



THE
LADY MUSGRAVE
TRUST

15TH ANNUAL FORUM
ON WOMEN & HOMELESSNESS

A SAFE WAY HOME

*Navigating the pathway out of
homelessness and building a
better future*

🕒 2 August 2023, 9am-1.30pm

📍 Gardens Theatre Foyer,
QUT Gardens Point Campus

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A woman with curly hair is shown in profile, looking out a window. She is holding a grey jacket. The background is a blurred view of a city street with buildings and trees.

A safe way home – *navigating the pathway out of homelessness and building a better future.*

Last year's sell-out Annual Forum focused on the pathway into homelessness and how safety at home sets a strong foundation. We explored how domestic, family and sexual violence can impact women's lives and influence the pathway to homelessness, and discussed the importance of safe family environments, and healthy behaviours and attitudes towards sex, relationships and gender.

We will look what works and why, and how effective initiatives can be replicated or scaled for greater impact. We'll unpack the successful projects that have grown from a community response, analyse the innovative activity in the sector and explore the systems and investment reform that's occurring.

Come with us and take a look beyond the traditional constraints, silos and red tape to see what's possible, what's working and importantly how we can continue the work. With this lens, we'll refocus our attention on the outcomes we're all so passionate about – solving homelessness for women in Queensland.

This year, we are continuing the conversation, asking an important question – how can women get to a safer home?

A Safe Way Home

EVENT PROGRAM

ARRIVAL

9:00 AM

MC for the day:

- Rachel Mealey – Journalist, ABC

Welcome to Country

9:10 AM

Speakers:

- Aunty Louisa Bonner, Member of the Jaggara Clans Group

Welcome & Scene Setting

9:20 AM

Speakers:

- Professor Melissa Bull – Director, QUT Centre for Justice
- Victoria Parker – CEO, The Lady Musgrave Trust

KEYNOTE

Lived Experience

9:35 AM

Provide a first-person view on the issues we're here to solve.

Speakers:

- Aicha – Brisbane Youth Service (BYS)

KEYNOTE

A Safe Way Home

9:45 AM

Reform of the housing and homelessness system so it's not just managed, but solved.

Housing affordability affects all of us and Queenslanders are suffering some of the worst housing stress in the country.

Plus, we know homelessness is solvable. So, what is happening to make the reality possible for women, and how can you get involved?

Speakers:

- Kate Colvin – CEO, Homelessness Australia
- Aimee McVeigh – CEO, QCOSS

Facilitator: Rachel Mealey – Journalist, ABC

KEYNOTE

Women's Safety & Justice Taskforce - What Happens Now

10:10 AM

An up close and personal chat with two women that have led from the front to create change for women across Queensland.

What do they think has to be done, and how do they think it should be done.

To reflect on:

- The role that the legal system plays
- The role of Government and community
- The Women's Safety and Justice Taskforce – recommendations and implementation
- Words of wisdom and passion

Speakers:

- *The Hon. Margaret McMurdo – Chair, Women's Safety and Justice Taskforce*
- *Cathy Taylor – Independent Implementation Supervisor, Women's Safety and Justice Taskforce*

Facilitator: *Rachel Mealey – Journalist, ABC*

MORNING TEA

Thanks to QUT Centre for Justice

10:40 AM

PANEL DISCUSSION

Homeless to Hopeful

11:00 AM

Innovative solutions that are making a difference.

There are many organisations making a real impact on the lives of women and children experiencing homelessness. What's the secret? We explore the latest innovations and how these solutions are making a difference.

From small beginnings, some big things can be achieved.

Speakers:

- *Kate Colvin – CEO, Homelessness Australia*
- *Dushy Thangiah – CEO, Yumba Meta, Townsville*
- *Jan Owen – FoyerInvest Consortium*
- *Madonna Cuthbert – A/Executive Director, Programs, Queensland Department of Housing*
- *Chris Seiboth – Executive Lead, Community Services Support Centre, Lutheran Services Australia*
- *Victoria Parker – CEO, The Lady Musgrave Trust*

Panel Host: *Sonya Keep – former CEO, Common Ground*

PANEL DISCUSSION

Men Making Change

11:45 AM

The role men play in building a safe home.

Meet the men making women's safety their issue. We take a look at the programs empowering men, the building blocks of healthy relationships and how men's attitudes are the biggest driver of behaviour change.

Speakers:

- *Dr Michael Flood – Researcher, QUT Centre for Justice*
- *Darcy Robertson – Safe Relationships Program Coordinator, Safe Relationships at BYS*
- *Dean Cooper – Violence Prevention Specialist, MATE Bystander Program, Griffith University*
- *Dave Kramer – Behavioural Scientist & Ambassador, Small Steps 4 Hannah*

Panel Host: *Pam Barker – CEO, Brisbane Youth Service (BYS)*

The Unlikely Suspects

12:25 PM

Non-traditional partners for catalytic change.

When we work together, good things happen. Meet the unlikely organisations bridging the sector and the government to make a real impact for Queenslanders experiencing homelessness.

Speakers:

- John Nicholls – Global Head of ESG & Sustainability, Corporate Travel Management (CTM)
- Sara Parrot – CEO, Hand Heart Pocket
- Fiona Worrall – General Manager, Peggy's Place
- Antoinette Rusby Perera – QLD State Manager, Property Industry Foundation
- Tamara Smith – CEO, Suited to Success

Panel Host: Simone Waugh – Managing Director, Publicis

CLOSE

12:55 PM

Speaker:

- Rachel Mealey – Journalist, ABC
- Louise Kelly – President, The Lady Musgrave Trust

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