



Home Matters

November 2025

From our Leadership Team

Preparations for Q Shelter's pre-budget submission

Q Shelter recently convened [Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Queensland](#) (ATSIHQ), [CHIA Qld](#), [Homelessness Queensland](#) and [Queensland Youth Housing Coalition](#) to prepare for our pre-budget submissions. This year, Q Shelter will seek to consolidate housing system reforms together with adequate investment in genuine prevention and housing supply.

We discussed the importance of specialised approaches to the needs of First Nations communities and young people. We will be working over the coming weeks with the Regional Representatives Forum, our specialist policy committees on housing and homelessness, and Members, to refine and submit our blueprint for the 2026-2027 year.

Homelessness Ministerial Advisory Council

Q Shelter is actively contributing to the HMAc inclusive of two sub-committees focused on SEQ local governments and the need for supportive housing. We co-chair the meeting with SEQ Mayors with the Council of Mayors (SEQ) CEO, Scott Smith. HMAc is an important vehicle for discussing and solving challenges while we also monitor progress. We have been active in proposing a more data-driven approach to monitoring demand for services, as well as progress on housing supply by each local government area.

Prevention Alliance

Q Shelter is a member of a Peaks Alliance, led by [PeakCare](#), focused on defining and advancing a framework for prevention. We are seeking to progress an intersectional approach to how key levels of government and government agencies, together with community services and the wider community, can genuinely achieve prevention of adverse childhood experiences, homelessness, and involvement in youth justice systems.

We know that improved early lives improves mental health, reduces addiction, and leads to thriving families and communities. This week, we are heading to Toowoomba for a regional forum and later in November, to Mackay. We affirm our commitment to pursuing prevention in every way possible.

Housing and Homelessness Programs reimaged

We have met with other peak organisations to have input in how programs funded by the Department of Housing and Public Works will be designed and delivered going forward. Our input will consistently focus on evidence of what works, with a heavy emphasis on prevention. We also contribute with an in-depth understanding of the needs of Queenslanders. We are making suggestions about the design of regional engagement to ensure the voices of the sector are part of the process.

CEO and Leaders Forum registrations close soon

Please join us for our November forum focused on prevention. Our keynote address will be delivered by the **Hon Amanda Camm MP**, and presentations from **Michael Fotheringham** (AHURI), **Jackson Hills** (exploring a report commissioned by Q Shelter on a Community Housing Road Map), **Julie Saunders** (CHIA Qld) and **Neil Willmetts** (ATSIHQ). Our focus will be on how we can achieve prevention through housing supply and appropriately designed, evidence-based support. [Register here](#) or see more detail below.

Warm regards,



Chief Executive Officer

AGM and end-of-year celebration



Have you registered to attend Q Shelter's **Annual General Meeting and end-of-year celebration on Thursday 13 November?**

We invite you all to [get your free tickets and join us](#) at Rydges South Bank in Brisbane to recognise the amazing work we have been able to support and contribute to across our sector over the last 12 months.

We are excited to be announcing the winners of both this year's **Kent Maddock Award** and winners of the **Deirdre Coghlan Bursary** as well, so come along to cheer on the winners.



CEO and Leaders Forum and Lunch

Keynote speaker	Guest speakers	Panelists		
				
Hon Amanda Camm, MP	Michael Fotheringham	Jackson Hills	Neil Willmet	Julie Saunders

Friday 14 November, 12pm
Rydges South Bank

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Prevention theme for CEO and Leaders Lunch

The clear theme of our [CEO and Senior Leaders Forum and Lunch on Friday 14 November](#) is prevention. Our keynote speaker, guest speakers and panellists will all focus on Queensland's progress towards preventing people falling into housing need and homelessness.

Keynote Speaker: The Hon. Amanda Camm, MP

Minister for Families, Seniors and Disability Services, and
Minister for Child Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence

Guest Speaker: Dr Michael Fotheringham

Managing Director, Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute (AHURI)

Other Speakers

Jackson Hills, GM, Policy and Strategic Engagement, Q Shelter

Neil Willmet, CEO, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Queensland

Julie Saunders, CEO, CHIA Queensland

We've set aside significant time at this event for networking so you can maximise the opportunity to connect with other decision-makers and sector colleagues. [Secure a place now for you and your team](#) at what promises to be a highlight of this year's sector calendar.

Community Housing Futures Iteration 2

Information sessions for round 3 grant applications

Last week the Queensland Government confirmed their investment in iteration two of the [Community Housing Futures Program](#). We are pleased to announce that grant applications are now open to enhance the capability and capacity of Community Housing Providers (CHPs) and Indigenous Community Housing Organisations (ICHOs) to achieve growth and sustainability.

General Grant Stream applications are open until 16 January 2026. [Download and read the Grant Guidelines](#) before applying, then [apply for Round 3 via SmartyGrants](#).

The CHFP team are holding two online information sessions for Round 3 of the Business Advisory Grants. Register using the links below, or [contact the team](#) if you have any questions.

[Option 1: Monday 10 November 2pm-3pm](#)

[Option 2: Thursday 20 November 12pm-1pm](#)

Free screening: SOLD! Who Broke the Australian Dream?

Join us for a special screening of SOLD! Who Broke the Australian Dream? in Brisbane, followed by a panel discussion on how we can fix the housing crisis together.

Jointly presented by Q Shelter and QCOSS, stay after the film to hear from:

- Maiy Azize, National Spokesperson, Everybody's Home
- Bill Code, Director and Producer, SOLD!
- Michelle Debert, social worker with lived experience of homelessness
- Fiona Caniglia, CEO, Q Shelter
- Aimee McVeigh, CEO, QCOSS

Tickets are free, but limited.



