



# 2020

## The Lady Musgrave Trust 12<sup>TH</sup> Annual Women and Homelessness Forum

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August 5 2020, 10 am – 12 pm

Older Women –  
Living on the Edge  
of Homelessness



# Event program

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# Segment 1: The Problem

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**10am  
start**

**Welcome by MC Leigh Muirhead**

Acknowledgement of Country

**Welcome – Introduction**

Karen Lyon Reid

**Living on the Edge – 5 Women**

**Older Women across Australia**

The Hon Dr Kay Patterson AO Age Discrimination  
Commissioner (Sydney)

**Women’s Housing Needs in Regional Australia**

Charlotte Dillon, Senior Manager of Community  
Housing, YWCA (Melbourne)

**Assistant Minister for Community Housing,  
Homelessness and Community Services**

The Hon Luke Howarth MP (Canberra)

**SPONSORSHIP MESSAGE: CROMWELL PROPERTY GROUP FOUNDATION**

Paul Weightman, CEO Cromwell Property Group

# Segment 2: New Product Launch

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**10:35am Minister for Public Works and Housing  
Queensland Government**

The Hon Mick do Brenni (Brisbane)

**Launch - The Handy Guide for Older Women & New Website**

Karen Lyon Reid (Brisbane)

**The Handy Guide for Older Women – Overview**

Rachel Watson and Jennifer Clark (Brisbane)

**SPONSORSHIP MESSAGE: EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION**

Jonathan Nantes, Chairman, Eastern Star Foundation

# Segment 3: Showcase of new Solutions and Panel Session

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**50mins Older Women's Cohousing London, UK**  
Maria Brenton, Ambassador, UK Cohousing Network  
and Trustee of the UK Cohousing Trust

**Older Women's Housing Pilot Project -  
Women's Property Initiative**

Jeanette Large  
CEO Women's Property Initiative (Melbourne)

**High Touch Vs High Tech: Preventing Homelessness  
Amongst Mature Women**

Professor Melissa Bull  
Director, Centre for Justice, QUT (Brisbane)

**Housing Action Lab (including Launch)**

Presenter: Michael Eales  
Partner at Business Models Inc (Brisbane)

**Panel Discussion – Re-Imagine the Future**

- *Jeanette Large (cross to Melbourne)*
- *Michael Eales (in studio)*
- *Melissa Bull (in studio)*
- *Jennifer Clark (in studio)*
- *Rachel Watson (in studio)*

**Forum Wrap Up (next steps)**

*Thank you for  
attending this forum!*



## Please complete our Survey

### **You will receive an emailed survey. Please complete it.**

Our Committee will use this feedback when designing our next Forum to ensure it will be relevant to you and your work in helping women affected by homelessness.

## Thank you

### **This Forum would not be possible without the support of many.**

We would like to thank the following organisations and the 2019 Forum Working Group for their creativity and dedication in making this Forum a success:

Our MC Leigh Muirhead

Centacare (Rosemary Poulgrain and Toni Janke)

Queensland Health (Angela Martin)

Department of Housing and Public Works (Suzette Robertson)

