



Dear [[first_name]],

Hi everyone and welcome to the September edition...
Thank you for signing up to receive our updates and a big welcome to our new members.

BTH Survey

Better Together Housing Survey

Better Together Housing has partnered with the University of the Sunshine Coast to both evaluate the program in an ongoing way, and also contribute to a broader research agenda in understanding the circumstances of Older women in relation to housing and social connection.

This is a partnership we are very excited about and we want you to be excited about it too!

One of the first ways of contributing is through an anonymous survey.
The data we collect through this survey is completely de-identified (ie. no one can tell that it is your contribution).

Completing this survey will assist Better Together Housing to understand our members and the circumstances that led them to our program. Everyone's life is different, and your unique voice will help us adapt and respond our program to better meet the needs of the women who use it.

There will be other invitations to participate in the research for members, and we will let you know via email and the newsletter. We warmly invite you to complete the survey and contribute part of your story.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding the survey or the data we are collecting, please don't hesitate to contact us via info@bettertogetherhousing.com.au

[You can go directly to the survey here](#)

We are very grateful for your support and participation. Remember this information is de-identified. You will not be asked to provide your name or contact details. We cannot tell who has filled out the survey and who has not, so you can feel secure that your information is safe.

Thanks for being a part of our community here at Better Together Housing. Together we can help make Queensland a better place for older women.

Latest News and Articles

Better Together Roundtables

On the 20th July, Greater Whitsunday Communities Senior Coordinator Dorne Wallace presented to the Mackay Zonta Club to outline what Better Together Housing was and discuss the potential ways that Zonta may be able to support to the program in Mackay. The women reflected on what housing insecurity meant to them and the people they knew that could be feeling the pressures of housing insecurity. A follow up meeting with Zonta president Jordana and Chair of the Mackay Women's Group Cr Fran Mann committed to providing support to the project through hosting Get It Togethers and featuring Better Together Housing through the Mackay Women's Group events calendar, promoting the program through the local Zonta Facebook page and fortnightly column in the local paper and representation on the Regional Advisory Group. We are very grateful for Zonta's support and look forward to doing great things for women in Mackay.

On the 26th of July, Better Together Housing went on a road trip to Bowen where we held a Community Round Table. Participants included women from Bowen Zonta Club, Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economies and other service providers with an interest in housing in the Bowen and Collinsville communities. A number of potential community partnerships for Better Together Housing were identified, utilising Zonta's regular radio time and meeting to promote the program as well as the potential opportunities for women to apply for brokerage to pay for their Police Check. On a more broader scale, housing was identified as a priority area for the community and new collaborations and partnerships were formed to address the rising housing crisis in the area.

The first Get Together Morning tea for the Mackay area was held on the 16th of September at Chances Café, non-profit café which employs and supports people who have been experiencing homelessness in Mackay. It provided a very comfortable and welcoming setting for what was a lovely morning with 12 women interested in finding out more about Better Together Housing and meeting other women in similar situations to them. Some of the group shared their parts of their story and as a group we explored the Better Together Housing website. We are looking at getting together again soon. Thank you to all the women that attended!



Upcoming Events

Register for the Housing Journey's For Older Women Workshops

The Lady Musgrave Trust presents a series of face-to-face workshops (including online access) for women over the age of 55 who find themselves at risk of homelessness. Every older woman can take back control of their circumstances and have the opportunity to live a better and fulfilled life.

In these workshops, you will:

- Learn about the range of housing options older women are considering.
- Identify the different types of attitudes to money and financial security.
- Increase your knowledge about specific over 50's housing and the process of application.
- Acknowledge the challenges and opportunities for older women accessing housing.
- Explore decision-making processes and learn and apply planning tools.
- Develop an individual plan for action.

These workshops are delivered by qualified housing solutions experts using teaching techniques and resources found in The Handy Guide for Older Women.

Limited places.

Refreshments will be provided.

Visit ladymusgravetrust.org.au to register now.

THE LADY MUSGRAVE TRUST

Housing Journeys For Older Women:

Workshops for individual older women & their support network

A series of face-to-face workshops (including online access) for women over the age of 55 who find themselves at risk of homelessness.

Housing Journeys for Older Woman

Starts: 13 Nov 2021 at 09:00

Ends: 13 Nov 2021 at 11:00

Kawana Island Meeting Place, 1/5 Grand Parade, Parrearra Qld, Australia

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Upcoming Get it Togethers

Get it Together - Buderim

Starts: 18 Oct 2021 at 16:45

Ends: 18 Oct 2021 at 18:45

St Marks Anglican Church , Buderim, Australia

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