

Seeds of Change MYO Homes Project Report



My Home, Your Home, Our Homes (MYOH) Project

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Executive Summary

The My Home Your Home Our Homes (MYOH) Project, spearheaded by the Housing Older Women (HOW) Movement, aims to create diverse, perpetually affordable housing options for Queensland (Qld), particularly for women aged 55+.

[HOW M 2023-2028 Strategic Plan](#) provides the direction for this work. Underpinned by our vision and mission of ensuring the provision of an affordable home for all women 55+ and one where they can express their needs and aspirations about their home. The HOW M website survey, our research and consultation with experts, researchers and most importantly, women affected by housing precarity, including those involved in leading the HOW Movement, have been building to this engagement focus for over four years.

In September 2024, HOWM, with project funding from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund, conducted an engagement series across Southeast Qld, highlighting the potential of gentle-density, community-led housing solutions. These housing models, co-designed and managed by residents and others with expertise, emphasise non-speculative land lease models, sustainability, and community connection.

This Project's phase 1 is one of what we anticipated would lead to further development phases in realising what we hoped would be a shared vision of creating more affordable housing choices. To achieve this goal, we envisioned the next phase to be a community-led effort with additional funding support for the further exploration of pilot demonstrations of affordable housing projects across SE Qld.

Participants expressed hope and enthusiasm for secure, affordable homes that foster community and inclusivity. The report outlines the potential for four pilot projects in Southeast Qld that leverage local assets and opportunities. These initiatives require collaboration between communities, government, and private sectors to achieve long-term, scalable solutions.

This report summarises findings from cross-sector engagements, presents successful examples of community-led housing (CLH) models from Australia and abroad, and offers actionable recommendations for driving systemic change in Queensland's affordable housing landscape. We are fortunate to be working with Michael Dickson at the University of Qld and his Masters of Architecture students, who were influenced by us in creating cohousing designs. Other examples can be accessed [here](#).



One of many examples of co-housing designs created by UQ Master of Architecture Students in a HOWM studio event.

Key Recommendations

1. Upskill and Educate Local Governments¹

- Provide training for council staff and members on regenerative design, community-led housing, non-speculative housing, and sustainable housing frameworks.
- Align local housing goals with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and community priorities.
- Engage the knowledge and expertise of university designers to create a pattern book of excellence in the design of different affordable housing types.
- Share learning gained through the work of other local authorities engaged with initiatives around Australia and elsewhere.

2. Develop Comprehensive Housing Strategies

- Create detailed housing strategies that define "affordable housing" based on income, not market rates.
- Include operating costs associated with residing in a home in the definition of "affordable". It is not just the rental or ownership ticket price that needs to be affordable - it must include running costs. This approach provides incentives for developers to build in sustainability features based on agreed standards.
- Include CLH and collective housing models in local government planning.

3. Support Community-Led Housing (CLH) Projects

- Designate and train a CLH Planning Navigator within councils to streamline support for community-driven housing.
- Enable and prioritise housing developments that regenerate social and natural environments.

4. Simplify Planning and Remove Barriers

- Rewrite regulations to accommodate innovative housing models, such as tiny homes, co-housing, community-led housing, housing co-ops, community land trusts, and other housing developments designed for the common good.

5. Make Land Available for CLH Initiatives

- Facilitate partnerships with government bodies, housing providers, churches, and philanthropists to unlock land for affordable housing.
- Adopt inclusionary zoning policies to ensure affordable housing allocations in new developments. These could also be CLH initiatives achieved in a co-design development model.

