

## Strategies to address housing challenges and homelessness

7:00am – 8:45am Wednesday 9 November 2022

Speakers' Hall, Queensland Parliament House, Corner of George and Alice Streets, Brisbane

### Researcher biographies

#### **Associate Professor Sacha Reid – Head of Department, Department of Tourism, Sport and Hotel Management, Griffith University**

Associate Professor Sacha Reid is the Head of Department for the Department of Tourism, Sport and Hotel Management at Griffith University, the number 1 ranked Australian University, and third globally, for Tourism and Hospitality. Sacha joined Griffith University to develop, with industry, the Real Estate and Property Development major within the Bachelor of Business. Prior to this she worked in Commercial Agency, having established the research capacity of DTZ (Australia) in Queensland. Sacha's main research interests include high rise living and sociological aspects of increasing densities. She is the recipient of an Australian Research Council Linkage Grant on developing professionalisation within the construction sector and a Consumer Policy Research Grant on information disclosure and "Off the Plan" apartment sales.



#### **Professor Rebekah Russell-Bennett – Co-director, Centre for Behavioural Economics, Society and Technology, Queensland University of Technology**

Rebekah Russell-Bennett is a professor in the School of Advertising, Marketing and Public Relations at Queensland University of Technology and Co-Director of the QUT Centre for Behavioural Economics, Society and Technology. Her research lies at the intersection of social marketing and transformative service research. She has over 20 years experience in co-design of services with people who experience marginalization, stigma, and/or vulnerability. Rebekah has worked with Federal, State and local government as well as commercial and non-profit organisations to design innovative solutions for supporting women to maintain secure housing, facilitating low-income households to save money through energy efficiency, increasing participation in preventative health screening programs, and increasing blood donations.



#### **Professor Cameron Parsell – ARC Future Fellow, School of Social Science, Faculty of Humanities and Social Science, The University of Queensland**

Cameron Parsell is Professor of the Social Sciences at The University of Queensland. He is the author of *The Homeless Person in Contemporary Society* and *Charity and Poverty in Advanced Welfare State*. His forthcoming book is an international critical introduction to homelessness. His research focuses on understanding the experience of poverty and what societies do to address it.



## **Professor Paul Burton – Director, Cities Research Institute, Griffith University**

Paul joined Griffith University from the University of Bristol, UK, in 2007 as Professor of Urban Management and Planning and since 2017 has served as Director of the Cities Research Institute. Having trained and worked as a planner in London, he has always been interested in how we address the challenges of providing good quality and affordable housing for all, and in the past his research has looked at homelessness in rural areas and in different European cities. More recently he and Dr Heather Shearer have explored the rise of the tiny house movement in Australia.



## **Professor Melissa Bull – Director, Centre for Justice, Queensland University of Technology**

Melissa Bull, (BA(Hons)) is a Professor in the School of Justice at Queensland University of Technology and Director of the QUT Centre for Justice. She is an interdisciplinary researcher whose research is focused in the areas of community development and crime prevention, particularly in relation to diverse communities. Her recent work has focused on: the prevention of violence against women, prevention of homelessness for older women, the experiences of women in long term immigration detention, and the inclusiveness of illicit drug intervention programs.



## **Associate Professor Maree Petersen – School of Nursing, Midwifery and Social Work, Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences, The University of Queensland**

Associate Professor Maree Petersen is a social worker with a research focus on older people experiencing disadvantage. A particular focus has been her work on understanding how older women come to be precariously housed in later life despite legislative, policy and social changes that sought to enhance gender equity. With large current research projects on poverty and older people, and elder abuse, her work seeks to bring attention to the intersection of the policy areas of housing, homelessness, community aged care, welfare and justice necessary for ensuring wellbeing for people as they age.

