

Homelessness Taskforce Shoalhaven

Meeting Date: Thursday, 10 March, 2022

Location: Council Chambers, City Administrative Centre, Bridge Road, Nowra

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1. Details of Applicant		
Surname:	Russack	Given Name: Alice
Pronoun:	'he/him' <u>'she/her'</u> 'they/them'	
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Postal Address		
Town of Residence:		
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3. Why would you like to join the Shoalhaven Homelessness Taskforce?

As a Support Coordinator for NDIS participants, an aspect of the role is to support individuals to find suitable accommodation. People with disability are at a higher risk of homelessness than the general population. Appropriate and accessible housing is hard to find for many NDIS participants but is especially difficult for those without a safe place to stay while searching for long term housing. I would like the opportunity to discuss the housing emergency with other local community members, share my experience, and explore options to address this issue to ensure homeless people in our community are safe and their voices are heard.

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

Currently Support Coordinator at Yumaro for NDIS participants in the Shoalhaven and Eurobodalla. Previously worker at the Illawarra Aboriginal Medical Service as Crisis Worker. Worked primarily with people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness in this role.

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:	21/01/22

Applications close 20th January 2022

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1. Details of Applicant		
Surname:	Stewart	Given Name: Belinda
Pronoun:	'he/him' 'she/her' 'they/them'	
Email*		
Postal Address		
Town of Residence:		
Phone: (Home)	(Mobile,	(Work)
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3. Why would you like to join the Shoalhaven Homelessness Taskforce?

This is an issue / problem that has concerned me for a while now and I have been wondering who I needed to speak with to start the conversation.
I am at the point in my life where I or my friends could become homeless at any stage and this worries me every day.
I am mainly concerned that we are not being heard because people are being bombarded daily about covid and all other issues are being forgotten about,

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

I am the leader of a few community groups in Kangaroo valley, I'm involved with the local leaders program and have connections with many community leaders.

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

None

6. Signature of Applicant	
Signed:	
Date:	19-1-22

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~~Marsha Makary~~

~~From: Community Connections
Sent: Thursday, 27 January 2022 3:35 PM
To: Marsha Makary
Subject: FW: Application for Homelessness Taskforce~~

~~FYI~~

~~Kind regards,~~

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Marsha Makary
Community Connections
Shoalhaven City Council
shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au~~

~~RESPECT | INTEGRITY | ADAPTABILITY | COLLABORATION~~

From: Grace Rey
Sent: Tuesday, 25 January 2022 2:24 PM
To: Community Connections <CommunityConnections@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au>
Subject: Application for Homelessness Taskforce

Grace Rey

Good afternoon,

I spoke with [redacted] on Friday who was kind enough to allow me to get my application in for yesterday 24th January Monday however I have been unable to as a result of my own housing issues at the moment and so currently have a few pressing issues I am dealing with.

The Homeless issue is one I have always had an immense passion for. I relocated here approx 6 years ago from Potts Point as a result of rents increasing.

In May 2018 I founded Socks n Jocks on a shoestring budget, the Illawarra/South Coast community is asked to donate a new pair of socks or jocks for the homeless.

Each year the aim is to bring local business and community together in support of those who, for reasons far beyond their control, are homeless and will experience the razor edge of winter.

It will be in its 5th year this 2022, I have no idea how I will pull this off, a lot of the time I am struggling with my own accommodation or unemployment issues, so I understand the struggle from a personal point of view.

Below are some links where you will find out more about me in the hope you could consider my application. Apologies I am not able to complete the appropriate form and this is a little easier for me to copy and paste some links with providing some answers.

I have to get ready for work now as I start at 4pm and have to drive to Kiama from Bomaderry. I am trying to get some bond money together however do not have enough hours. Unemployment is one of the biggest issues from my personal experience which adds to the struggle of being able to secure a lease.

Many thanks for your time in reviewing this in advance and I welcome any calls on 0800 000 000.