¹ "Steven Liaros and Nilmini De Silva of [PolisPlan](#) have developed a compelling blueprint for a new urban form that is not just sustainable but regenerative in its ambitions. Their inspiring vision is to create a template for 'best practice' urban development, one that is highly self-sufficient in meeting community needs within the local bioregion; one that contributes to the local economy; and one that draws on renewable energy technologies with the aim of moving toward a flourishing, zero-waste, and post-carbon urban form. Most importantly, the ambition is to demonstrate the replicability of the plan and thereby provide guidance for future urban planning. The thinking beneath this vision is impressive and the plans meticulously formed. At last, there is a development plan worth believing in and supporting. I look forward to the prospect of working with Steven and Nilmini as this vision becomes a reality – and together show, through research, innovation, and development, that urban living does not have to cost the Earth."

6. Establish Community Land Trusts (CLTs)

- Support the creation of CLTs to separate land ownership from housing, ensuring perpetual affordability and fostering community stewardship.
- Collaborate with community housing providers to secure land and funding for CLH initiatives.

7. Foster Community Engagement

- Use dynamic engagement techniques to involve communities in co-designing housing solutions, leveraging residents' values, aspirations, and knowledge. Local expertise and opportunities are key assets in a community led approach.

8. Advocate for Policy and Funding Support

- Advocate for central government funding and land for CLH projects, emphasising their long-term social and economic benefits. Other landholders, such as churches and other not-for-profit and for-profit entities, could provide land lease or ownership options.

By implementing these recommendations, Queensland can lead the way in addressing housing precarity through innovative, community-driven approaches that not only meet the needs and aspirations of women over 55 but also offer homes to Queenslanders needing secure, affordable, and amenable homes.

MYOH project background and objectives

Since 2020, Housing Older Women (HOW) as a peer-led advocacy movement has shared experiences, listened to and studied the challenges women aged 55+ face in accessing affordable, suitable homes. Women are the fastest-growing group at risk of housing insecurity, driven by decades of gender inequity and policies prioritising wealth generation through housing over social and affordable housing. These structural and systemic issues now intersect with ageism. One impact of this social and cultural discrimination is that many women find it difficult to maintain a steady viable income up to the pension age of 67yrs of age.

Many affected women have lived conventional lives, provided unpaid care, and worked in low-paid, insecure jobs. Research, including the 2019 “Human Rights Commissioner’s Report on Older Women’s Risk of Homelessness,” highlights this growing crisis, which has worsened over the past two decades. Queensland, especially Southeast Qld, has the highest numbers of older women likely to face housing precarity.

While understanding the crisis is essential, solutions are urgent. HOW Movement supports the Queensland Government’s Big Build Program to increase social and affordable housing, private rent reforms, shared equity programs, and first-time homeowner support for older people. HOWM envisions housing that promotes agency, community, sustainability, and affordability for older women.

The [My Home Your Home Our Homes \(MYOH\) Project](#) is a key strategy to develop perpetually affordable housing options such as co-housing, community land trusts, and housing cooperatives. These gentle-density, non-speculative models, common in parts of Europe, North America, and Asia, can address the crisis while fostering intergenerational living and collective solutions for the common good.

The overarching goal of the MYOH Project Phase 1 has been to catalyse expressions of interest at a community level in the development of more affordable housing choices. Australia and Queensland have less than .05% of all household dwellings considered to be non-speculative, community-led and held in perpetuity

for the common good. In other parts of the world, such housing makes up 20% and 30% of all household types.

With the need to raise awareness of new affordable housing types HOW M with auspicings support from Sandgate and Brackenridge Action Group Inc (SANDBAG) applied for and was successful in receiving a grant to:

- Conduct a series of seminars, workshops, online forums and other events across SEQ
- Host Zola Rose CEO of Common Ground New Zealand to bring her expertise and experience including her work with local governments in New Zealand, to these events.
- Connect with women experiencing housing precarity in each of the locations to invite their participation in considering affordable housing options.
- Engage with local governments across SEQ to invite their consideration of what might be required to support the growth of higher density, missing middle, affordable housing.
- Engage community members interested in supporting the development of this type of housing.
- To build a vision of community-led affordable housing pilot/demonstration projects across SEQ.