2025 QCOSS Conference: Changing State

25-27 November, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

The 2025 QCOSS Conference builds on what the community sector does every day – we dream outside the constructs of what our societies think is possible, we dare to enact those dreams and we roll up our sleeves to do the work that is needed to maintain our dreams, all in aid of changing our current state to the future we envision.

The incredible line-up includes:

- Rosie Batty AO, Keynote Speaker
- Dr Dinesh Palipana OAM, MC
- Dr Amy McQuire, Author, Researcher, and 2025 Queensland Premier's Literary Award Winner
- Hon. Amanda Camm MP, Minister for Families, Seniors and Disability Services
- Jess Hill, Award-winning Investigative Journalist

[Check out the full program and secure your ticket](#) to be part of this special event. Bring your team, connect with sector leaders, and be part of conversations that strengthen our communities.

Need help with an event?



Q Shelter understands that many organisations don't have the resources to plan events and run engagement projects for their stakeholders.

To help meet this need, Q Shelter is now offering bespoke event support on a fee-for-service basis. Jessica Pragnell, our in-house event and engagement specialist, is available to discuss how this can work for you. [Contact her to schedule a preliminary consultation.](#)

Queensland Gives grant round open

The [2026 Queensland Gives grant round is now open](#), closing on 12 December 2025. The 2026 theme is "supporting strong, vibrant and resilient communities".

The General Fund grant program supports organisational capacity building of mid-tier organisations across Queensland, with grants available up to a maximum of \$40,000 per individual grant. [Visit their website for more details and to apply.](#)

A new EAP offering for Q Shelter members

We have now sent through new access details to Q Shelter Member organisations who have opted in to our discounted Employee Assistance Program (EAP).

Wisdom Wellbeing are now providing 24/7 confidential counselling support for more than 700 Q Shelter staff, members, volunteers and their immediate families. [Contact us if you'd like more information](#) about the rate we've been able to negotiate for this leading EAP provider, and whether this service will work for your organisation.



Events and training

Q SHELTER Events

Engage | Learn | Celebrate



Shaping our Future: Building a CHP Roadmap

Co-design a roadmap for growth in community housing, defining purpose, targets, and strategies.

[12 NOV 10AM-3PM - BOOK NOW »](#)



Working with people affected by Squalor

The new follow-up to our hoarding training focused specifically on squalor.

[18 NOV 9AM-1PM - BOOK NOW »](#)



Compassion fatigue online workshops

New session to build awareness, resilience, and practical strategies to manage fatigue in demanding roles.

[2 DEC 9AM or 12PM - 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.

Qld Government Vendor Panel Marketplace

The Social Services Category Council is encouraging those in the social services sector to register on the [Queensland Government's VendorPanel Marketplace](#).

Being registered can raise visibility of upcoming procurement opportunities and increase access to tender for potential suppliers. You can find out more about [the government's supply process on their website](#).

Housing First Train-the-Trainer EOI

Housing First Train-the-Trainer 2026 From practice to influence



Seeking expressions of interest from experienced homelessness practitioners ready to:

- gain the skills to become Housing First trainers
- become a leader in embedding Housing First principles in homelessness practice



National
Housing First
Trainers Group

Homelessness Australia is calling for [expressions of interest from experienced practitioners to undertake Round 4](#) of the national Housing First Train the Trainer course. They are looking for people who have experience in Housing First or similar values-based service delivery, are confident training or presenting and have the support of their organisation. The 6-week course will begin in February 2026.



 **AHRC26**
10-13 FEBRUARY 2026

AUSTRALASIAN HOUSING RESEARCHERS CONFERENCE

Location: Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane

Theme: Housing Justice in Turbulent Times

 

Wellbeing tip of the month

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Wellbeing Tip of the Month: Self-Responsibility

At the heart of wellbeing is self-responsibility — the conscious choice to look after ourselves and each other.

Through our [Culture and Wellbeing Strategy sessions](#) across Queensland, one theme continues to shine through: teams value self-responsibility as a cornerstone of collective wellbeing. It's the understanding that when we each take ownership of our energy, actions, and mindset, we create stronger, more supportive workplaces for everyone.

This month, take a moment to ask yourself: What does self-responsibility look like for me right now? Sometimes it's rest. Sometimes it's honesty. Always, it's a powerful act of care for yourself and your community.

QDN My Housing Options toolkit

Queenslanders with Disabilities Network (QDN) are excited to launch their new [My Housing Options website](#). It contains a suite of resources including information, videos, and activities that support people with disability in thinking about where they want to live, the support they may need, and how to take steps toward their housing goals.

[QDN](#) will be delivering education and awareness-raising workshops for people with disability, families, and service providers to support the use of the toolkit.

Service Integration

Region contact and referral information

The Service Integration team have been excited to welcome two new facilitators. Rebecca Adamson has joined as Service Integration Facilitator Mackay, and Meggan Hastie as Service Integration Facilitator Townsville.

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

You can also now browse the Service Integration data from the 2024-2025 financial year. The capture below shows overall data for the year, but the dashboard on The Deck is fully interactive, allowing you to search through specific regions and filter for various metrics.



Rebecca Adamson, Mackay



Meggan Hastie, Townsville

Closing Quote

“Community housing providers deliver homes that change lives and we’re backing them as vital partners to deliver more homes across Queensland.”

Hon. Sam O’Connor, MP, Minister for Housing and Public Works.



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