Watson and Associates – Rachel Watson

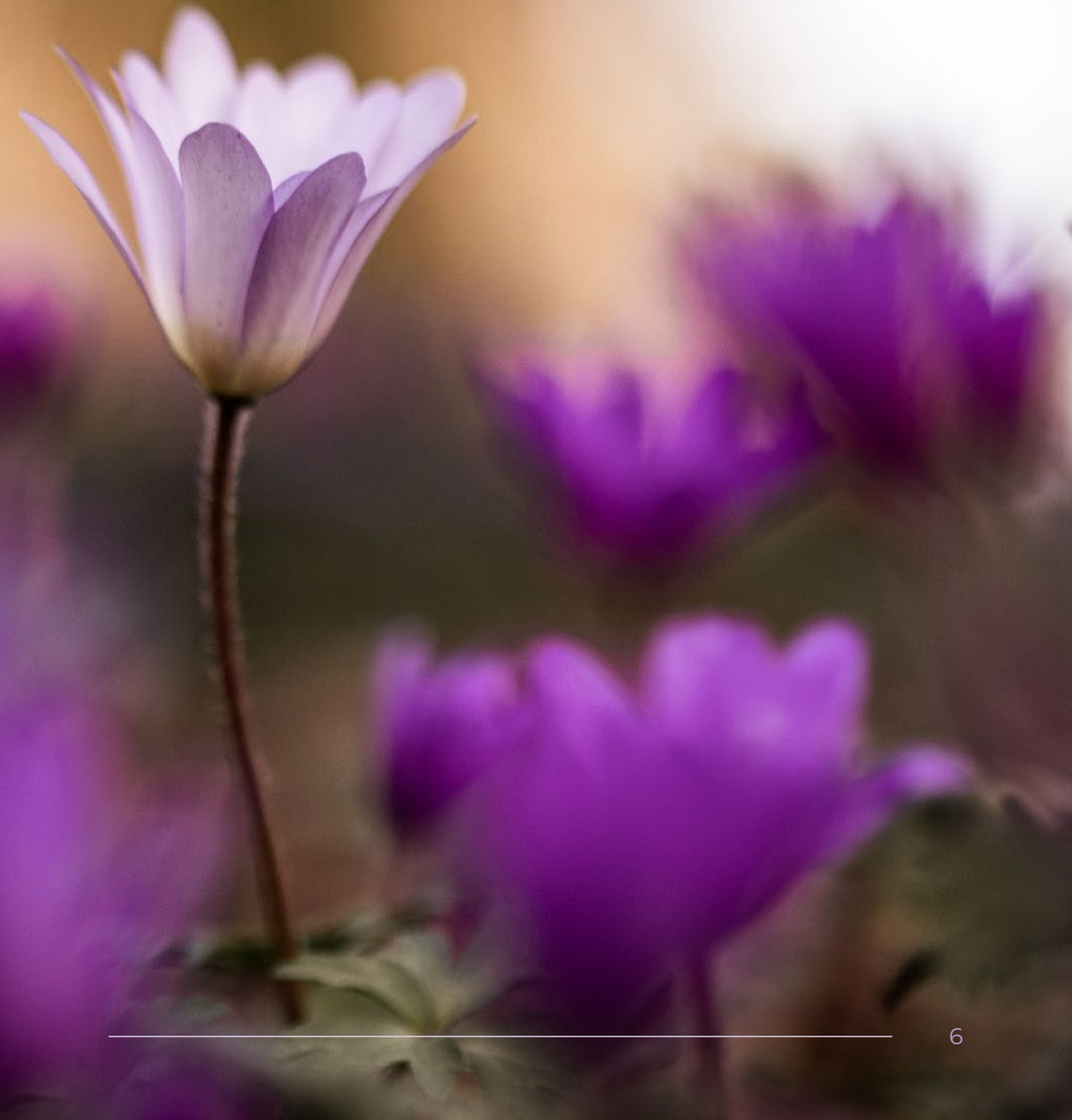
Zonta – Susan Davies

The Lady Musgrave Trust (Mary Mealey and Jenny Clark)

To all of our wonderful speakers

To all of our sponsors

# Our speakers





## The Hon Dr Kay Patterson

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### **AGE DISCRIMINATION COMMISSIONER**

Dr Patterson began her role as Age Discrimination Commissioner on 29th July, 2016. Her strong interest in issues affecting older people has been demonstrated throughout her professional career. Following her election to the Senate in 1987, she served on a number of Senate committees and held various shadow portfolios. In 2001 she was appointed to Cabinet and served in the Health and Social Security portfolios. She has served on a number of not-for-profit Boards and voluntary positions, and is currently Director of the Brockhoff Foundation and honorary Professorial Fellow at Monash University.



## Charlotte Dillon

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### **SENIOR MANAGER COMMUNITY HOUSING YWCA**

Charlotte is a housing professional with over a decade's experience in the social justice sector in both government and not for profits. The majority of Charlotte's working career has been in Aboriginal housing affairs in both Victoria and the Northern Territory. Charlotte is particularly passionate about advancing the rights and opportunities for women, and has recently commenced a position with YWCA as the Senior Manager of Community Housing.



## Luke Howarth

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### **ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR COMMUNITY HOUSING, HOMELESSNESS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Born in Brisbane and raised in Bracken Ridge Queensland. After school Luke spent more than a decade working in the music industry before entering into the small business sector. Prior to entering politics Luke and his family owned a local pest control business in North Brisbane. The business employed 15 staff and grew from a small organisation to a very successful and well-known local business. Luke and his wife raised their three sons in the area and are passionate community advocates. He was first elected as the Federal Member for Petrie in 2013 and has been returned as the member for two consecutive terms. Recently appointed as the Coalition's first ever Assistant Minister for Community Housing, Homelessness, and Community Services, Luke is committed to working with all levels of government, community organisations and the private sector to address homelessness across the nation.







