



HOMELESSNESS WEEK BRISBANE ZERO FORUM 2025

Amplifying the **Advance to Zero** solutions to end homelessness

8.00am
Registration Desk Opens



8.30am
Opening
Sessions

Ballroom

8.30am **Welcome to Country**

Tribal Experiences

Welcome Address

MC Prof. Cameron Parsell

Minister's Address TBC

Hon. Sam O' Connor MP

Minister for Housing and Public Works and Minister for Youth

Towards Ending Homelessness for First Nations people aged 45 and over: The power of Collaboration and the Advance to Zero Framework.

- **Randall Frazer**
Institute of Urban Indigenous Health, IUIH
- **Angela Costello**
Murri Watch
- **Corey Walker**
Common Ground Queensland
- **Wei-Lin Fan**
Micah Projects

- **Nic**
HART4000
- **Giang Nguyen**
The Salvation Army
- **Kelly Sciacca**
Community

10.20am **Morning Tea**

10.40am **The power of frontline workers in advocacy:**
Collecting accurate data to make a difference.

Researcher **Dr Elizabeth-Rose Ahearn**, **The University of Queensland**, has been leading the validation process of the Australian Homelessness Vulnerability Triage Tool (AHVTT). By outlining her findings and exploring the different uses of the AHVTT, Elizabeth-Rose invites us to reflect on the power of frontline workers' voices and place-based data for systems change.

11.30am **Coffee Break**

11.40am **Zero is Possible.** Stories of Advance to Zero in Australia and the world

Amidst a systemic housing and homelessness crisis, knowing we are part of a bigger campaign can help us keep our heads up. Join **David Pearson, CEO** at the Australian Alliance to End Homelessness (AAEH), to learn how communities around Australia and the world are using the AtoZ Framework to solve homelessness - one person, one family, and one community at a time.

12.20am **Lunch & Networking**

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1.00pm
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Sessions I



Demystifying Brisbane Zero shared data

Why does data feel like a scary word in the homelessness sector? This bold, dynamic conversation will tackle the uncomfortable questions we often hear but rarely answer out loud. From "Isn't data just for funders?" to "Shouldn't we be housing people, not collecting numbers?", we'll explore the tensions between lived experience, frontline realities, and the data systems that shape decisions. No jargon, no sugar-coating—just real talk from those in the thick of it. If you've ever thought "there's no time for data," this panel is for you.

Facilitated by **Natalie Garth**, *Murri Watch*, with:

- **Wei-Lin Fan**, *Micah Projects*
- **Michelle Debert**, *Q Shelter*
- **Elizabeth-Rose Ahearn**, *University of Queensland*
- **Tanith Penfold**, *The Salvation Army*
- **Keshia Kiely**, *Youth Housing Project*

From reacting to responding—why listening matters

Join us to unpack how we are listening and why it matters. Are there creative ways we can request resources, plan services and collaborate within the sector that are derived from listening, rather than strategic planning? How do we move from hearing individual experiences to understanding common threads? Let's shift how we think about our workforce's role in influencing systems, rather than being just a "cog in the machine".

Facilitated by **Jocelyn Harrison and Milly Nixon**, *The Salvation Army*

Supporting gender diverse people experiencing homelessness

Presented by HART4000, this training is designed for frontline workers and management in mainstream housing services who seek insight on the unique housing needs of the transgender, non-binary and intersex communities. Guests will be welcomed in a casual and non-judgmental setting where questions and reflections are encouraged.

Facilitated by **Nic and Michael**, *HART4000*

2.00pm **Afternoon Tea**

Sponsor Table Display

2.20pm
Concurrent
Sessions II

Senior practitioner insights on supporting people who live with poverty, exclusion and injustice

Practical strategies to support people experiencing homelessness with unmanaged chronic health conditions, problematic use of substances and navigating behaviours to challenge complex systems and services.

Facilitated by **Sally Faux**, *Churches of Christ Housing Services*

Senior practitioners from **Micah Projects** (H2H Healthcare Network), **Richmond Fellowship Queensland**, **Brisbane Youth Service**, **Murri Watch**, **Speaking Up for You**, **Institute for Urban Indigenous Health**.

Housing First Principles

A Housing First approach intentionally connects housing supply with healthcare and community services to meet the needs of individuals, women and children, and families who become tenants of housing.

Join us to learn about the Housing First Principles in Australia and what it means to Brisbane Zero and solving homelessness in our communities.

Alison Thorburn, *Homelessness Australia accredited Housing First Trainer*

Wellbeing, Resilience, and Purpose: Reframing Success in a Challenging Sector

The current conditions in the homelessness sector are increasingly adverse, from low housing supply, and the growing number of people impacted by homelessness, including families with children. More than ever, we need to ensure our frontline workers feel empowered and supported to stay in the sector.

This conversation brings frontline workers together to connect, collaborate, and explore practical ways to support one another.

Facilitated by **Jo Draper**, *Q Shelter*

Frontline workers from **Micah Projects**, **The Salvation Army**, and **Brisbane Youth Service** TBC

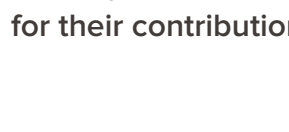
3.20pm **Closing Notes**

MC Prof. Cameron Parsell



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