

Applications are currently being sought for members of Shoalhaven City Council's Homelessness Taskforce. This is an exciting opportunity to bring your experiences and ideas and offer a fresh and unique perspective to the Taskforce.

The Homelessness Taskforce is a committee that brings together local homelessness services, community members and all levels of government, to develop ideas and solutions to address the issue of homelessness in the Shoalhaven Local Government Area.

### **The Committee are looking for local community members who are:**

- Passionate about the issue of homelessness and/or have experienced homelessness whilst living in the Shoalhaven Local Government Area.
- Interested in being an advocate for people experiencing homelessness in the community.
- Have an interest in local government and would like to learn more about its role in the community.
- Motivated to drive change through local government.
- Available to attend quarterly meetings.
- Reachable by phone, email or postal address in order to be notified of meetings and updates.

### **Role of the Taskforce is to:**

- Bring together a range of knowledge and experiences in the field of homelessness and related issues, including local homelessness and welfare services, community members with lived experiences of homelessness and government services.
- Represent community views on homelessness issues to local, state and federal government representatives.
- Work with Council to address issues, develop ideas and identify solutions that can be implemented on a local government level.
- Advise on the development of a 'Homelessness Strategic Plan' and provide feedback on relevant Council policies and strategies.

### **How to apply**

- Please complete this form and return by post to - The Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Shoalhaven City Council, PO Box 42, NOWRA NSW 2541, or email it to [communityconnections@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au](mailto:communityconnections@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au)
- Applications close 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022
- If you need help completing your application or require interpretive services, please contact us. We are happy to answer any questions you have.
- Contact us on [communityconnections@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au](mailto:communityconnections@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au) or call 02 4429 3539

## 1. Details of Applicant

**Surname:**

**Given Name:**

**Pronoun:**

'he/him'

'she/her'

'they/them'

**Email\***

**Postal Address**

**Town of Residence:**

**Phone: (Home)**

**(Mobile)**

**(Work)**

**Preferred method of contact:**

\*Correspondence with Committee Members will be sent via email unless otherwise advised.

## 2. Further Information

**Are you a member of one or more of the following groups (please mark)?**

- Person with a disability
- Non-English speaking or cultural background
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- LGBTQIA+
- None of the above

**Do you currently identify with any of the below homelessness indicators?**

- I do not have any suitable accommodation alternative options
- I am living in a dwelling that is inadequate
- I am living in an improvised dwelling, i.e. sleeping in a tent or sleeping rough
- I am living in supported accommodation for the homeless, i.e. a shelter
- I am living temporarily with other households
- I am living in a boarding house
- I am living in a severely overcrowded dwelling
- I have no tenure, or I only have a short or non-extendable tenure
- I do not live in a dwelling that provides space for social relations
- I do not identify with the above
- Prefer not to answer

**Have you previously identified with any of the below homelessness indicators?**

- I did not have any suitable accommodation alternative options
- I lived in a dwelling that was inadequate
- I lived in an improvised dwelling, i.e. sleeping in a tent or sleeping rough
- I lived in supported accommodation for the homeless, i.e. a shelter
- I lived temporarily with other households
- I lived in a boarding house
- I lived in a severely overcrowded dwelling
- I did not have a tenure, or I only had a short or non-extendable tenure
- I did not live in a dwelling that provided space for social relations
- I do not identify with the above
- Other, please detail:

**3. Why would you like to join the Shoalhaven Homelessness Taskforce?**

**4. I will bring the following skills / experience and/or attributes to the Taskforce:**

**5. If you have personally experienced homelessness in the Shoalhaven Local Government Area, please provide a brief description of your experience.**

**6. Signature of Applicant****Signed:****Date:****Applications close 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

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Attachments of further information supporting your application are permitted.

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