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January Home Matters

A message from our Executive Director

Dear colleagues,

Welcome to 2023

We ended 2022 as busy as ever working closely with Government and other stakeholders on important measures emerging from the Queensland Housing Summit.

It was great to see the Summit Report progress so many ideas we had proposed. We are hopeful that together as a housing system, we are on a new trajectory. I wish you all a productive and fulfilling 2023 and look forward to our work together.

Q Shelter calls for prevention programs leading to a reduction in homelessness

In our last [policy proposal \(2022-2023\)](#) to the State Government, we proposed improved upstream measures to prevent homelessness into the future. This included high-quality and intensive support programs working with families during pregnancy and in the first five years of life. The express purpose is to reduce children's exposure to adverse events in early life that raise the risk of homelessness in later life. We presented some possible models with evidence on why this is important to the Mental Health Select Committee as well.

I was immeasurably saddened to see events unfold soon after Christmas involving violence resulting in death. This prompted Q Shelter to write to the Premier reiterating our suggestions about intensive early support, combined with a new level of service integration across Government and non-Government services to help children and young people avoid exposure to these events in early life.

These events seem to have so many later consequences for individuals, families and the broader community. We know the return on investment is better with early, high-quality interventions. You can [read an extract from our submission here](#).

Help us refine Q Shelter's next policy submission

Q Shelter is preparing a submission building on the measures being implemented through the Queensland Housing Summit. We invite our members and stakeholders to be briefed on our draft and help us refine our key messages. We are holding an online

consultation event on **24 January 2023** and [you can register here to attend](#).

Homelessness sector funding

My first meeting for 2023 was with Minister Leeanne Enoch. We talked, among many things, about the importance of engagement with our sector to design the future of homelessness funding and service delivery.

We have strongly put the case for funding certainty and for adequate funding to cover the true costs of salaries. We will be working with the Department, the Minister, QYHC and Council for Homeless Persons to advocate for both certainty and for a proactive process of co-designing the future of service delivery based on community needs. We will be collaborating with QYHC and Council for Homeless Persons to ensure early and effective engagement with the sector.

Your sincerely,



Fiona Cariglieri

Executive Director

Draft Housing Legislative Package

The Commonwealth Government have released the draft housing legislative package for consultation to establish Housing Australia, the National Housing Supply and Affordability Council, and the Housing Australia Future Fund.

Q Shelter is looking forward to reviewing the draft legislation along with National Shelter and other peak and industry bodies.

We encourage members and partners in the sector to [view the draft package and to have your say by submitting a response](#).

You can read the announcement of [the Housing Australia Future Fund draft legislation on the Treasury website](#).

Submissions are due by next **Wednesday 11 January 2023**.

Expanding job opportunities for people with disability

The Department of Social Services have forecast an up-coming grant opportunity for the Disability Employment – Tourism Local Navigators Pilot in the first half of this year. Focused on businesses operating in the tourism industry, the Pilot will address barriers previously identified by small- and medium-sized businesses in recruiting, retaining and progressing jobseekers with disability.

The Pilot is estimated to be released for grant applications sometime between January and June this year. There are [more details on the Grant Connect website](#).



Training and events

Consultation on 2023-24 Policy and Investment Framework

Tuesday 24 January 2023, 2:00pm - 3:30pm. Free and online.

Each year, Q Shelter consults the sector on policy and investment measures to end housing need and homelessness. This session will present our key proposals and seek input from members and stakeholders before submission to government.

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Brisbane 2032 Legacy Learning Series 3 – Case Study of Glasgow 2014

Wednesday 25 January 2023, 4:30pm - 5:30pm. Free and online.

Q Shelter's [Go for Gold report](#) encouraged a comprehensive suite of solutions to housing supply and affordability in the lead-up to the 2032 Olympic Games. This series will take place as part of Q Shelter's Feeling the Pulse sessions on housing investment and growth.

As we strive for significant housing legacy from Brisbane 2032, this session will deep-dive on the combined impacts of housing legacy and intentional approaches to inclusion in employment opportunities as part of Glasgow 2014.

What did Glasgow 2014 achieve? What can we learn including reflections on the sustainability of legacy eight years on.



Workforce wellbeing 2023

Workforce Wellbeing

At Q Shelter we want to make it easier for everyone working in the housing and homelessness workforce to lift their wellbeing in 2023.

