



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>
- ENQUIRIES:** Deb Tipper, djtipper1909@gmail.com 0409048169
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Forum Agenda - Wednesday March 10

9.00 Registration & Tea/ Coffee

9.30 INTRODUCTION

Welcome and Housekeeping

Acknowledgement of Country **Vickie Parry**, A/Executive Director, Barang Regional Alliance

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

Facilitated by **Ruth Jordon**, Elderslee Foundation Board Member

Panel Members

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| 'The Big Picture' | Aloma Fennell President, National Older Women's Network |
| 'Key Workers: Accessing Housing' | Rita Martin Government and Community Relations Organiser
Professional Services, NSW Nurses & Midwives Association |
| 'On the Coast: the situation on the ground' | Shayne Silvers Member, CCOWCAH & Manager, Kariong
Neighbourhood Centre |
| 'A part of my life - homeless to homed' | To be Confirmed Community Member, Central Coast |

10.30 - 11.00 Discussion

11.00-11.30 Morning Tea

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

Facilitated by **Jenni Neary**, Community Member

Panel Members

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| 'Creating Housing Choices' | Annabelle Daniel | CEO, Women's Community Shelters |
| 'Using Grants to facilitate Innovation' | Sue Mowbray | CEO, Mercy Foundation |
| 'Central Coast Responses' | Ian Lynch | CEO, Pacific Link Housing |

12.30-1.00 Where to from Here??

1.00-2.00 pm Lunch & Conversation

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