Links and Resources

Services

Women living in housing stress in the Perth area, please contact https://www.connectvictoriapark.org/

Equanimity Project: Women share housing project KarenR@theequanimityproject.org

www.mortgagemates.com.au

Better Life Mobile is a great program set up to provide safe and secure mobile phone service for people experiencing homelessness and disadvantage

Agape Outreach Inc. serving the homeless and needy from Byron Bay NSW to Runaway Bay QLD we provide food support, clothing, case management, psychologist, alcohol and drug support classes.

Stepping Out Program, supporting survivors of childhood sexual abuse to live in the community

Seniors Enquiry Line's Housing Chats Helpline. This is a telephone-based information and referrals service. We can provide tailored information and support to Seniors around their housing concerns. This line is currently operating 8am-8pm seven days a week - 1300 135 500 - https://seniorsenquiryline.com.au/

Free digital skills programs for older Australians - Be Connected program and look for a local community group to support you https://www.goodthingsfoundation.org.au/projects/be-connected-network#:~:text=Be%20Connected%20is%20an%20Australian,coordinates%20the%20Be%20Connected%20Network

Women's Legal Service Vic are working on improving financial outcomes after relationship breakdown. see our Small Claims, Large Battles campaign and final report: https://www.womenslegal.org.au/creating-change/small-claims%2c-large-battles.html

Housing options

Baptcare Affordable Housing has approximately 100 units of housing and several developments underway in Victoria with a handful in Tasmania.

Sunshine Coast has Better Together Housing - a national award-winning program for older women that connects older women living alone in their own properties with potential female co-residents

Older Women In Cohousing (WINC) a 30 unit women's cohousing community being built in Daylesford. president@winccohousing.org.au.

Our Beecroft House project is housing 20 older women and we're about to double that in another property. Here is our Beecroft House Project: https://www.facebook.com/BeecroftHouse/

https://housingallaustralians.org.au/ is the organisation that has partnered with YWCA in the Pop-Up Shelter in Melbourne. We are really passionate about the work we do in this space and our pop-up shelters have been accommodating women over 55. We are always looking for empty buildings for more pop-ups.

Calling for participants – research, documentary, board members

Anyone interested in doing research on this issue in the Jewish community, contact president@ncjwa.org.au National Council of Jewish Women Australia

Older women in private rental struggling with utility bills – interviews for research contact Email: caroline.portovalente@student.uts.edu.au Phone: 0406 671 148

I am making a documentary about this crisis - older women and homelessness. If you or anyone you know would like to share your story/ideas/solutions with me, please do. Email thommosue@bigpond.com or under.cover.doco@gmail.com

We are looking for 1-2 new Board Directors to join Baptcare Affordable Housing, which has a focus on older women. If you are interested in joining our Board, please get in contact with me at jfleming@baptcare.org.au

The Australian Centre for Social Innovation is looking to catalyse change at many levels of Australia's Home and Housing systems. Please have a look - if anything sounds relevant to you, please get in contact. https://www.tacsi.org.au/future-of-home/

Is there anyone in Brisbane/Queensland interested in working towards an older women's cohousing project in the area? email me on aussidi@gmail.com

An innovative solution - build social housing - make sure you all sign up to the National campaign - https://everybodyshome.com.au/

HAAG has a national project attempting to connect people on housing justice for older people - you can join our email list and keep up to date by joining our e-list https://www.oldertenants.org.au/ageing-edge-national-action-project

Anyone on the chat interested in supporting the work of improving housing insecurity in NSW should join Ageing on the Edge. Contact me - manager@ownnsw.org.au

National Alliance for Senior's Housing, www.oldertenants.org.au/nash

https://web-eur.cvent.com/event/e076c7aa-5aac-4c1d-8648-c3d4c1a553ec/summary?environment=production-eu QShelter is offering a focus on local

govt and housing related matters in these Zoom sessions held over three sessions in the coming weeks.

Campaigning
Womens Electoral Lobby NSW is currently campaigning on older women's housing and homelessness.

In Qld Zonta is writing to all candidates in upcoming state election (oct) to ask for their specific policies on homelessness in older women