<https://themarketingclan.com/this-may-theres-a-call-for-socks-n-jocks-across-the-illawarra-n-shoalhaven/>

<https://www.illawarramercury.com.au/story/7243420/you-can-help-the-homeless-this-winter-by-donating-a-new-pair-of-socks-or-jocks/>

<https://www.illawarramercury.com.au/story/6756502/socks-n-jocks-campaign-to-help-illawarras-homeless-postponed-due-to-pandemic/>

<https://www.southcoastregister.com.au/story/6180610/days-left-for-jocks-and-socks-so-please-donate/>

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1. Details of Applicant

Surname: Hart

Given Name: John

Pronoun:

'he/him'

'she/her'

'they/them'

Email*

Postal Address

Town of Residence:

Phone: (Home)

(Mobile)

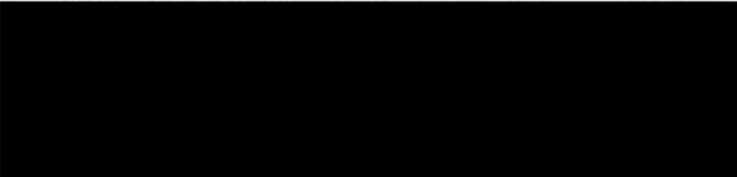
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02 4455 5343

Preferred method of contact: work

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

I have provided and worked with people who are or have experienced hardship and practically been there myself. Fortunately i had a property that i had to reluctantly sell to get out of the predicament. Currently i am working on a project to provide 60 cheap accommodation units in close proximity to Ulladulla that i feel would assist the homelessness problem providing accommodation, activity and interest.

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

I have been an engineer for the past 50 years (Civil Structural and Mechanical) and have accumulated skills and experience in this activity that would assist in this roll

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

Have not personally experienced homelessness although several unscrupulous people have tried inflict it on me over the years.

6. Signature of Applicant

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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1. Details of Applicant

Surname: Hopkins Given Name: Julianne

Pronoun: he/him she/her they/them

Email: [REDACTED]

Postal Address: [REDACTED]

Town of Residence: [REDACTED]

Phone: (Home) [REDACTED] (Mobile) [REDACTED] (Work) [REDACTED]

Preferred method of contact: [REDACTED]

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

I think being homeless at anytime would be horrible anytime but during covid it must be horrendous.

I realize the NSW gov managed to house many (?all) homeless people during lockdown – not sure how that went in the Shoalhaven.

It is particularly distressing to me that older women – a vulnerable group – are finding themselves homeless.

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

I'm a retired nurse, most of my career was working in the community in Sydney. For the last 15 years of my career I worked as a mental health nurse, mostly in the Redfern/Camperdown area + for a short time in the Shoalhaven.

I like people (well mostly), I'm told I'm a good team player, and good at listening & motivated to advocate + drive change to alleviate homelessness.

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

No I haven't experienced homelessness in the Shoalhaven.

4. Signature of Applicant

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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1. Details of Applicant

Surname: DAVIS Given Name: KEITH

Pronoun: 'he/him' 'she/her' 'they/them'

Email* _____

Postal Address _____

Town of Residence: _____

Phone: (Home) _____ (Mobile) _____ (Work) _____

Preferred method of contact: _____

Received 24 JAN 2022
Com No. 55584E
Referred to: Maisha Makary

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I live in my motorhome

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- Other, please detail:

*Lived in a campervan in 2013
Now living in a motorhome.*

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

Regeel attached.

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

Regeel attached.

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

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KEITH DAVIS

3. Why would you like to join the Shoalhaven Homelessness Task Force?

Over the past 3 years I have been doing research into developing a proposal for a National Cooperative Housing Scheme including a pilot scheme run by the Shoalhaven City Council. That is why I need to be on the Homeless Task Force to get the proposal up and running. I'm 81 now, still plenty of energy but need to be part of a team that has contacts and power to keep the momentum going. The Labor Party have announced a \$10B plan to deal with the homeless crisis as part of their election manifesto. This is sure to be matched by the Liberal Coalition and so it would be timely to have an advanced plan on the table for all that money swishing around looking for a home! My proposal on a National basis calls, amongst other things, for the setting up of a National Housing Cooperative Group overseeing Regional and State entities. The Shoalhaven City Council could be at the forefront of this move by being first in with a solid and well presented proposal.

