Home Matters

August 2026: Homelessness Week

- Force Majeure: Navigating the real-time crisis management in prevention
- Homelessness Week: 2-8 August
- Housing First Conference: Early bird ends Friday
- Housing First Matters conference with Australian Unions: TODAY!
- Policy and Strategic Engagement: DE Queensland Research Plan
- Queensland Government Housing Strategy: Consultation Roundtable services
- ACOSS Homelessness Conference announced: Adelaide October
- Lived Experience Community of Practice: Wednesday 11 November, Brisbane
- Learning Exchange: LGAQ session and children experiencing DFV!
- Service Integration: Homeless Health Outreach Data entry
- Trauma-informed Practice Workshop
- Learning and Development
- Diploma of Leadership and Management: 2026 LMD
- Housing Sector Census: Complete the survey!
- Recharging in the community sector series
- Starting 28 August over six sessions
- CALD women, children and young people experiencing DFSV
- In partnership with the Immigrant Women's Support Service
- Fire safety resources for CHPs and their tenants
- Trauma-informed practice workshop
- Events
- Save the date! CEO & Leaders Lunch
- Sleepout
- Fundraiser for women experiencing homelessness
- Become a charge facilitator
- An invitation
- Membership Matters
- Service integration

From our Leadership Team

Navigating the road from crisis management to prevention

This week I was invited to participate in a panel discussion with the wonderful homelessness sector to map out the road to sustainable housing outcomes and prevention of homelessness (with other citizens on an immediate housing relief through DFV).

Q Shelter's Lived Australian consultation supported funding for DFV while Government and our sector agree that crisis accommodation solutions are not prevention. Force majeure, the housing systems in growing, we are with

be significant challenges. Demand for housing and support services remains extremely high, while the availability of suitable accommodation is limited.

The complexity of client needs is also increasing, which means services are often supporting people who require assistance across multiple systems at the same time. This makes collaboration and coordinated responses more important than ever.

Finally, what motivates you to keep you going each day?

It's knowing that even small improvements in how services work together can have a meaningful impact on someone's life.

Coming from a frontline background, I've seen firsthand how quickly circumstances can change for people and how difficult it can be to navigate complex service systems when you're already experiencing hardship. If I can play a small role in making those systems work better, helping services collaborate more effectively, or supporting better outcomes for vulnerable people, then that's a worthwhile reason to come to work each day.

Meg with staff from Sharehouse Youth Programs at their NAIDOC week events

Meg with other panelists at the Transform Lives Program Women's Justice Network

Region contact and referral information

You can find details of the Service Integration groups operating around Queensland, including contact details and how to access referrals on The Deck.

Career Opportunities

Q Shelter Member organisations and partners are recruiting for the following vacancies.

- **Micah Projects.** Specialist Domestic Violence and Housing Advocate, Brisbane.
- **The Lady Musgrave Trust**. Service Systems and Impact Lead: Housing with Supports, Brisbane.
- **Dept Housing and Public Works**. Senior Housing Officer, Frontline Services, Brisbane, Inala, Gold Coast.
- **Kyabra**. Case Worker, Keys to Early Intervention to Homelessness, Nambour.
- **Youturn**. Case Officer - Mobile Support, Sunshine Coast.
- Anglicare. Manager, Accommodation and Support Services, Cairns.

Don't forget that you can list job vacancies for free anytime on The Deck: **thedeck.org.au/jobs**

Closing Quote

> "A particular highlight has been working alongside National Shelter's state and territory Shelter network. Their expertise and connection to local communities ensure our national advocacy remains grounded in people's lived experience and how that differs right across the country."

Jackson Hills, CEO National Shelter, posting about his first 100 days in his new role.

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