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### From our Leadership Team

The Queensland Government now in caretaker mode as the State Election—on 26 October—is now only weeks away.

For the past few months, we've been discussing the [Q Shelter State Election Platform](#) with politicians, candidates, and sector representatives. As you know, the key asks centre around six key priorities:

- Ending and preventing homelessness

- Building more homes faster
- Supercharging community housing
- Strengthening the private housing system
- Housing system reform
- Embedding voices of lived experience.

To amplify these priorities, we also launched the Momentum Series of online events, which have been exceptionally well attended:

- The Now Proposition
- Supercharging Community Housing for Growth
- Queensland State Election Candidates' Forum
- Preventing and Ending Homelessness

In the last edition of Home Matters, we also launched [our new Advocacy Toolkit for members](#) to utilise in the lead-up to the election and, more generally, in building strategic engagement opportunities across government, as well as other opportunities to support housing and homelessness outcomes.

In terms of partnerships in the lead-up to the election, Q Shelter has teamed up [with Master Builders Queensland](#) to promote the need for a greater focus on scaling up modern methods of construction (MMC); [with PeakCare Queensland](#) to prioritise youth housing needs; and [with Multicultural Australia](#) to refocus the attention unfairly targeted at migrants towards reinforcing good overall population policy to housing demand.

Q Shelter will continue to monitor the state election in terms of major commitments and policy announcements, and is communicating regularly with the Queensland Government on key contracts as they enter caretaker mode and prepare for government after the October election.

Please reach out to our Policy team if you have any questions or comments in these areas.

Warm regards,



**Jackson Hills**  
Manager Policy & Strategic Engagement



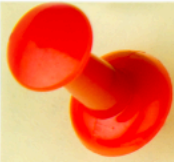
## CEO and Senior Leaders Forum

Q Shelter is pleased to announce that Mike Zorbas, Chief Executive of the Property Council of Australia, will be our keynote speaker at our next [CEO and Senior Leaders' Lunch and Forum on 14 November](#), sponsored by Bluebird Property.

Mike is also currently on the Boards of the Australian Sustainable Built Environment Council, the Sydney Institute and Green Peak Energy, he previously held leadership roles at Lendlease and Stockland and served two terms on the SBS Community Advisory Committee.

The CEO and Senior Leaders Lunch and Forum is one of our most in-demand tickets and we expect demand to be high again for this one-of-a-kind sector event. Don't miss out, [book your tickets now](#).

We want to thank [Bluebird Property](#) for their ongoing support of this event as Gold Sponsors, and we also welcome [Bloom HR](#) and [GZD Technology](#) as Silver Sponsors for our November event.



## Are your Q Shelter membership details up to date?

The Q Shelter Annual General Meeting will be held in early November, make sure you or your organisation is eligible and able to vote.

Before 1 October, make sure you:

- Check your Q Shelter membership status
- Renew your membership if it is due
- Check and update your membership contact details

Click here to log into JointIt to review and update your details.  
Questions? Email: [comms@qshelter.asn.au](mailto:comms@qshelter.asn.au)

## Q Shelter Annual General Meeting

While Q Shelter Members will soon receive the official notice of our Annual General Meeting along with the agenda and links for voting and nominations, we encourage everyone from the housing and homelessness sector to join us for our AGM and end of year celebration on **14 November**.

Refreshments will be served ahead of the AGM and then please join Q Shelter staff, Management Committee and members in a celebration of our work over 2023-2024.

The AGM includes voting for the next Management Committee as well as the presentation of the Deirdre Coghlan Bursary and Kent Maddock Memorial Award.

[Book your tickets on Eventbrite now.](#)

## New rental laws for Queensland

On 30 September, rental law changes came into effect under the *Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2024*.

New laws include changes to maximum bond amount, reletting costs, rent payment methods, utility bills, evidence for bond claims, information sharing and false and misleading information. [Learn more about these changes at rta.qld.gov.au](https://rta.qld.gov.au).



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## Community Housing Futures

### Ongoing support for community housing providers in Queensland

On Monday, 30 September, [the Queensland Government announced continued support for the Community Housing Futures Program](#), including an additional \$4 million boost as part of their Homes for Queenslanders plan. This funding will ensure community housing providers in Queensland can continue to strengthen their services and meet the growing demand for affordable housing.

### Staffing changes

Q Shelter, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Queensland, and CHIA Queensland are pleased to welcome Liz Kemp as the new Acting Sector Capacity Lead for the Community Housing Futures Program. With over 20 years of experience in community housing in Australia and overseas, and as a valued member of the Q Shelter team, Liz is well-prepared to contribute significant value to this important work driving ongoing success in the sector.

We also congratulate Murray Benton on his new appointment with Queensland's [Youth Justice Peak QATSICPP](#), and Eloise Telford on her new role with

[Community Housing Limited](#). We wish them all the best.

