



# Creating Collaborative Housing Solutions

A SOCIAL ISSUES FORUM FOCUSING ON CENTRAL COAST OLDER WOMEN

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## Did you know??

- There is higher housing stress on the Central Coast than Greater Sydney!
- In June 2020 only 22 out of 538 available rental properties were affordable to those in the very low income bracket on the Central Coast!
- Older women (55+) are the fastest growing cohort of homeless people!

This social issues forum will explore the **issues** and **potential solutions** surrounding older women's homelessness on the Central Coast.

You will hear **evidence on what works**, learn about **successful approaches** to addressing the issue, meet **specialised practitioners** and **engage with innovators** in collaborative service provision.

- DATE:** Wednesday March 10, 2021
- TIME:** 9.15-2.00pm
- VENUE:** Elderslee@Tuggerah, 2/160-162 Pacific Highway, Tuggerah
- TICKETS:** \$25 General Admission, \$5 Concession
- BOOKINGS:** <https://nswtickets.com.au/event/12465>
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## Forum Agenda - Wednesday March 10

9.15 Registration & Tea/ Coffee

### 9.40 INTRODUCTION

Acknowledgement of Country

**Vickie Parry**, A/Executive Director, Barang Regional Alliance

Welcome and Housekeeping

### 10.00 SESSION ONE: Panel 1 *Understanding the Nature of Older Women's Homelessness*

*Facilitated by Ruth Jordon*

#### Panel Members

**Aloma Fennell** 'The Big Picture' President, National Older Women's Network

**Rita Martin** 'Key Workers: Accessing Housing' Government and Community Relations Organiser  
Professional Services, NSW Nurses and Midwives Association

**Shayne Silvers** 'The Central Coast: the situation on the ground' Manager, Kariong Neighbourhood  
Centre

11.00-11.30 Morning Tea

### 11.30 SESSION TWO: Panel 2 *A Way to the Future: Exploring Solutions*

*Facilitated by Jenni Neary*

#### Panel Members

**Annabelle Daniel** 'Creating Housing Choices' CEO, Women's Community Shelters

**Sue Mowbray** 'Using Grants to facilitate Innovation' CEO Mercy Foundation

**To be confirmed** 'Central Coast Responses'

12.30-1.00 *Where to from Here??*

1.00-2.00 pm Lunch & Conversation

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