## The Hon Mick de Brenni

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**MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND PUBLIC WORKS,  
MINISTER FOR DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY, AND  
MINISTER FOR SPORT**

Mick de Brenni's career has been defined by his commitment to the fair go and a plan for sustainable change. Mick exhibits a strong thread of fairness through his management of his portfolio, attended to with an unwavering commitment to the simple things – good, decent, stable government on behalf of every Queenslanders. Favouring a long term strategic plan over election or media cycle expediency, historic reform programs over business as usual, sector partnerships and genuine stakeholder collaboration over traditional institutional arrangement, he'll tell you he has an appetite for a challenge. His goal- to help make the lives of all Queenslanders simply better.



## Jennifer Clark

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**DIRECTOR THE LADY MUSGRAVE TRUST**

Jennifer Clark is an experienced executive manager and board director spanning both Housing and Human Services. She has worked in the Queensland and NSW public sectors and for large and small community organisations. Jennifer is currently a Director on the Board of The Lady Musgrave Trust, and has been a Director or Board member of several NFP and Government organisations. Most recently she served 5 years on the Board of Queensland Shelter as Vice President and then President. Jennifer currently is a consultant with a particular interest in projects targeted at Older Women and people with a disability and She also works at Griffith University in the school of Health and Human Services.



## Rachel Watson

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### **DIRECTOR, WATSON AND ASSOCIATES**

Rachel is a consultant with over 25 years experience as a social worker in a variety of settings. Most recently homelessness, housing and innovation. Rachel is the co-founder of the Housing Action Lab in Queensland, engages in academic teaching and holds a variety of Board positions. Rachel passionately believes that a good dose of curiosity, serious thinking and creative designing will give us a future that will make a difference.



## Maria Brenton

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### **SENIOR COHOUSING AMBASSADOR, COHOUSING NETWORK, UNITED KINGDOM**

Maria is the Senior Cohousing Ambassador, at the UK Cohousing Network's and a trustee of the UK Cohousing Trust. She helped establish the 'New Ground' Cohousing Community with the OWCH (Older Women's Cohousing) Group and is a non-resident member. At the end of 2016 this became the UK's first and only Senior Cohousing Community so far. Maria has researched and written about cohousing in various countries, visiting communities in Holland, Denmark, Sweden, Germany, Italy and the USA. She is an enthusiastic advocate of this way of living both for older people and for societies confronting the challenge of ageing.



## Jeanette Large

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### **CEO, WOMEN'S PROPERTY INITIATIVES**

Jeanette Large is the CEO of Women's Property Initiatives (WPI). WPI creates new beginnings for women facing homelessness by providing affordable, permanent homes. WPI houses over 220 women and children around Melbourne through the properties they own and another 200 + people through the properties they manage. Jeanette has a Bachelor of Behavioural Science, a Graduate Diploma in Business Management, she was a 2015 Telstra Women's Business Awards finalist, is a certified Housing Professional with the Australasian Housing Institute and a Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.



## Michael Eales

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### **PARTNER AT BUSINESS MODELS INC**

Business Models Inc is an award-winning international business, design and innovation agency. As the Managing Director of Australia New Zealand, Michael uses strategy design, system design and co-innovation to push the traditional boundaries of work. He is now co-leading the design and delivery of Australia's first Housing Action Lab. Set to launch this year, the HAL looks to address key areas of need within Queensland's housing sector – including homelessness, loneliness and well-being within vulnerable groups such as older women – by utilising BMI's proven coinovation methodology.



## Professor Melissa Bull

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### **DIRECTOR, SCHOOL OF JUSTICE, QUT**

Melissa Bull, (BA(Hons)) is a Professor in the School of Justice at Queensland University of Technology and Director of the QUT Centre for Justice. She is an interdisciplinary researcher whose research is focused in the areas of community development and crime prevention, particularly in relation to culturally and linguistically diverse communities. Her recent work has focused on: the prevention of violence against women, prevention of homelessness for older women, the experiences of women in long term immigration detention and the inclusiveness of illicit drug intervention programs.





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