



THE
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TRUST

16TH ANNUAL FORUM
ON WOMEN & HOMELESSNESS

A PORT IN THE PERFECT S^UORM

How the housing crisis can lead
to real housing solutions

- 🕒 Wednesday, August 7,
8:15am-1.25pm
- 📍 Gardens Theatre,
QUT Gardens Point Campus

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All Queenslanders should have somewhere to turn to when life gets rough. But the compounding impact of global and local events over the last two decades has led to a perfect storm in the housing market.

Rates of homelessness in our state are up 22 per cent, almost three times the national average. It's an unprecedented affordability crisis, with more women and families than ever before struggling to find a safe place to call home.

And the sector that cares for these Queenslanders in need is underfunded and under-resourced.

We're on the precipice of 'what happens next'. We have the opportunity of a generation to solve the problems that have led to this crisis and create a future where it won't happen

again. And the voices of those living with this crisis need to be at the heart of what we do.

New funding, policies, projects and targets promise to effect real change. But will they work? Are our calls for innovative solutions finally being answered?

Join us for the 16th Annual Women and Homelessness Forum as we examine what's ahead. We'll unpack new projects and plans, consider the impact of the upcoming state election, and identify opportunities to break the cycle of trauma for women and children.

We'll look at the new faces of homelessness and the key causes behind it, and most importantly, we'll hear directly from women with lived experience of the housing crisis about their journeys into safe and stable homes.

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We know we are stronger together, so The Lady Musgrave Trust is proud to present this event in partnership with the Queensland Council of Community Service (QCOSS), QShelter, Micah Projects and Queensland University of Technology's (QUT) School of Justice.



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EVENT PROGRAM

COFFEE AND NETWORKING

8.15 – 9 AM

Welcome to Country

9.00 AM

- *Aunty Deb Sandy*

Welcome

9.10 AM

- *Professor Rowena Maguire, QUT Centre for Justice*
- *Rachel Mealey, ABC Journalist*
- *Victoria Parker, CEO, The Lady Musgrave Trust*

READING

Lived Experience

9.20 – 9.35 AM

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

PANEL DISCUSSION

The changing face and growing body of homelessness

9.35 – 10.25 AM

Queensland is in a crisis. Our support services are seeing unprecedented levels of demand as homelessness in our state skyrockets to almost three times the national average.

Those most in need are families – young mums and their children without a safe place to stay. Social housing waitlists are swelling with our next generation waiting years for a secure and stable home.

It's alarming and it's an impact that is also felt on the frontline, the workers who are there for our State's most vulnerable. Meet the new face of homelessness and those standing beside them.

Host:

Rachel Mealey, Journalist, ABC

Speakers:

- *Aimee McVeigh, CEO, QCOSS*
- *Tracey Tewksberry, Resound Group, Lived Experience*
- *Karyn Walsh, CEO, Micah*

MORNING TEA

10.25 – 10.50 AM

PANEL DISCUSSION

A well-worn path – the cycle of homelessness 10.50 – 11.30 AM

Where does the cycle begin and how can it end? Hear from a panel of experts who will explore the factors that can lead to homelessness and how they can trap victims in a heartbreaking cycle.

We know there's a way to break the cycle and a stable home is the start. Hear from those who have lived it and know firsthand how a secure home can help to heal and rebuild and what other essential support is needed to recover and stay on track.

Host: *Annemaree Callander, Executive Officer, Community Housing Industry Association*

Speakers:

- *Professor Selena Bartlett, author and Group Leader, Neuroscience, QUT*
- *Fiona Caniglia, Executive Director, QShelter*
- *Professor Cameron Parsell, University of Queensland*
- *Amy Blair, Program Manager, Young Families, YFS*

FIRESIDE CHAT

Life inside the homelessness crisis 11.30 – 12.05 PM

3rd Space CEO Lesley Leece interviews two-time Walkley Award winner Trent Dalton about his understanding of homelessness as depicted in his latest novel, *Lola in the Mirror*.

Speakers:

- *Trent Dalton, Journalist and Author*
- *Lesley Leece, CEO, 3rd Space*

SPOTLIGHT ON

What a difference 12 months and a collective advocacy effort can make 12.05 – 12.35 PM

12 months ago, we heard from the FoyerInvest team about the Foyer housing concept, which is a housing option for young people aged between 16 and 25-years-old giving them a safe place to stay while they pursue education, a job and eventually their own home.

