



CEO and Senior Leaders Forum

2025

Fri 20 June, QT Gold Coast

LIMITED TICKETS REMAINING

Hon. Sam O'Connor

Sue Pope

Scott Langford

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From our Leadership Team

Funding uncertainty

I know many services have been waiting for advice and confirmation of future funding. I acknowledge the challenges this poses in terms of budgeting for 2025-2026, as well as supporting staff who are struggling with the uncertainty.

Q Shelter has continued advocating for certainty as a basis for service continuity, staff retention and the wellbeing of everyone involved. We have submitted our first agenda items to the Department of Housing and Public Works for the Regional Representatives' Forum to be held on June 19 and 20, and it includes a question for the government about how we can all ensure this level of uncertainty is prevented in the future.

The State of the Housing System Report

I urge everyone to [read this important report](#). It highlights housing system challenges, and that we are falling short of delivering much-needed housing targets. At the same time, you can read about National Shelter's work to advocate for housing system reforms and investment. We remain involved and engaged at the national level to achieve optimal approaches to housing supply, and we continue to strongly advocate for a legislated national housing and homelessness plan.

Community support for social and affordable housing

Q Shelter works on many aspects of policy and investment to increase housing supply and to end homelessness. One factor that remains important is wider community support for housing diversity. I am aware that there are continued examples of organised community opposition to much-needed housing development. Q Shelter members are engaged in growth projects where local opposition is proving to be an additional challenge creating delays and reductions in yield.

This is why Q Shelter convened the Housing Diversity Community of Practice inclusive of diverse peak and industry bodies. This mechanism is intended to unite key organisations in our work to support housing diversity across Queensland to meet the needs of people struggling with homelessness and housing stress.

We need innovation in the management of public space

Q Shelter is working with key stakeholders including local governments, community legal organisations, our members, and other peak bodies to consider how we can optimally assist people living in public spaces such as parks. We know there is widespread community concern however we also know there are not enough homes to meet everyone's needs.

We always want to hear from members and stakeholders about how we can address people's needs in such a constrained housing market. We have the opportunity to be innovative, purposeful, and compassionate at a time when there are people who don't have suitable alternatives. We are also concerned about getting this right, well ahead of the Olympics and Paralympics to avoid practices in other cities where people are moved on without any genuinely permanent solutions to their housing needs. It is why we are advocating strongly for accelerated delivery of supportive housing throughout Queensland and more youth foyers. The delivery of 53,500 social homes is also critical.

Warm regards,



Fiona Caragher

Chief Executive Officer

An opportunity for CHPs in Meadowbrook

Meadowbrook Development Opportunity

- ~27 km to the Brisbane CBD
- ~49 km to the Gold Coast
- Adjacent to Griffith University, Logan Campus
- ~1.1km to Logan Hospital
- ~1.3km to Loganlea Railway Station
- Easy access to Logan and Pacific Motorways
- Nearby retail, restaurants and other amenities

Economic Development Queensland
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Queensland Government

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Economic Development Queensland (EDQ) has opened a [Registrations of Interest \(ROI\) process](#) for two distinct opportunities in Meadowbrook, Queensland:

- Opportunity 1, open to eligible CHPs, involves acquiring 0.48ha to develop social and affordable housing with government support available.

- Opportunity 2 involves purchasing up to 3ha of residential-enabled land for future development.

EDQ will seek to appoint either a single proponent for both opportunities or separate proponents for each, depending on the outcomes of a subsequent Request for Proposal (RFP) process. There are more details available on [the EDQ flyer at this link](#).

Registration is free and submissions close **5:00pm AEST Friday 13 June 2025**.

After [completing the ROI](#), eligible participants will be invited to participate in the RFP process, which will provide detailed information about the opportunity



Interested in mentoring or being mentored?

Q Shelter is [seeking expressions of interest](#) from professionals in the housing and homelessness sector to participate in **Empowering Futures**, a three-month mentoring program designed to strengthen capability, build leadership pathways, and foster professional support networks across the sector.

Aiming to start on 1 August and run until the end of October, the program offers an opportunity to share knowledge, build confidence, and support workforce development in our sector. [Register your interest through the EOI form by 30 June 2025](#).

New Ministerial advisory subgroups

Q Shelter welcomes the addition of two new subgroups to underpin the work of the recently established Homelessness Ministerial Advisory Council (HMAC).