MYOH Project Phase 1 and 2

We have a vision to build from the Phase 1 engagement and awareness-raising events to Phase 2.

Phase 2 will require additional resources in each of the four SEQ subregions: Gold Coast, South Brisbane, North Brisbane and Sunshine Coast to support the progression of at least four citizen-led, affordable in perpetuity, gentle density pilot/demonstration housing projects.

A variety of resources, including funding, is required to:

- ★ Support community members in developing a shared vision and project plan to build effective working relationships with governments, the broader community, and other agencies to create a pilot housing project in their local area.
- ★ Create the governance and operational capacity to achieve the agreed-upon vision, mission, goals, objectives, and outcomes.
- ★ Develop pre-feasibility assessments of land, housing designs, and financial models for the supply and operation of the housing developments.

Scope of work for Zola Rose of Common Ground (Aotearoa New Zealand)

The Housing Older Women's Movement contracted Zola Rose to support the HOWM team to plan, design, and deliver approximately 36 hours of in-person seminar and workshop content in Queensland, as well as zoom-based planning and process development and stakeholder engagement meetings, in the period from mid-February 2024 to 30 September 2024. The consultant, Zola Rose, drew on her experience and expertise in supporting and creating community-led housing in several locations worldwide, including Aotearoa- New Zealand. Zola is also the CEO of [Common Ground](#).

Deliverables

1. Project planning, steering and reflection meetings
2. Activities related to building the networks and catalysing the field: pre-event activities
3. Community Engagement Events & Activities in Southeast Queensland
 - . Five seminars, each lasting two hours, will be held in five different locations across SE Qld.
 - . Target participants: All identified stakeholders
 - . Five workshops of 4 hours each were held in five different locations across Qld.
4. Post-event activities: report summarising the event series and findings with recommendations

Mastermind, Seminar, and Workshop topics

Mastermind

This online event's goals were to inform stakeholders of the engagement strategy, boost interest in the MYOH events, collect data, and expand networks related to the project to identify strengths and opportunities for development. A total of 100 people registered out of a 600-person invitation list. A summary of the findings from the Mastermind event is available on the HOWM website, [link](#).

Key findings identified of this online event are summarised as:

The Mastermind consultation highlighted barriers and enablers in community-led housing (CLH) development and focused on financial, legislative, and community engagement challenges.

Key financial barriers include:

- limited access to shared equity loans,
- high construction costs,
- restricted funding flexibility,
- Legislative barriers such as restrictive zoning and a lack of unified government support hinder CLH, but opportunities exist through community engagement, church land use, and advocacy.
- Education and awareness challenges include slow project initiation and social connection losses, offset by community education and showcasing successful CLH models.

Enablers include:

- Leasing,
- partnerships,
- social return on investment (ROI) approaches

From the Online Mastermind: Recommendations for seminars and workshops include:

- practical guidance on implementation,
- participatory mapping,
- presentations on diverse housing models.
- Engagement methods should involve storytelling, Q&A sessions, thematic discussions, and partnerships with Community Housing Providers.
- Promotional strategies include leveraging Homelessness Week, social media, and collaborations with councils. To ensure a broad and impactful approach, key participants should include government representatives, developers, planners, community organisations, and potential residents.

Local area seminars and workshops

Each MYOH of the MYO Homes five events consisted of a two-hour seminar and an offer of an approximately three-hour workshop. The seminar's purpose was to share research, statistics, housing models, case studies, and recommendations on the challenges of the current systems and how to increase affordable, community-led, and regenerative housing options. Participation in each location included women with experience of housing precarity with a range of skills and expertise, persons from local government elected and appointed local government, community organisations, churches, academics, researchers, students, designers, and interested community members.

A complete list of the engagement events is available via this link [references section](#).

