



GREATER WHITSUNDAY HOUSING SUMMIT

Identifying opportunities to address the housing challenges for the Mackay, Isaac and Whitsunday region

Summit Program

09:00 Welcome to the Housing Summit – Cr. Karen May

09:05 Queensland Hydro -message from our Sponsors

09:10 Welcome to Country – Traditional Owner

09:15 Hon Meaghan Scanlon MP welcome

Scene setting:

09:20 URBIS Report and Q & A – Julie Saunders

09:55 Panel discussion linked to key opportunities:

- Darren Mew, Blue CHP – imbalance in the system, creating solid foundations, strategies to access funds for social and affordable housing
- Sean Sandford, UDIA – challenges getting new stock over the line; de-risking the development process
- Amy Degenhart, Australian Institute of Architects – how design can reduce building costs improving investment returns
- Fiona Caniglia, Q Shelter – policy frameworks that could improve the housing system
- Craig Percival, Woollam Constructions – unlocking retirement solutions for the region

10:45 Millions in the Middle case study

10:50 Mayors panel discussion

11:00 Break – Morning Tea

11:30 Workshop 1 - includes feedback session from groups (2 hours)

How to solve these challenges:

- **Workforce accommodation:** seasonal, tourism, energy, resources
- **Social and affordable housing:** renewal and accessing funding schemes
- **Aged care solutions:** independent living and care homes

- **Reducing private sector risk to deliver more homes and diversity:** infrastructure, incentives, concierge service, collaboration to improve certainty, increase conversion rates
- **Improving efficiencies across the development process to reduce time and costs**
- **Housing innovations to reduce cost and speed up delivery**

13:30 Break - Lunch

14:00 Workshop 2 – includes feedback session from groups (2 hours)

- Precinct level opportunities and action plans

16:00 Wrap up and highlight key themes for the day

- Commitment to progressing the solutions

16:30 Drinks/Nibbles and networking

With thanks to our partners