I note the minutes of the Taskforce meeting 14 October 2021 mention preparations for a National Housing Plan at page 42. Also, in the same report at page 15 it mentions of the need to look at different models such as equity and covenant housing. The proposal I have been working on fits in well with a lot of the work already undertaken by the present and previous Homelessness Taskforce.

On a local basis I envisage the setting up of overnight shelter schemes at various townships for itinerate homeless people. Also, a rental assistance scheme for existing caravan park residents to protect them from excessive site fee increases and bullying by Caravan and Manufactured Home Estate (MHE) owners which seems to be on the increase with the gentrification of such parks. Again, I see the Taskforce as being the ideal place to pursue and advance these ideas.

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

I spent 23 years in Qantas as an Airport Manager at various international airports and was then recruited by the International Air Transport Association (IATA) to head up the industries Taskforce aimed at reducing the increasingly alarming rate of lost baggage by airlines. Working out of both Geneva and Montreal, I conducted workshops and industry conventions at numerous airports worldwide and created a committee network representing some 450 international airport authorities. During this period we halved the lost baggage rate.

This experience instilled in me the value of the properly coordinated multidisciplinary approach rather than any individual effort. I can see the value of such coordination being needed to harness the energy of all the diverse array of excellent and mainly voluntary workers that are presently involved in a variety of ways helping with the present homelessness crisis.

I was previously the Regional Manager, Far South Coast for the park resident's association, ARPRA, but had to relinquish this post to focus on problems closer to home in my role as Chairman of the Milton Valley Holiday Park.

KEITH DAVIS

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

I am presently part of the itinerant homeless community moving up and down the South Coast. I have a small motorhome and spend only a few days in any one location to avoid attention from various local authorities. I was originally resident in the Milton Valley Holiday Park but some 8 months ago I moved out of there for my own safety following advice from the local police. I was and still am the Chairman of the Resident Committee for that park but after some 4 years of continual Tribunal actions over excessive site fee increases and attempts to evict one of the other committee members, park management have made life very difficult for me to the extent I now have genuine fears for my own safety and have moved away from the park. For various reasons I'm unable to sell the van & annex that I own and am still paying site fees even though I don't spend much time there anymore. I have to return intermittently though as I'm still involved in my advocacy role for some of the residents as well as still being involved in a Tribunal appeal against orders for an excessive site fee increase last year. This may well take another 3 months to resolve but once that is over then I will resign as Chairman of the Residents Committee and hand the reins over to the park resident's association, ARPRA.

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1. Details of Applicant

Surname: MALONEY Given Name: LEIGH

Pronoun: 'he/him' 'she/her' 'they/them'

Email*

Postal Address

Town of Residence: |

Phone: (Home) (Mobile) (Work)

Preferred method of contact: email

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

- 1) I am passionate about the issues of homelessness & domestic violence & people needing care.
- 2) I am interested in being an advocate for people experiencing homelessness in our community, particularly through the community, the media & local & state Governments.
- 3) I see this as furthering my interest and community involvement with SCC.
- 4) I am motivated to drive change through local government & the community's response.

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

- 1) Public relations & communications specialist professional with 40+ years experience in the media and associated industries.
- 2) Company Director / ^{now}retired; own business, hence vast corporate experience.
- 3) Psychological First Aid through my volunteering with Red Cross Emergency Services.
- 4) Personal experience of homelessness experienced during bushfires by others - where I was able to help at the time. *

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

Nil.
Other than providing my home during bushfires as home to a family who had lost everything.

- * Working With Children cent.
- * Red Cross Emergency Services

6. Signature of Applicant

Signed:

Date:

13 January 2022

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1. Details of Applicant		
Surname: O'Connell	Given Name: Liz	
Pronoun:		
he/him	'she/her'	they/them
Email*		
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I would like to join the Shoalhaven Homelessness Taskforce so I can represent the Ulladulla and surrounding areas on this task force.
I feel I can contribute some innovative new ideas to assist addressing homelessness.
I manage a number of programs where homelessness affects our clients and understand the difficulties in finding suitable long term accommodation. I also have a broad understanding of the impact that the fires and Covid have had on the community in regards to affordable accommodation.