We will be talking about mindfulness, resilience and psychological safety, and trying out a range of activities to boost our wellbeing. We understand if you don't connect with all everything we share, but it will all represent approaches that have helped others improve their wellbeing, so it's there for you to try.

Improved wellbeing can be taught, practiced and refined through skills incorporated into our lives. This suggests we don't have to accept our current level of wellbeing, it is actually something we can improve. 2023 is the year to think about ourselves a little and boost our own wellbeing, making us better able to help others.

Chair Yoga Express

Reclink Australia and Q Shelter have partnered to bring the housing and homelessness sector Chair Yoga to target better health and wellbeing.

These 15-minute fortnightly Tuesday sessions have had a great response since we announced them late last year. Sessions will run every second Tuesday in February and March and we hope to continue them throughout the year.

It's free to join in, so book your spot for our first session on 7 February.

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Learning Exchange February

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.

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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

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

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

[Community Development Officer - Homelessness & Community Safety.](#) Moreton Bay Regional Council.

[Community Development Officer - Indigenous.](#) Moreton Bay Regional Council.



Freshwater eel totem arrives

We were thrilled to see the Freshwater eel design by First Nations artist Wendy McNeil go up in the Reconciliation Garden in Spring Hill just before the end of 2022. We'll share more details in next month's Home Matters.

Service Integration

Logan

The Logan region continues to focus on Hoarding and Squalor. Three meetings have been held incorporating multiple services and representatives within the Logan area. The focus of the Hoarding and Squalor meetings is to identify the current services funded to deliver hoarding and squalor supports, and to identify further areas of need.

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

Meetings are run fortnightly on a Tuesday. Meetings will recommence on **10 January 2023** at the **new time of 10:00am - 12:00pm**. Meetings are held in person at Access Community Services

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

Hoarding and Squalor Strategy Group

The Queensland Hoarding and Squalor Strategy Group (QLD HandS) will meet for its bi-monthly meeting on **23 January at the Q Shelter office**. We are a dynamic group, made up of key stakeholders from across Queensland.

We acknowledge that there are local groups operational across the state or being developed that this group. This group aims to be a central platform for information and data collection, issues and current service landscape, and future advocacy projects.

For more information about the group or for general enquiries, please contact Regional Care Coordinator, [Danny Taber-Kennedy](#).

Brisbane

In Brisbane the three Care Coordination Groups are operational fortnightly as normal.

South West Care Coordination Group meets every second Wednesday 1:30pm-3:00pm via Teams, with the next meeting to be held on **Wednesday 11 January**.

Brisbane North Community Connections meets every second Thursday between 1:30pm-3:00pm via Teams, with the next meeting on **Thursday 12 January**.

Under 1 Roof meets every second Tuesday between 1:30pm-3:00pm via Teams, with the next meeting to be held on **Tuesday 17 January**.

For more information regarding the Brisbane Care Coordination Groups and possible referrals, please contact the Brisbane Regional Care Coordinators, [Danny Taber-Kennedy](#) and [Phil Smith](#).

Community Resilience and Wellbeing Expo

Inala will be hosting the Community Resilience and Wellbeing Expo this month. This is an important way to reflect on the 2022 floods and prepare for potential natural disasters that could impact Brisbane.

The day will be celebrating the resilience of the surrounding community, highlighting potential vulnerabilities within the community and available support. Supports will focus on wellbeing techniques during and post-disaster, and providing community education on best practice in disaster preparedness.

Acknowledging the diverse cultural community, the day will be culturally safe and family inclusive, with language supports for some of the key language groups in the region.

Our Place Hall (Elizabeth Bruce Playground, Inala)
Friday 20 January
10:00am - 2:00pm

For more information please [contact Haley Kiata by email](#).

Sector news

[New expert panel to unlock more housing supply - Ministerial Media Statements](#)

[Q-Shelter-congratulates-the-new-and-expanded-Queensland-Housing-Supply-Expert-Panel.pdf \(qshelter.asn.au\)](#)

[The influence of Airbnb on Australia's rental crisis, as experts call for focus on 'real issues' at play - ABC News](#)

[Interim National Housing Supply and Affordability Council | Treasury Ministers](#)

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Australian Human Rights Commission



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