Seminars

Topics covered include:

- Presentation by HOWM about the problems with or related to housing in Australia particularly for women.
- Zola's professional experience with housing and community development and her personal experience with housing precarity as a single mother and woman
- Transitioning housing from conventional to regenerative housing development, which focuses on living systems outcomes. Defining regenerative and community-led development starts with a focus on improving society's ecological, economic, social, and cultural dimensions. It then looks at what builds personal and collective leadership skills and how this influences the built environment and legal and financial systems.
- The housing spectrum/continuum that goes from emergency housing through to market with collective/community-led housing in-between, overlapping.
- The values that drive community-led housing, as related to the regenerative dimensions
- Housing Models: tenure and typology with Australian and International successful examples
 - Cooperative Housing
 - Cohousing
 - Inclusionary Zoning Projects
 - Secondary dwellings
 - Community Land Trust
 - Benefits to the wider community
 - Australian CLT projects underway
 - Ecovillages
- Community-led Housing investment and benefits
 - Governments are interested in impacts related to five capitals: financial, human, social, ecological, and built environment
 - Number of community-led homes and projects built and projected in the UK where the government recognises and supports the sector with funding, land, and other resources
 - Public investment into community-led housing in the UK leads to 3x the benefits and savings over a 30-year timeframe
 - Quantifying the impact of investing in housing for women as this relates to aging in place
 - Community led initiatives can leverage access to resources, opportunities and expertise that other sectors cannot for example pro bono financial and legal assistance.
- Common development barriers to Community-led Housing
- How government and influencers can enable CLH
- Other factors that enable CLH success
- CLH ecosystems in Australia, direct role players
- CLH Ecosystems of Possible Collaborators

Workshops

The workshops were structured to gather input from participants on what could be possible in any location area. The community engagement processes that were used included:

Activities

- Temperature gauge of housing project possibility
- Asset brainstorming and clustering answers into themes
- Creating a short, medium, and long-term action/goal list
- Two workshop groups did the Map of Regeneration activity – looking at where there is alignment between the 32 regenerative goals and affordable, community-led housing

Temperature gauge of participant belief in developing any such affordable, community-led housing pilot established with 5 years:

- Asked people to stand where along a spectrum they aligned their belief when asked the question of “how positive they felt about being able to realise a collective housing project in their area within the next five years.” The spectrum ranged from “impossible” at one end to “definitely” at the other end.
- Most people placed themselves from the middle of the spectrum to the “definitely” end. In most cases, 100% of the participants felt it was 50%-100% possible to realise such a housing project within the next five years.
- The second question asked them why they placed themselves there—what they felt were the inhibitors or enablers for such a project. This evoked much discussion among participants.

Enablers/reasons why they were hopeful and optimistic, people mentioned:

- There are **a lot of peak bodies in Australia** that are doing advocacy, have developed templates and guides for groups to set up housing initiatives, and have research to support policies and initiatives
- The Australian **federal government has allocated \$10 billion in an investment fund to provide for social and affordable housing**, so there is money that could be allocated to support initiatives
- There has been **support from some local governments already**, such as the Bellingen Council, who are willing to support alternative housing development with resources and policy reform
- **Some local governments have affordable and community-led housing within their housing strategies**, such as Noosa City Council

Challenges/reasons why people mentioned they don't believe it could be possible:

- The status quo and players supporting the status quo, are too powerful
- Takes too long to establish with policies and financing not being readily available
- The CLH sector is not recognised and therefore doesn't receive funding or resources
- Regulatory frameworks are not suited to CLH

Asset mapping

This activity was to have all participants to contribute to what assets exist in the community, region, and country that could be used, acquired, investigated, or leveraged for the development of affordable, community-led housing project.

