

Share ideas on the service and support needs of Forgotten Australians

The Department of Communities would like to learn more about the needs of former residents for access to support services and activities such as those offered through Lotus Place. To assist with this, the department has engaged the services of an independent contractor, Ann Porcino, RPR Consulting to undertake consultations.

There are two ways to participate: by attending a Focus Group or completing a survey, which will be distributed widely in late September/early October. The consultations provide an opportunity for former residents to share their views on what support services are needed, both now and in the future, and how these might best be delivered.

The details of the Focus Groups are as follows:

Location	Date and time	Venue
Townsville	Wednesday 4 August 2010 2.30pm – 5.00pm (Afternoon tea provided)	Hotel Ibis 12/14 Palmer Street, South Townsville
Rockhampton	Thursday 5 August 2010 11.30am – 2.00pm (Lunch provided)	Square Dance Hall Crn Fitzroy and Kent Street Rockhampton
Logan	Friday 6 August 2010 10.00am - 12.30pm (Morning tea provided)	Logan City Recreational and Sporting Club 4 Alba Lane, Kingston (off Jacaranda Ave)
Brisbane * for people aged 45 and under	Friday 6 August 2010 2.00pm – 4.30pm (Afternoon tea provided)	Lotus Place 18 Merivale Street, South Brisbane
Brisbane	Saturday 7 August 2010 11.00am – 1.30pm (Lunch provided)	Lotus Place 18 Merivale Street, South Brisbane
Brisbane * for people aged over 45	Saturday 7 August 2010 9.00 am – 11.00am (Morning tea provided)	Lotus Place 18 Merivale Street, South Brisbane

- Registrations for the Focus Groups are essential as numbers are limited
- Registrations are limited to one Focus Group per person
- Limited assistance to meet transport costs is available on a case by case basis
- Focus Groups will be supported by staff from Lotus Place

To register contact:

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