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Catalysing perpetually affordable, community-led housing in Queensland



In this Bulletin we are delighted to report on the Mastermind Online as the first event of the My Home Your Home Our Homes Project. 100 people registered to participate in this online event hosted by HOW M and facilitated by Zola Rose.

Participants provided valuable insights and questions that are shaping the upcoming face-to-face events we offer you and others across SEQ from September 10th to 23rd.

This bulletin also provides registration details for the eight-plus events in five locations from the Gold Coast to the Sunny Coast. You can also participate online in a special hybrid event supported by the University of Queensland.

Outcome of the Mastermind Online Event

The MYO Homes Project seeks to drive affordable, community-led housing initiatives in Southeast Queensland. The Mastermind Online event highlighted the project's goals, emphasising the importance of collaboration, identifying resources, and exploring successful models in community-led housing. The event featured Zola Rose, a Collaborative Housing Consultant, who introduced key concepts and discussed the challenges and opportunities in this field.

Key findings from the event identified barriers such as financial constraints, restrictive zoning laws, and limited community awareness. Potential enablers include government land grants, community education, and leveraging existing resources like church land. The event underscored the need for detailed planning, community engagement, and advocacy to overcome these obstacles.

Suggestions for upcoming seminars include providing practical guidance, sharing successful case studies, and fostering stakeholder partnerships. The need for comprehensive involvement from government bodies, planners, developers, and community groups was highlighted as essential for achieving long-term success. The project aims to utilise various engagement methods, such as webinars, workshops, and media outreach, to build support and raise awareness for community-led housing initiatives.

A detailed Mastermind report highlighting key discussion points is available using this [link](#).

Registration for the MYO Homes Project super series of seminars, workshops, forum and networking events is now live!! We invite you to register your interest in attending one or more of these events. We also ask that you circulate this invitation to others in your networks of persons who are or have lived with the stress of housing precarity, colleagues involved with planning, design, finance, housing related legislation, policy and programs, developers, community organisations involved with housing support, academics and researchers, service organisations and other community groups.

The intention of the series of engagement events across SEQ is to bring together diverse interests in creating responses that meet the [needs and aspirations](#) of women 55+ yrs for a safe, secure, affordable, amenable home in which we can age well and continue in the care of our families and community.

With a community-led approach vision we have invited Zola Rose Director of [Common Ground](#) in New Zealand to help us catalyse our individual and collective interest in creating new forms of [collaborative housing](#). There are many examples of this type of housing across other states and territories in Australia, New Zealand, the UK, Europe, the USA and Canada. However, for several reasons, this type of housing has not advanced in Queensland. Use this [link](#) to see a document that provides links to many examples of community-led housing, including cohousing, cooperatives, community land trusts and more.

The aim of the MYO Homes Project is seeking resources and related government support in the development of local area community led collaborative housing demonstration / pilot projects across SEQ. Such projects will be scalable and replicable and increase affordable housing choice in Queensland.

Our 'Donate Now' provides an easy way to make a tax deductible donate. We welcome donations of any size to help with the project's entire costs. To support the MYOH project, please go to www.housingolderwomen.org.au and **click the Donate Now button**. You'll notice the page mentions SANDBAG—our sponsors—and they've kindly offered to assist us in administering the donations, 100% of which will be used for the MYO Homes Project.



*I thank- you to all
those who have
donated already!*

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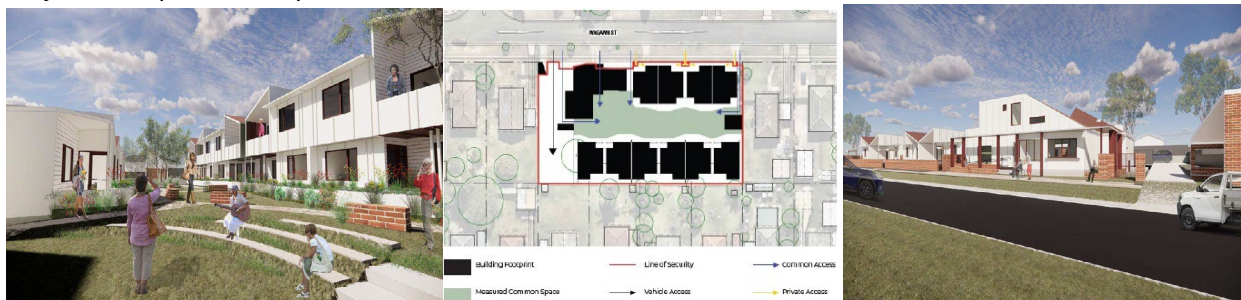
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are very welcomed
All funds spent on MYOH
Help subsidise our costs and
volunteer efforts
Support Older Women
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What could community-led housing look like in SEQ?

In September 2023, Michael Dickson, a supporter of the HOW Movement and lecturer in architecture with the University of Qld, established a studio clinic with the Master of Architecture Students. Michael engaged Tracy and Maggie from the Housing Older Women Movement (HOW Movement) to answer this question.

With insights and ideas emerging through dialogue between the students and HOW Movement core group representatives led by Michael, a set of designs was created by several working groups. Michael had researched several vacant lots of land in Logan. The designs were created using the parameters of these lots.