Topics of assets mapping

- Community-based organisations and housing providers
- Social and human
- Education and training
- Land use, planning, regulations, zoning, policy
- Financial institutions, associations, funding
- Land, property, developers

Key stakeholders and role players

CLH ecosystems in Australia, direct role players

- Housing Older Women Movement
- Cohousing Australia
- Co-operation Housing
- National CLT Network
- Grounded (CLT Advocacy)
- Collaborative Housing
- Existing initiatives/models

CLH Ecosystems of Possible Collaborators

- Community Housing Providers
- For-purpose developers such as Nightingale
- Universities such as the University of Queensland
- Q Shelter
- Women's Housing Organisations
- State government programmes

Evaluation

HOW M set objectives and impact indicators for the MYOH Project. The [evaluation summary](#) considers outputs, outcomes, impacts and next steps.

Key impacts include:

People who were previously not engaged in community-led housing now know more about this type of housing. They participated in brainstorming with others about what local assets and other resources are potentially available.

The local government authorities in the areas targeted by the project all expressed interest in the housing typologies and community-led approach presented in the seminars. Local government is now engaged with community members regarding planning issues and other changes that need to be made to include new housing typologies in their town plan. There are five local authorities expressing interest in engaging with HOWM and community members in considering changes to their Town Plan: Gympie Regional Council, the Shire of Noosa, the City of Moreton Bay, Sunshine Coast Council, City Gold Coast Council

Shared recognition of the need for policy support for community-led housing.

Extending opportunities for older women to influence the design of homes by working with the Master of Architecture graduates (University of Queensland). The work undertaken by the students in collaboration with HOW M was presented at each of the seminars. This work creates a shared understanding of women's felt needs and aspirations regarding the functionality of their homes with consideration of shared amenities models such as cohousing.

Build a portfolio of designs that can be showcased as needed. Designs created based on existing vacant land sites. Integration with the neighbourhood.

Women with lived experience are taking the lead in influencing design and planning-related matters.
Affirmation that others are and have been engaged in community-led developments

Women shared that they had a sense of hope and were very interested in learning more about the range of long-term, non-speculative housing options that meet needs and aspirations for aging in place with community and neighbourly support.

Women had skills in design and other areas of expertise they anticipated would be helpful in a codesign process.

One participant's interest in how she and her neighbours (open backyards) could create a community land trust to hold their properties in perpetuity as affordable housing

Extending HOWM reach to people with influence across SE Qld. These connections provide motivation and quality connections that contribute to nurturing the seeds sown during Phase 1 of the MYOH Project.

HOW M can now quickly receive donations from businesses and other NFP donors.

HOW M can receive consultancy payments for individual work undertaken by HOWM-approved consultancy roles /jobs.

Potential advocacy & possible campaigns

Considering some immediate next steps, the seminar and workshop sessions acknowledged that we would all be voting soon in State and Federal elections. It was resolved that those present could reach out to candidates in these upcoming elections to raise several affordable housing policy issues.

Local and Federal Policy issues that could be included in communications with candidates.

- Inclusionary Zoning/Housing—adoption by a local council as a means of requiring developers to include a portion of affordable housing or giving the equivalent of upzoning land value to a not-for-profit housing provider
- Community Land Trust—adoption by a local council to assist and enable the establishment of a CLT.
- Join the Airbnb cap and tax campaign that Grounded has established
- Zoning changes to allow integrated developments
- Change federal policy of negative gearing for investors with multiple properties
- Housing Australia Act – to finalise the National Housing and Homelessness Plan
- State Facilitated Development Pathway (Queensland Government) to have navigator support for predevelopment processes.
- Land with DAs approved but not progressed to be charged a fee
- Add CLH into Local Government housing strategies

References & Resources

- The following is a [list of resources](#) referenced in this report stored in the HOW M Google Drive folder. It forms a small library of research reports, articles and other documents related to the MYOH Project, including others about cohousing, community land trusts, secondary dwellings and inclusionary zoning.
- [Seminar Presentation by HOWM](#)
- [Seminar Presentation by Zola](#)
- [HOW M preliminary survey results](#) of response from mostly women with lived experience of housing precarity.
- [Evaluation Table](#) of MYO Homes Project objectives with outputs, outcomes, and impact
- [University of Queensland Masters of Architecture Student Designs](#)—this Living Better Together document shows a wide range of designs created for vacant land sites available in Logan in 2023.
- Learning Guides for three models of collective/CLH, including cooperative housing, cohousing, and community land trusts. They give a visual overview all on one page.
<https://www.theurbanadvisory.com/research/learning-guides-collective-housing>

Common Ground Aotearoa New Zealand

Common Ground is a social enterprise that aims to enable more connected, affordable, and sustainable community-led/collective housing for Aotearoa. We envision thriving communities of connected people in healthy ecosystems and a vibrant local economy.