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

I will bring my knowledge of youth homelessness in the Shoalhaven. I have set up supported accommodation for youth in Ulladulla- The Ulladulla bedsits run by Southern Cross Community Housing supported by Caresouth and Ulladulla Youth Centre.
I manage the Ulladulla Youth Centre as well as the Family Preservation Program and the Domestic Violence Program in Nowra.
I am a member of the Shoalhaven Rent Choice Youth Program
I have experience facilitating meetings and contributing to processes, procedures and policies
I have experience in the child protection areas including domestic violence, youth, mental health, drug and alcohol, homelessness, disability and other factors that make it difficult for people to access services.
I prefer action rather than talk and am willing to roll my sleeves up to make things happen.

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

No experience of this

6. Signature of Applicant
Signed: 
Date: 17/01/2022

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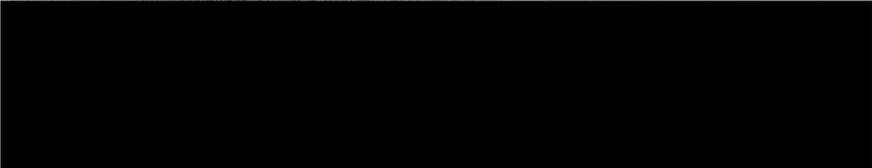
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1. Details of Applicant	
Surname:	KVAPP Given Name: Lucinda
Pronoun:	'he/him' <u>'she/her'</u> 'they/them'
Email*	
Postal Address	
Town of Residence:	
Phone: (Home)	(Mobile) (Work)
Preferred method of contact:	Email

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

I am currently employed by an NGO, & have a statutory appointment for the Minister of Mental Health - in both my roles clients & consumers are more & more regularly faced w homelessness - meaning that sometimes they spend longer than required in institutions and/or live on the street. I would like to be part of a collaborative team that works together to tackle homelessness locally.

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

I am an mediator, solicitor & official visitor. I currently work for the ACS in a HTP w Warrinda & have access to a number of clients w lived exp of homelessness.

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

N/A.

6. Signature of Applicant

Signed:

Date:

10/1/2022

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1. Details of Applicant

Surname: Sweeney **Given Name:** Michael

Pronoun:

'he/him' 'she/her' 'they/them'

Email* - -

Postal Address

Town of Residence:

Phone: (Home) **(Mobile)** + **(Work)**

Preferred method of contact: Mobile

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- Other, please detail:

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

I am a qualified Network Engineer and can provide hope to people who identify as Homeless through my own experiences.

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

My Technical expertise is in the IT Field.

1. Microsoft Certified Professional. (MCP)
2. Cisco Certified Engineer. (CCIE)
3. Management of medium to Large Network Infrastructures.
4. Email Server Management, web design, VPN and VLAN setups.
5. Remote Management and off site backup of clients Data to secure storage
6. Domain creation and management.

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

I was homeless from 14 July 2017 to December 2017.

References can be provided on request.

6. Signature of Applicant

Signed:

Date: 20-1-2022

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1. Details of Applicant

Surname: Miran

Given Name: Michelle

Pronoun:

'he/him'

'she/her'

'they/them'

Email*

Postal Address

Town of Residence: V.

Phone: (Home)

(Mobile) 00000

(Work)

Preferred method of contact: Mobile

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

I have managed women's refuges and worked with the homeless including youth. I also have personal knowledge and experience with domestic and family violence. I have lived experience as a survivor of domestic violence. I understand the emotional and psychological impacts on women and their children and their daily lives. I am extremely passionate about social justice. I want to actively participate in social change that advances the lives of all homeless people and enables them to live a dignified and fair life. As identified by the UN, Food and shelter are basic human rights.

Because of the pandemic and disproportionate real-estate prices and a shortage of rental accommodation, the situation to provide affordable, low cost and fair housing continues to erode fair access for individuals, the aged, families, First Nations peoples, people with disabilities and single parent families.
There is an imperative to identify mechanisms for overcoming gross social inequity.