The MYO Homes Project seminars will showcase these unique and community-integrated designs. Here are just a couple of examples-



Local Area MYO Homes Project updates



Gold Coast

[Register](#) now for these events to receive updates and program details.

The City of Gold Coast will be represented by [Cr Tozer](#), who will welcome participants to the Seminar.

Details are being finalised for the following Seminar and Workshop/s

Date: Tuesday 10th September

Venue: Mudgeeraba Community Centre

Seminar

Time: 9.30 am for a 10 am start -12.30 pm

Light Lunch

Continuing with Workshop Option 1

Monday 10th Sept Time: 1 pm -3.30 pm

Workshop Option 2

Thursday, 19th September

Time: 8.30 am sign-in/cuppa for a 9 am start – 11 am finish (TBC)

Venue: Upper Coomera Community Centre

[Gold Coast Flyer](#) FYI

We need your help in promoting these events to others in your networks. In addition to this Bulletin we have a [Gold Coast specific flyer](#) you can download and circulate. Valuable support has been provided by Adam Tilbrooke as the Seniors Access and Inclusion Officer and manager Rose Linder from City of Gold Coast Council.

Your assistance in inviting those in your networks to get involved is very important in getting the word out. Please have look at what we are offering in this one of series. Here is [a link](#) to flyer that provides a summary of all of the events.

Sunshine Coast



Date: Friday September 13th

Venue: Nambour Show Grounds (School Building)

Seminar

Time: 9.30 am for a 10 am start -12.30 pm

Light Lunch

Continuing with Workshop Option 1

Same Venue from 1 pm – 4 pm

Workshop Option 2

Date: 20th September

Time: 9 am sign-in start 10 am -12 pm

Venue: Coolum Civic Centre

[Register](#) for any of the events listed and receive updates & program details.

[Sunshine Coast Seminar and workshop flyer](#) Download FYI and distribute

Any queries, please contact Tracy tracy@housingolderwomen.org.au

Greater North Brisbane



Date: Monday 16th September

Venue: Northgate Community Centre

Seminar [Cr Adam Allan](#) for the Northgate Ward & Chair of BCC Planning Com

Time: 9.30 am for a 10 am start -12.30 pm

Light Lunch

Continuing with Workshop Option 1

Time: 1 pm -3.30 pm

Workshop Option 2

Monday 23rd September (TBC)

Time: 9.30 sign in/cuppa for a 10 am start and finish at 12-noon

Venue: Northgate Community Centre.

[Register](#) for this event to receive updates, program details

[North Brisbane flyer](#) **Download FYI and distribution.**

HOW M is reaching across this region, which includes the Moreton Shire. If you are interested in the MYO Homes Project, please contact the local area coordinator and HOW M advocate Lynette Loffel mobile: 0458 944 487 lynette@housingolderwomen.org.au

Greater South Brisbane



Date: Wednesday 11th September

Venue: Food Connect Shed / Salisbury

Seminar: 10 am sign-in for 10.30 am – 1 pm

Light Lunch

Continuing with Workshop Option 1

Same day: 1.30 pm – 4.30 pm +

Networking event: 5 pm-8 pm

[Register](#) and others listed on this link to receive updates & program details.

[South Brisbane Flyer](#) please download FYI and distribute it to your networks.

Special Sector Influencers Forum (hybrid event)



Date: 18th September

Venue: University of Qld CBD Campus & Online

Forum: 9.30 am sign-in for 10.00 am – 12 pm

[Register](#) for the event above and any others listed to receive updates on the program and the Zoom link details.

[Sector Influencers Forum flyer](#), please download FYI and distribute it to your networks.

How can you be involved?

- Become part of a MYO Homes Project Local Area Co-ordination
- Help out at one of the events.
- Share your concerns and aspirations at one of the events
- Contact those listed in this bulletin to clarify any questions.
- Help with promotion by talking with friends and colleagues and giving them a flyer
- Join our mailing group by going to our website and signing on (we'll never sell your details or spam your mailbox)
- Consider a donation towards our pioneering project.
- Share expertise and insights

What's happening next...

Local Area Coordination and linking with local people, particularly women impacted by housing precarity, continue. Your assistance in supporting the participation of women keen to offer their housing-related aspirations would be valuable to securing the outcomes of community-led local area housing project development groups.

We also need people who support older women's housing in our efforts to influence the systems so there can be more affordable housing choices. This rapidly growing issue means that in the next 20-30 years, the number of women over 55 years who will experience varying degrees of very distressing housing precarity will double. Sth East Qld has the highest number of persons in this cohort in Australia ([2023 Census Analysis by HAAG](#)).



Participation



We are keen to ensure participation in the MYO Homes Project, particularly the sector influencers event and relevant local events, inclusive of:

- . government & non-government representatives building & planning experts
- . academics & researchers
- . private, public and community housing developers
- . peak body representatives
- . churches and civil society groups and organisations.
- . community development officers, managers and others in local government
- . community members
- . Finance sector representatives considering new financial products for older women, such as shared equity and investment interests.

Acknowledging our supporters...

- ✓ Gambling Community Benefit Fund (*funding assistance for the MYO Homes Project*)
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- ✓ Brisbane City Council
- ✓ Sunshine Coast Regional Council
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- ✓ Moreton Regional Council
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