Our Mission is to Build the capacity of stakeholder guilds, including community groups, iwi/hapu, planners, councils, landowners, developers, and funders, to design innovative and regenerative housing development for sustainable human settlements. We do this through designing learning programmes and training, designing and facilitating community engagement, network weaving, research, and consulting.

Zola has provided this link to a Google Folder of resources and useful documents:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1NvSPKgXxBjFhsYb7ddjvpNbMlzRdtv0?usp=sharing>

Attachment 1 HOW Movement

[HOW Movement](#) is a peer-led advocacy movement for women 55+, formed in 2020 with support from QShelter and Housing for the Aged Action Group (HAAG)—Victoria. It has an MOU with Sandgate & Brackenridge Action Group Inc.

Our vision is to ensure Queensland's older women have safe, secure, and affordable housing appropriate to their needs, fostering well-being and enabling ageing in place. This long-term vision inspires our work and fuels our commitment to creating a better future for older women in Queensland.

Our mission is to give older women a say and to influence changes in systems and structures to meet their housing needs and aspirations.

HOW M forms alliances and structural relationships to advance its vision and mission and has such arrangements with:

- ❖ Local Government
- ❖ Dept of Housing Local Government Planning and Public Works (Advice & Monitoring Group -AMG)
- ❖ QShelter and National Shelter
- ❖ COTA Qld
- ❖ Sandgate & Bracken Ridge Action Group Inc (SANDBAG)
- ❖ HAAG Victoria
- ❖ National Action for Seniors Housing
- ❖ Community Development Qld
- ❖ Housing Older Women Support Service – Footprints Community

As a state-wide movement, HOW M has fostered connections with others across Qld and Australia who share the concerns about providing affordable, amenable, secure homes for those experiencing housing-related distress. We believe in the power of collaboration and invite you to join us in this important mission.

We are a solutions-focused, evidence-based advocacy Movement. Our work is grounded in research and data, ensuring our advocacy efforts are effective and impactful. This evidence-based approach is a cornerstone of our work and provides a solid foundation for our advocacy efforts.

Under the auspices of SANDBAG Inc., we applied for and were granted Community Benefit Funds by the Queensland government in February 2024. This grant supports our approach to conducting seminars and workshops to engage community members, stakeholders, and policymakers and increase awareness of neighbourly gentle density housing models with secure long-term tenure.

HOW M has called this the [My Home, Your Home, Our Homes Project](#)

Attachment 2 Engagement Schedule

Schedule of engagement events in Southeast Queensland

When	Where	Content
4 July	Online	Mastermind with key housing role players
9 Sep	Beenleigh	Planning meeting with Zola and HOWM team, interview with ABC reporter
10 Sep	Mudgeeraba Community Centre, Gold Coast	Seminar & workshop
11 Sep	Food Connect Shed, South Brisbane	Seminar & workshop
13 Sep	Nambour Showground, Sunshine Coast	Seminar & workshop
16 Sep	Northgate Hall, North Brisbane	Seminar & workshop
18 Sep	University of Queensland, Central Brisbane	Sector Influencers Forum
20 Sep	Coolumb Civic Centre, Sunshine Coast	Seminar & workshop
21 Sep	Crystal Waters, Sunshine Coast	Evaluation of the event series as per outcomes of the proposal



SOME OUTPUTS

Here's a summary of our activities...



