



HOMELESSNESS WEEK BRISBANE ZERO FORUM 2026

4 August, 2026
8.30am Registration Desk Opens



9.00am Opening Sessions

9.00am	Welcome to Country Tribal Experiences	Grand Ballroom
	Welcome Address MC Jocelyn Harrison <i>Community Development Specialist, The Salvation Army</i>	
	Pathways to Home: the impact of collaboration on people's lives Caitlyn Wheatley <i>Youth Lived Expertise Advocate</i> As a former youth foyer resident and current youth system advocate, Caitlyn will share her lived experience of homelessness and how she now advocates for better outcomes for young people. She will provide her insights on how using our strengths to work with and learn from each other, we can build much stronger systems to support people experiencing homelessness.	
	What can local government do to end homelessness? Leanne Mitchell <i>AAEH General Manager Partnerships and Advocacy</i> Leanne Mitchell will be sharing her extensive experience in leading some of Australia's most innovative council-driven homelessness initiatives. Her insights can help us build stronger partnerships and amplify the impact the Advance to Zero collaboration can drive in our communities.	
10.10am	Morning Tea	Pre-function area
10.40am	"You can't ask that"–Housing First The Brisbane Zero collaboration is underpinned by a Housing First approach, driven by the belief that everyone has the right to housing. This panel brings together Queensland Housing First trainers and practitioners in the homelessness sector for an honest conversation on what Housing First looks like in practice. What are the barriers, challenges, misconceptions, and frustrations around Housing First that we don't often talk about it openly? Facilitated by Curry Tawhai, Micah Projects with: - Alison Thorburn, Micah Projects - Corey Walker, Common Ground Queensland - Michelle Debert, Q Shelter - Christopher Oliver, Murri Watch	Grand Ballroom
11.35am	Lunch and Networking	Chancellor Ballroom

12.35pm Concurrent Sessions I



Breakout A Working together to support people through an intersectionality lens The Brisbane Zero shared data helps us understand people's housing and support needs, highlighting the many factors that may intersect with homelessness, and the compounding systemic barriers for people to live well. This panel will explore how the Brisbane Zero coordination groups can facilitate better outcomes for people experiencing homelessness – and how we have been and can continue creating a better coordinated and inclusive system. Facilitated by Emma Christie, Wide Bay and Sunshine Coast Zero (IFYS), with: - Curry Tawhai, Micah Projects - Lisa Molisi, Institute for Urban Indigenous Health - Jesse Flanagan, 3rd Space - Kristin Micallef, Anglicare SQ	Breakout B In conversation with local government–building shared understanding and shared responsibilities to end homelessness. Drawing on Leanne Mitchell's keynote, we invite you to come along for a conversation with local government. This session will consist of questions from attendees, creating a space for services to build a better understanding of what council does in practice – and why. Our purpose is to lay a foundation for us to move forward towards constructive collaboration with local governments. Facilitated by Leanne Mitchell <i>Australian Alliance to End Homelessness</i>
1.30pm	Short Break (moving sessions)



1.40pm Concurrent Sessions II

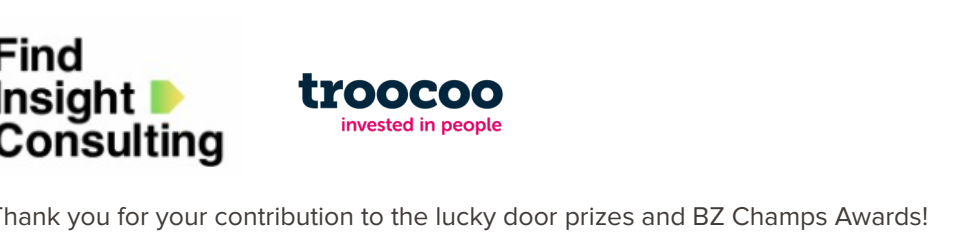
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