The HMAC subgroups are focused, topic-specific working groups, established to support the broader work of the Housing and Homelessness Ministerial Advisory Committee. Each subgroup brings together relevant expertise to progress key actions and provide advice on targeted issues.

We're particularly pleased to share that two new subgroups have been established, both of which Q Shelter strongly advocated for from the outset, and we are delighted to see them come to fruition:

- South East Queensland Homelessness Working Group – focused on improving coordination between local governments and state agencies across the SEQ region.
- Supportive Housing Working Group – dedicated to advising on how to scale effective supportive housing models and strengthen integration with

Policy Advisory Groups

Q Shelter extends our thanks to those who have committed their time, expertise and energy to our two key policy advisory groups for 2024-2025.

Community Housing Policy Advisory Group

- Caroline Treacy, Grey Space+
- Carol Godwin, Anglicare Central Queensland
- Mark Ferrari, Churches of Christ Housing
- Aidan Lang, Access Community Housing Company
- Michelle Gegenhuber, Mission Australia
- Darren Mew, Blue CHP
- Teresa Reed, Mangrove Housing
- Jon Twomey, St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland Housing
- Brad Hosking, National Affordable Housing Consortium
- Michelle Stanton, YMCA Queensland
- Greta Egerton, Brisbane Housing Company
- Kirsty Rourke, Social Impact Capital Australia

Homelessness Policy Advisory Group

- Sally Faux, Churches of Christ
- Vikki Wilkes, Kingston East Neighbourhood Group
- Sally Watson, Shelter Housing Action Cairns
- Naomi Loader, Anglicare Southeast Queensland
- Fabian Webber, Roseberry
- Mandy Thompson, Family Emergency Accommodation Townsville
- Narelle Duroux, Hervey Bay Neighbourhood Centre
- Aaron Pimlott, The Salvation Army
- Mark Jentz, Mission Australia
- Karyn Walsh, Micah Projects
- Karen Dare, Communify
- Jody Willoughby, Uniting Care

These groups serve as advisory bodies to Q Shelter, providing expert guidance and insights on matters related to community housing and homelessness. They work closely with Q Shelter's Policy Team to ensure that advocacy and operational strategies align with the needs and priorities of Community Housing Providers and Specialist Homelessness Services.

If you have any questions about these groups or would like to know more about Q Shelter's policy work, [please contact the Policy Team](#).



Live Like Her challenge

Registrations are [open for this year's Live Like Her Challenge](#).

This year the Challenge has expanded to two locations: **4 September at Brisbane Airport**, and **11 September at Robina Town Centre, Gold Coast**.

Street Soccer

[Street Soccer](#) is a free weekly program to give participants an opportunity to get active, make new friends and seek support in a fun and safe environment. There are sessions in Brisbane, Caboolture, Logan and Townsville. Check out their [Where We Play](#) page for details.

NATIONAL WORKSHOP



**Local government and homelessness:
From challenge to action**

Monday 16 June, 12:30pm - 5:00pm

Bundall, Gold Coast

Q Shelter is supporting this [national workshop being held on Monday 16 June](#) at Bundall on the Gold Coast.

The half-day workshop is designed for local government staff working across departments, and whose roles interact with homelessness and frontline services. Participants will look at real-life case studies and scenarios, and build their own action plan while establishing sector connections.

For [more details and to book, go to the Eventbrite page](#).

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June CEO and
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Keynote



Hon Sam O'Connor
Minister for Housing
& Public Works

Guest speakers



Scott Langford
CEO,
Housing Australia



Sue Pope
CEO,
Common Ground Qld

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CEO & Senior Leaders Forum

We are just two weeks away from the [CEO & Senior Leaders Forum and lunch on Friday 20 June, at QT Gold Coast](#), sponsored by Bluebird Property.

Our keynote speaker is the **Hon. Sam O'Connor, MP**, Minister for Housing and Public Works, and you'll also hear from the CEO of Housing Australia, **Scott Langford**, and **Sue Pope**, CEO Common Ground Queensland.

There are limited tickets left for this headline event - if you haven't booked yours yet, [go to Eventbrite now get in now to secure your seat](#).



Sector Orientation Training

Get a better understanding of the housing and homelessness sector with this new FREE online course

Start your training now at qshelterlearn.org.au



Sector Orientation training

Our new [Housing and Homelessness Sector Orientation training](#) is finding its way around the sector, and throughout our stakeholder network. Have you taken a look yet?