At that point there were two Foyers in Queensland in Logan and the Gold Coast. Fast forward 12 months and after thousands of hours of strategy, advocacy and pavement pounding, the Townsville Youth Foyer has now opened its doors, and an additional

eight Youth Foyers have been announced by the Queensland Government. Find out how this was achieved and what's next for this promising solution to youth homelessness.

Speakers:

- *Jan Owen, AM, FoyerInvest Co-Convenor*
- *Rachael Holmes, Wesley Mission Queensland and Logan Youth Foyer Coordinator*
- *Caitlyn, Youth Advocate and current resident at Logan Youth Foyer*

Doing things differently to get a better outcome

This panel is brought to you by the Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works

To ensure we don't face this housing crisis again we need to do things differently at every level – from policies and funding right through to implementation, we need to innovate and ensure the community's voice is heard. We need to look after our workers and protect the community housing sector, so we have people and places to keep pace with demand.

This robust conversation will focus on some innovative, progressive and sensible solutions to ensuring every woman has a safe place to live. Experienced leaders from the sector will present solutions based on experience to help outline the preferred path forward.

Host:

Kirsty Rourke, Social Impact Capital Australia/EmpowerHer Initiative

Speakers:

- *Sam Betros, General Manager, Housing Development, Department of Housing*
- *Megan Bonetti, Senior Community Development Manager, BHC*
- *Dr Lyndall Bryant, School of Economics and Finance, QUT*
- *Michelle Debert, Manager, HART 4000, Lived Experience*
- *Judith Hunter, Strategic Development Director and Board Director, The Lady Musgrave Trust*

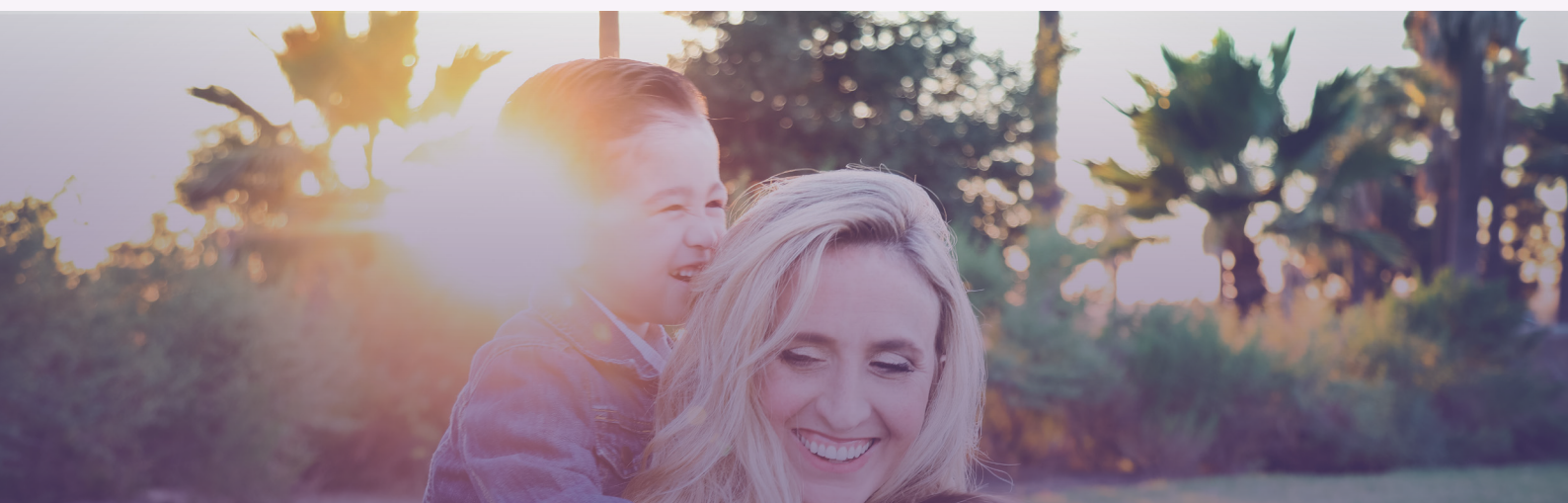
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Speakers:

1.15 – 1.25 PM

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

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