## Feeling The Pulse series

The 'Feeling the Pulse' webinar sessions are designed for community housing organisations to discuss the Community Housing Futures Program with the program team. It also allows an opportunity to bring up sector-relevant issues for discussion and hear from guest speakers and presenters. This month's webinar will be on **Tuesday 15 October at 2pm**.

[Feeling The Pulse Series - Register on Eventbrite](#)



**Homelessness Qld needs your input!**  
Calling on the Queensland 'Specialist Homelessness Services' workforce

## Calling on the SHS workforce

Through a co-review and design process, Homelessness Qld (HQ) is seeking to explore current case management approaches within the Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) sector through the delivery of the 'Multi-Disciplinary Case Management Model Project'.

We are asking members of the SHS workforce to [participate through a survey, which is open until 16 October](#).

Growing research indicates that those experiencing homelessness or uncertain housing also face a range of other unmet needs or challenges. Acknowledging that SHS providers face supporting individuals and families with multiple needs, HQ aims to engage with the SHS sector through a survey, interviews and regional workshops; all to gain valuable insights that will lead to the drafting of a model that enhances case management responses to individuals and families seeking assistance.

By [accessing the survey through this link](#), more project information is available including how you can get more involved in the project. The project team will publish a report of findings within one month from the close of the survey.

The HQ team would like to sincerely thank you for the time taken to complete this short survey. Your valuable input can really make a difference in enhancing the

way we work.

## Workforce Connect

Thanks to everyone who has already browsed [the Wellbeing Framework](#), [downloaded resources](#) and shared your feedback. What do you think of the resources so far? [Send us an email and let us know](#).

The Workforce Connect team have met with our sector Wellbeing Champions for our first meeting. These champions will be assisting us to promote the Wellbeing Framework within their organisations and their regions.

[If you are interested in joining the Wellbeing Champions, please contact us](#). We'll be sharing more about the Champions and their work in future editions of Home Matters.



## Tickets still available for Housing First Nations National Conference next week

It's not too late to secure tickets for the Housing First Nations 2024 National Conference, 8–9 October 2024 in Meanjin/Brisbane.

Speakers include Professor Tom Calma AO, Mick Gooda, and Vonda Malone, among many others. [Register now](#).



## Grant fits like a glove for HandS responses

The Queensland Mental Health Commission has established [a \\$9m Mental Health and Wellbeing Grants pool](#) to invest in approaches that embed early intervention for mental health and wellbeing.

Daniel Taber-Kennedy, Chair of the Queensland Hoarding and Squalor Network (Qld HandS), is encouraging services to consider the grants for up-coming projects: “This would be a great opportunity to start any initiatives in relation to Hoarding and Squalor responses in Queensland.”

Grant applications close at **5pm on Thursday 10 October**, and [full details are on the QMHC website](#).

 **Q SHELTER Events**

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# Top Training & Events

Here are just a few of our most popular courses and webinars in the coming weeks. You can find the [full calendar of up-coming events on the Q Shelter website](#).



## Collaborative leaders to solve Brisbane's homelessness crisis

**Brisbane 17 October 4pm**

Under 1 Roof and Q Shelter are launching a strategic leaders' group for Brisbane to identify actions we can progress through innovation, determination and genuine collaboration.

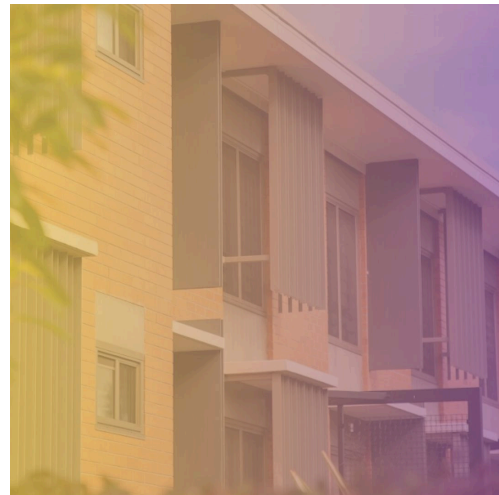
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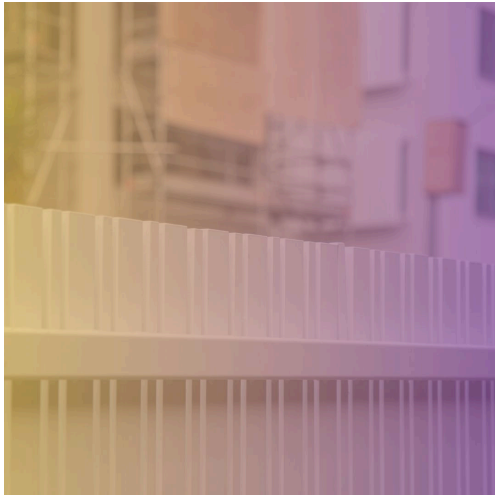
## Housing 101 training for SHS

**Online 22 October 10am**

Learn tips for securing immediate response and long-term housing for singles, couples and families from the HART 4000 and Communitify team.

