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May Home Matters

From our Leadership Team

Dear colleagues,

Q Shelter helping shape the future

It has been a busy start to the year with Q Shelter extensively involved in the Reference Group for the review of homelessness services, the Premier's Leaders' Forum, and the Homes for Queenslanders Implementation Taskforce. We have used all our information channels to promote opportunities to engage with the Review being led by Rachel Hunter so that you are involved in designing a housing and homelessness system for future success. I urge your organisations to consider [making a submission](#) to this process.

Q Shelter leading on policy, advocacy and sector capacity

At every step, we are seeking to promote policy and investment ideas that solve Queensland's housing and homelessness challenges. We are also shoulder to shoulder with our colleagues throughout the housing and homelessness ecosystem to support implementation and solve implementation challenges.

Examples include:

- Convening the Housing Diversity Community of Practice involving peak organisations collaborating to support housing diversity and density
- The Yes in Faith's Backyard Planning Regulation amendment to achieve a faster track to developing social and affordable housing on church and community owned land
- Delivery of [Community Housing Futures](#) in partnership with CHIA Qld, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Queensland and the

Queensland State Government

- Leading a project to measure and monitor displacement in the runway to Brisbane 2032
- Ongoing engagement with elected representatives across the three levels of government to present real solutions that end homelessness and unmet housing needs
- Submissions to [tenancy law reform](#) and legislative amendments to the role and functions of [EDQ](#) including speaking at hearings for both.
- Facilitating a process to develop ways to embed tenant voices in policy, program and system improvements.

Our work on sector capacity continues with a new community of practice for case managers, and excellent take up of [courses and tools](#) relating to trauma-informed practice, wellbeing, hoarding and squalor, tenancy sustainment, leadership, and asset management.

Networking and the CEO and Leaders' Forum

With so much going on, I encourage you to join us for [a networking event and/or the CEO and Leaders' Forum](#). The Forum will be packed with presentations on our collective progress and next steps. We will be launching the Workforce Connect Report and [HomeNow](#).

More work to do

We have written to the Premier and the Leader of the Opposition to reconvene the Committee working on solutions to youth justice challenges. We are on the record urging genuine prevention through intensive family support and the prevention of children's exposure to adverse childhood experiences. If we achieved system changes to achieve that, then it is likely we would prevent a lot of complex homelessness.

[We have also critiqued the time it has taken to resolve how the Pinkenba site might be used.](#) It was never a perfect solution, but more than that, we can't afford to take 18 months to answer the question of whether it can play a role.

Warm regards,



Fiona Cariglieri

Executive Director

Join a new Q Shelter policy advisory committee

Building on long-standing engagement mechanisms such as the Regional Representatives Network and the CEO and Leaders' Forum, Q Shelter invites you to express interest in joining a policy advisory committee focused on helping us to shape key policy submissions including our annual pre-budget submission and policy proposals in the lead up to elections. There are two opportunities: one will focus on [community housing sector growth](#) and the other will focus on [ending homelessness](#). The committees will meet twice a year, and review policy documents and advocacy strategy documents. These committees will feed into the Q Shelter Management Committee and to the CEO and Leaders' Forum.

Become a sector wellbeing champion

Building on our Workforce Connect Project, we are seeking expressions of interest to [play a role as regional Workforce Wellbeing Champions](#). These roles will share and promote tools, resources and practices. Working through existing networks and within your organisation, this is an opportunity to help wellbeing, attraction and retention be an active focus within and among organisations using a bank of tools, resources and frameworks.

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Join a professional services panel for wellbeing

The Workforce Connect Project is developing a professional services panel consisting of consultants who can assist housing and homelessness organisations with services that support wellbeing including supervision, organisational development, intentional culture, mentoring and training. If you know and use professional services already, let them know they can [apply to be on this panel](#). It will be published for our members and stakeholders to access when needed.

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CEO and Senior Leaders' Forum

Stakeholders, senior leaders and decision makers in the housing and homelessness sector are again invited to join us on 18-19 June for a series of events at Royal on The Park.