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

- 1) Diverse Experience in the homeless sector
- 2) I have recently overseen the enumeration of homelessness in the Shoalhaven and the Wingarcarribee
- 3) I am well known and have established networks in the homelessness sector across the regions
- 4) Proven experience on a regional, state and National boards and committees.
- 5) My professional experience includes detailed submission, grant and tender writing, project management, research and governance
- 6) I have long term and respectful relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Councils, Not for Profits and other community organisations here in the Shoalhaven and Illawarra.

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

I have not personally experienced homelessness.

6. Signature of Applicant

Signed:

Date:

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Email*		
Postal Address		
Town of Residence:		
Phone: (Home)	(Mobile)	(Work)
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3. Why would you like to join the Shoalhaven Homelessness Taskforce?

I have a strong passion for social equality and to bring an end to homelessness around the world. I am originally from Argentina (South America) and left my country in 1990 to move to the USA, while living in Argentina there was no homelessness in their society, but less than 10 years after I left when I returned to see my relatives there I could not believe my eyes to see homeless people begging, walking around Buenos Aires, and settling under carton boxes to sleep at night in street corners. It was a major shock for me, as I had seen the tremendous negative impact to society from having a large homeless population while living in the USA. I participated in many groups in San Francisco to provide assistance to the homeless in the form of food, referrals for medical services, referrals for accommodation, etc. I never thought I'd see that happening in Argentina, but this "cancer" to our modern societies is there too. I moved to Australia in 1999, I love Australia and its people and that's why I made it my home now. We live in a rich country, within a diverse multicultural and mostly harmonious society, but we still battle the homelessness "cancer" in our country. I have only been able to make a small difference to this problem by collecting donations to provide to our local Homeless Hub, so I hope that joining the Shoalhaven Homelessness Taskforce will allow me to channel my passion better and make a significant difference to the lives of those who are homeless and suffering in the Shoalhaven, and perhaps set an example for other council areas to emulate.

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

- More than twenty (20) years of corporate experience in the financial services (banks and superannuation) and information technology industry sectors.
- Extensive program, project and event management experience and qualifications.
- Experience working in employment services in the area, and assisting people in low socio-economic groups within the Shoalhaven
- Strong people management skills, including leading multicultural diverse teams.
- Dedicated, dependable, thorough, well-organized, computer savvy, innovative, effective communicator.
- Involved in our local community since moving to the Shoalhaven (organised a community dance group for 3+ years, radio announcer in 2 local community radio stations, volunteer roles in local not-for-profit organisations, participated in the group behind the Shoalhaven River Festival for years, currently a member of the Shoalhaven Harmony Week organising committee, etc)

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

I have not experienced homelessness in the Shoalhaven area, or anywhere else, however while in Sydney and working for a major Australian investment bank I joined a Homelessness Awareness group and we participated in activities to provide us with a better understanding of the challenges and risks people who are suffering with homelessness face day to day. One of those activities was to simulate for 24 hours to be living as a homeless person in Sydney, including getting and eating food out on a park, and sleeping out in the open using just a swag. That experience was mind opening, even though we all knew we would return to our comfortable lives and homes at the end of the 24 hours activity, we shared the activity with people who were living homeless at that time in Sydney. We were lucky that the winter night when we slept out was not too cold, but we all knew the individuals who were truly homeless and shared that night with would repeat that night after night, and many of them were just people like any of us. We gain understanding and more importantly a lot of empathy from the experience, and planted inside each of us the desire to do something to remove that problem from our society. It has been a few years since I participated in that experience, but the memories are still fresh in my mind as if it had been yesterday. I retired in June 2021, I now have the time, skills and certainly the passion to do something about it, and hope that being part of the Shoalhaven Homelessness Taskforce will allow me to do that.

6. Signature of Applicant
Signed: _____
Date: 13th January 2022

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Surname:	Hansen-Tarrant	Given Name: Ruby
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Email*		
Postal Address		
Town of Residence:		
Phone: (Home)	(Mobile) 0477 111 111	(Work) 0407 823 170
Preferred method of contact: Email		

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

Homelessness is my passion, and I believe that we all need to work towards a present and future in which housing is understood and respected as a basic human right.

I am currently working as an Assistance with Care and Housing Coordinator with 'Age Matters - a non-for profit organisation which supports older persons within the Illawarra-Shoalhaven who are experiencing, or are at risk of experiencing homelessness.

