



Homelessness on the Mornington Peninsula

Free community event at the Peninsula Community Theatre, from 6.30 - 8.30pm, Wednesday 24 August 2022.

For more event information and to book, please go to: [what-is-homelessness-on-the-mornington-peninsula](https://www.peninsula.org.au/what-is-homelessness-on-the-mornington-peninsula)

Speakers on the night will be:

Laura Sutton, Case Manager - Housing and Homelessness Program Western Port Community Support:

Laura has been working in the housing and homelessness area for seven years. Her focus will be on people who are “falling through the gaps” for a variety of reasons.

Rosalyn Franklin, SP Housing Justice and Advocacy - Mornington Peninsula Shire:

Rosalyn is a member of the Shire’s Community Partnerships team who focusses on housing justice. She’ll share her experiences of working with people who are lost in the homelessness system, and the amazing workers trying to stretch and grow the system to wrap around their clients.

Darren Rooth, Team Leader Homelessness, Peninsula, The Salvation Army:

Darren has worked in homelessness services for more than 20 years. He leads the team focussed on providing support to adults and families who are homeless, in crisis and/or at risk of being homeless. He knows that it can be difficult to navigate the system, but with the right support, individuals and families who need help most can re-build their lives.

Gemma Bell, Team Leader, Fusion Mornington Peninsula:

Gemma is the Team Leader at Fusion Mornington Peninsula. Gemma has lived and worked onsite at Fusion’s housing service for young people experiencing homelessness with her family for 15 years. Over those years she has worked as an educator in Youth and

Community Work, practitioner, and community leader. Gemma has set down deep relational roots within the community and in the lives of folks she lives and works alongside.

Her passions are action-based philosophies that build healthy lives for vulnerable peoples through relational community development. She also swears by loose-leaf tea, chocolate and a good book.

Kara Van Der Heyde, Homelessness Outreach Worker, Southern Peninsula Community Support:

Kara is an Assertive Outreach Worker in the Southern Peninsula Homeless Connections program focused almost solely on people rough sleeping.

Kara has worked in the homeless sector for the past 9 years, working at Salvation Army in the Crisis Centre-Frankston/Rosebud, Mentis Homeless team alongside Peninsula Health mental health services, Wellways Doorway program, Western Port Homeless program and at Southern Peninsula Community Support.

Kara has become even more passionate about advocating for those at risk of homelessness and those who are homeless. She's keen to share the real situation out on the street with our community.

Bill Faulkner, Community Health RN, Bolton Clarke:

Bill is a registered nurse with Bolton Clarke's Homeless Persons Program. He engages with vulnerable people experiencing homelessness as rough sleepers or living in local rooming house settings. He uses a flexible care model with a focus on problem-solving. It can be opportunistic and at the point of contact and provides a wide range of services and care.

Our facilitator for the evening will be Ben Smith, CEO Mornington Community Information and Support Centre.