. This increased demand will continue to apply pressure to an already strained rental market.”

Antonia Mercorella, REIQ CEO



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