- 1 MASTER CLASS
(60+ PARTICIPANTS, 100 EXPRESSED INTERESTS)
- 1 NETWORKING EVENT
- 1 SECTOR INFLUENCERS HYBRID EVENT
- 1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT INTERNAL EDUCATION EVENT
- 1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT SPONSORED COMMUNITY EVENT
- 1 COMMUNITY GROUP EVENT
- 4 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGIONS (GOLD COAST, SOUTH BRISBANE, NORTH BRISBANE, SUNSHINE COAST)
- 5 SEMINARS
- 6 WORKSHOPS
- 30 OLDER WOMEN ENGAGED (& NUMEROUS ORGANISATIONS ACROSS THE REGIONS)
- 50% INCREASE IN OUR MAILING LIST
- 350 REGISTRATIONS
- \$2280 DONATED
- 4200+ VOLUNTEER HOURS



[Latest News – Housing Older Women Movement](#)

Our funder and supporters for Phase 1 of the MYO Homes Project 2024.

We do not walk the path of system and structural change alone. Many individuals, organisations, and systems contribute in a diverse range of ways, from the efforts of women at Women's Space Sandgate in helping to host the North Brisbane event to one fantastic woman's amazing gift of spending a Sunday purchasing and preparing the delicious lunch for this same event. We were fortunate to have Pip McGlinn's support and insights throughout the planning and conduct of the MYO Homes events. Pip has considerable and valuable project development skills and a warm and gentle presence, critical at high stress in delivering over ten events in as many days.

Michael Dickson's fantastic work challenging his Masters of Architect students at the University of Queensland to co-design with HOW M participants a gentle density co-housing model of homes was used at each event to showcase what is possible if we work together to create health-giving homes for the common good. Michael also arranged to host a hybrid sector influencers seminar at the Brisbane CBD UQ Campus. Our small but powerful MYO Home Project team were extraordinary. Thank you, Sharon Redmond, for your skills, patience, persistence, and willingness to call time out when needed. Lynette Loffel, thank you for your attention to detail and for showing up many times when this was a real challenge. Tracy Adams, thank you for your many hours of engagement across the Sunshine Coast region to help bring people together to express their vision for the future and for securing additional funds from the Noosa Council to support this effort, and Deanna Borland, who took up the challenge of organising a great seminar in South Brisbane with limited time to do so. Local Government staff across the region were incredible, including Adam Tilbrooke and his manager, Rose Linder, from the Seniors Access and Inclusion team at the City of Gold Coast Council (CGCC). The CGCC Urban Design Lead Pamela Caspani supported the MYOH Project by organising a unique local government focus event open to the public with an in-house session for Council staff—a significant contribution, with over a hundred people registering for the event. Brisbane City Council and Moreton City Council Community Development team members Col Kelly and Gail Price and Social Workers Kei Daichi and Jeyan Ayesha, on their final year placement, provided generous and skilled support in the lead-up to the North Brisbane event.

Many thanks to our guest, Zola Rose from Aotearoa, New Zealand, who drove many kilometres across Southeast Qld, offering her skills, insights, resources and encouragement to think and vision big to create the healthy homes and communities we all wish to live in.

To our Qld Govt funder, the Gambling Community Benefit Fund, and our wonderful ever-supportive auspice for this grant, SANDBAG, your willingness to back our vision and to help in setting up the Give Now tax-deductible donations function on our website offers us the infrastructure we need to attract donations from supporters. Thank you to every donor, large and small donation help us achieve our vision of a real home for every woman in Qld and our mission to ensure that every woman has the opportunity to be part of creating a home that meets their needs and aspirations for as long as they wish to live there. Thank you to all participants for your insights, expertise, and willingness to share these.

Please know that even though your name may not be mentioned here, every contribution is valued and valuable. We very much look forward to reconnecting with you all in 2025, and we hope for some further funding to support the next phase of realising what is becoming a shared vision of a healthy, affordable home for all women.



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