The free, self-paced online course was developed in consultation with the Department of Housing and Public Works, and is designed for anyone who wants to expand their knowledge of the housing and homelessness sector.

You will find the course on our online learning platform, which is free to register, and can be shared with anyone. Please share with your teams and any people or services who could gain from a deeper understanding of our sector.

Events and training

Q SHELTER Events

Engage | Learn | Celebrate



Responding to Vicarious Trauma

Our popular training on protecting staff from the impact of vicarious trauma is being run **in-person in Brisbane**.

[9 JUN 9am - BOOK NOW »](#)



Applying Housing First Principles

Learn how to apply Housing First principles in the absence of enough housing.

[10 JUN 1pm - BOOK NOW »](#)



Empower Workforce Success - Wide Bay

Join us in **Hervey Bay** for this session on enhancing workforce wellbeing.

[11 JUN 9:30am - BOOK NOW »](#)

Can't find the training you're looking for?

Register your interest in a future training session

From Trauma Informed Care and Mental Health First Aid to Supervision Training and Tenancy Sustainment - you can [add your name to our training waitlist](#) to be the first to hear when the next session is scheduled.

Coercive control training modules

The Queensland Government has [free foundational domestic and family violence and coercive control training available online](#).

The training is designed for community groups, government agencies and NGOs to explore coercive control and the new coercive control legislation, which came into effect on 26 May.

Access the training through [the Queensland Government website](#).

Career opportunities

Brisbane Youth Service are recruiting a full-time [Senior Youth Worker](#) for their intake and early intervention team.

Tenants Queensland are advertising for a [Financial Counsellor](#) to support renters facing financial challenges.

Micah Projects have several positions vacant, including for a [Tenant Service Worker](#) at Brisbane Common Ground.

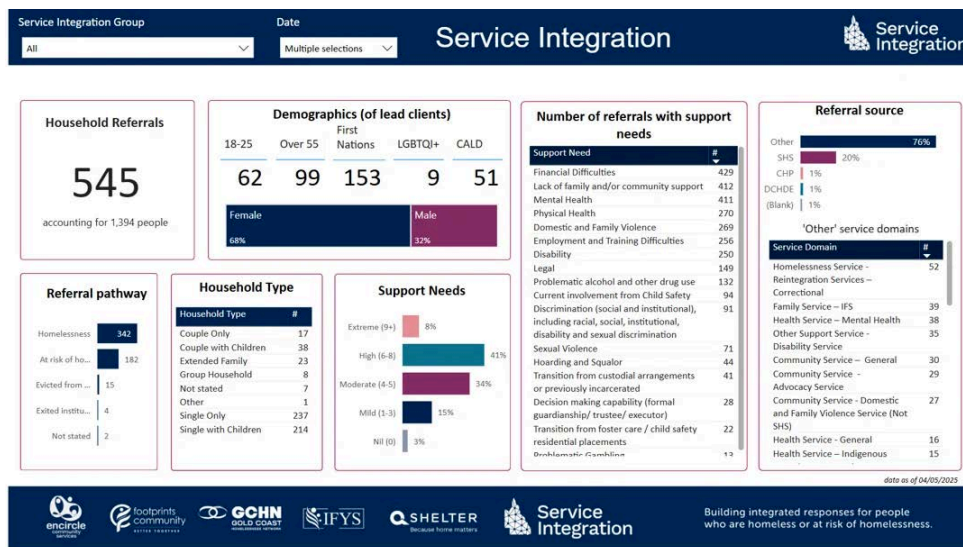
If you have vacancies you'd like to share with the sector, [list them on The Deck](#).

Service Integration

Region contact and referral information

Service Integration is currently delivered in 14 priority locations across Queensland. Its goal is to strengthen local service systems to deliver sustainable housing and comprehensive support pathways for people who are homeless, or at risk of homelessness.

You can find details of the Service Integration groups operating around Queensland, including contact details and how to access referrals [from The Deck](#).



Closing Quote

“We believe that the Queensland Government should establish targets for social and affordable housing from the Athletes' Village housing stock, and that they should actively consider involving Community Housing Providers in the management of this housing before and after the 2032 Games.”

[Q Shelter, in our submission to the Planning \(Social Impact and Community Benefit\) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill.](#)



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