Tue 18 June - Sector Networking 5pm - 6:30pm

Join colleagues who are working hard to achieve a healthy housing system and an end to homelessness for informal refreshments and networking, sponsored by [The Forgotten Women](#) project. This event is where we welcome Q Shelter's regional representatives and is a genuine opportunity to mix with housing and homelessness representatives from around our State.

Wed 19 June - CEO & Senior Leaders' Forum and Lunch 1pm - 4pm

As the state budget is announced, join senior leaders from government and the sector to discuss what it means for housing and homelessness services. Speakers will address housing and homelessness themes focused on solutions and our progress so far in the context of Homes for Queenslanders.

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**Qshelter**
Because home matters
2024 CEO and Senior Leaders Forum
19 June

We are grateful to our presenting sponsors for this event:

[Grey Space +](#) and [Mangrove Housing](#).

Our Networking Sponsor is [The Forgotten Women Project](#).

We're excited to announce more event partners over the coming weeks!

Community Housing Futures

We have partnered with [UDIA Queensland](#) to host a comprehensive, one-day workshop. At this workshop, CHPs looking to expand (or currently working on growth initiatives) can deep-dive into the process of property development feasibility and finance. This workshop has been subsidised,

We are also assessing interest in hosting this workshop in Regional Queensland. [If you are a CHP unable to attend the in-person workshop in Brisbane, please express your interest through this link.](#)

and is now available at a significantly reduced rate for CHPs.

[Thursday 9 May, Brisbane CBD](#)



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Progress on Policy and Investment Recommendations

In light of recent government announcements to address housing need and homelessness -- including the Queensland Government's Homes for Queenslanders Plan and the Housing Summit Outcomes Report -- Q Shelter has assessed the progress and alignment of our policy and investment recommendations.

We've seen progress in many of the areas that Q Shelter, on behalf of the housing and homelessness sector, has been calling for, and we believe it's important to acknowledge the forward progress that has been made to-date. There is, of course, more to do, and Q Shelter will continue to call for further progress, especially in these four areas:

1. Address immediate challenges to achieve more homes quickly.
2. Achieve genuine prevention of complex homelessness.
3. Build capacity in the community housing industry.
4. Amplify and embed the voices of people with lived experience of unmet housing needs and homelessness.



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ASSESSING OUR POLICY PROGRESS AND ALIGNMENT AGAINST RECENT GOVERNMENT REPORTS
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The HomeNow campaign showcases the many rich and rewarding career pathways that exist in Queensland's housing and homelessness sector, to attract dedicated, passionate and skilled people to work in the sector.



[Learn more.](#)



Hear accounts of people who have made the move from a corporate career into the housing and homelessness sector.

Homes for Queenslanders: Bundaberg Information Session

The Hon Meaghan Scanlon, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Planning and Minister for Public Works will be participating in an information session in Bundaberg on Wednesday 15 May 2024, from 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm. [Learn more and RSVP here.](#)

SHELTER Events

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Top Training & Events

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



Homelessness Services and private rentals collaboration

Free, online. 7 May

What happened when we embedded a Homelessness Case Manager into a real estate office?

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Scaling Success: Development Finance and Feasibility Workshop

Brisbane 9 May

UDIA Queensland and Community Housing Futures host this deep-dive to navigate the complexities of project finance and feasibility for community housing organisations.

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Responding to Vicarious Trauma - Brisbane

Brisbane 21 May

Recognise the signs of vicarious trauma and protect our workforce from its serious impacts.

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Responding to Vicarious Trauma Regional Qld

Mackay 24 May
Townsville 3 June
Cairns 5 & 6 June

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Job opportunities in the sector

[Manager, Tableland Community Housing, Atherton.](#)

[Tenancy Manager Supportive Housing for Families, Common Ground Qld](#)

[Bella's Sanctuary Case Worker, DVConnect](#)

[Tenancy Manager Moreton Bay, Coast2Bay Housing Group](#)
(along with several other positions)

[Integration Manager, Housing and Homelessness, YFS Ltd](#)
(along with several other positions)



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

“Where children are involved, we must find priority solutions. Every day being homeless impacts their health and education. Being homeless is an adverse experience in childhood, which takes a terrible toll.”

Fiona Caniglia,
[Executive Director, Q Shelter.](#)





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