[REGISTER NOW](#)





## **Brisbane Action Plan:**

**Tackling housing needs and homelessness together**

### **Grand Chancellor Brisbane**

**13 November 3-5pm**

A panel of strategic leaders followed by a design workshop to agree on three actions for the next 12 months. This event will be followed by our [Sector Networking event at 5pm](#).

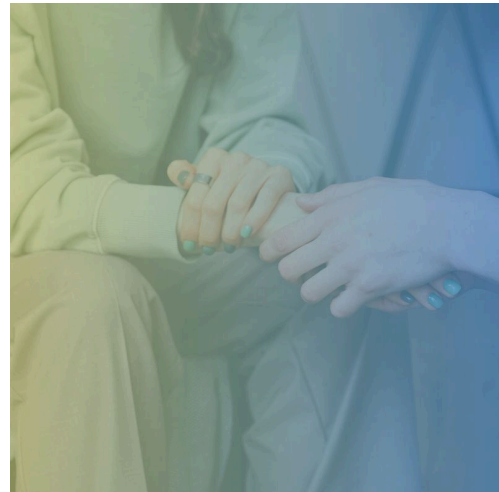
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## **Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training**

**Brisbane 6-7 November**

2-day in-person, the only workshop of its kind. Evidence-based suicide intervention model to intervene and help prevent immediate risk.

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# Job opportunities in the sector

Have you seen all of the [Opportunities currently listed on HomeNow?](#)

A selection of housing and homelessness service providers from across Queensland are listed on the site, allowing you to explore the kinds of organisations, career streams and work types that exist in our sector. You can view listings by region and discover the possibilities for yourself.

If you have a vacancy or opportunity you'd like to share, [register to add them to the HomeNow.org.au website.](#)

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## Latest research from AHURI

Today AHURI released their latest research report: '[The role of housing providers in supporting clients with complex needs](#)'.

Remember that you can [subscribe to have a round-up of the latest sector-related research](#) delivered direct to your inbox from [The Deck](#).



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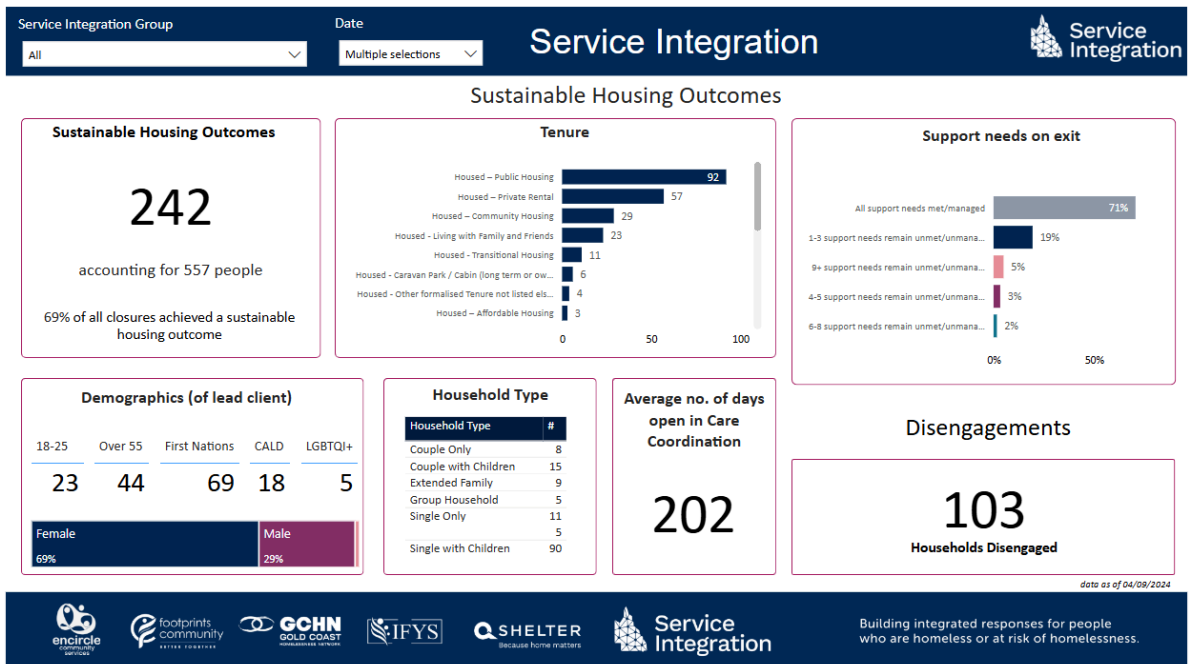
# Service Integration

## 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.

[Service Integration | The Deck](#)

The dashboards allow you to view data from across the Service Integration Initiative or specific regions.



## Closing quote

“There’s a lot that goes on behind the scenes to build homes and support tenants, and [funding Community Housing Futures] is about giving providers the tools at their disposal to build their portfolios in a strategic and structured way.”

[The Hon Meaghan Scanlon MP, Minister for Housing](#)

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