This role, and the stories of the people that I work alongside, have fueled this passion further. Currently, access to appropriate and affordable housing within the Shoalhaven region is virtually non-existent. This is placing the wellbeing and safety of thousands of individuals at risk - day in and day out.

We need to be doing more to combat this, and I feel that I could make valuable contributions to the taskforce in regards to addressing homelessness, and the psychosocial impacts it has, within the Shoalhaven.

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

I come from a social work background (BSW), and have a keen interest in strategies and approaches to combat homelessness within Australia. I believe the skills, experience and networks I possess are essential in working alongside communities, and would be an asset to the taskforce.

I strongly believe in the power of team-work and collaboration and a bottom-up approach when developing solutions.

I have strong written and verbal communication skills, and am always up for a challenge, and to learn from others!

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

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Date: 19/01/2022

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Pronoun:	
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	'they/them'
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3. Why would you like to join the Shoalhaven Homelessness Taskforce?

To help & offer support.

I am passionate about homelessness & I support homeless people in our community at work.

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

- 7 years experience supporting homeless people in the Ulladulla, Nowra Community,
- Identifying issues associated with being homeless,
- Solution focused, not judgmental, reliable.
- Support to engage & work collaboratively with services to problem solve.

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

I needed to stay with a girlfriend with my three children for a short time, due to not being successful in many applications to real estates for private rentals,

I have been very lucky to have that friend & secure a rental within 2 weeks.

I am very passionate about our community over all well-being & being homeless is a huge factor.

6. Signature of Applicant

Signed:

Date:

17/1/2022.

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Surname: Bellingham	Given Name: Stuart
Pronoun:	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> 'he/him'	<input type="radio"/> 'she/her' <input type="radio"/> 'they/them'
Email*	
Postal Address	
Town of Residence:	
Phone: (Home)	(Mobile) (Work)
Preferred method of contact: mobile or email	

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<p>Have you previously identified with any of the below homelessness indicators?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> I did not have any suitable accommodation alternative options <input type="checkbox"/> I lived in a dwelling that was inadequate <input type="checkbox"/> I lived in an improvised dwelling, i.e. sleeping in a tent or sleeping rough <input type="checkbox"/> I lived in supported accommodation for the homeless, i.e. a shelter <input type="checkbox"/> I lived temporarily with other households <input type="checkbox"/> I lived in a boarding house <input type="checkbox"/> I lived in a severely overcrowded dwelling <input type="checkbox"/> I did not have a tenure, or I only had a short or non-extendable tenure <input type="checkbox"/> I did not live in a dwelling that provided space for social relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I do not identify with the above <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please detail:

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

I have recently moved to the Shoalhaven area on a permanent basis after serving in the Royal Australian Air Force for 34 years. I am now working for TAFE NSW as the TAFE Services Coordinator at the Ulladulla campus. One of the key reasons I sought a job with TAFE NSW is its commitment to providing opportunities for those in our communities who are facing disadvantage.

I have a strong conviction to serve the community and help disadvantaged people in our community to access those fundamental elements that allow them to live happy and healthy lives and hopefully thrive in our community.

In addition to my personal compassion to help others in our community, I believe there is a potential complementary nexus between the job I am currently performing at TAFE NSW and this Taskforce.

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

My final job with the Australian Defence Force was as the Director General for ADF Joint Collective Training, responsible for the conduct of all major ADF exercises including those with our key allies.

During my career in the ADF I have experienced a variety of jobs and I have developed broad experience working with a range of people from diverse backgrounds.

I have extensive experience working in teams and strong teamwork, communication and collaboration skills.

I have been involved in a range of Defence projects and I have experience working with industry and government across local, state and federal levels. Having led and been a part of teams working on these projects, I have a very good understanding of planning and project management.

I am keen and bring energy and enthusiasm and a willingness to keep learning.

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

I don't have any experience with homelessness except that my parents were house parents of a home in the Newcastle area for displaced children working for NSW Youth and Community Services when I was a young boy.

6. Signature of Applicant
Signed: _____
Date: 17 January 2022

Applications close 20th January 2022

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

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 or call 02 4429 3539

Attachments of further information supporting your application are permitted.

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