

Pet-friendly rentals

Getting a better deal for pet owners and their pets

Pets & Positive Ageing Inc.

Keeping older pet owners and pets together

Wednesday 14 November 2018 from 9:00am to 11:00am.
Reception Room, ACT Legislative Assembly, Civic

Host and Chair: Tara Cheyne MLA, Patron of Pets and Positive Ageing Inc.

Program

0900-0902	Welcome	Tara Cheyne MLA Patron of Pets and Positive Ageing Inc.
0902-0908	Opening Address	Gordon Ramsay MLA ACT Attorney-General
0908-0920	Pet-friendly rentals: the view from pet owners	Teresa Kent Founder, Canberra Dog Rehoming (Facebook) Charlie Faulder Principal Solicitor, Tenants' Union ACT
0920-0935	Pet-friendly rentals: what is happening in Victoria	Dr Liz Walker Chief Executive Officer, RSPCA Victoria
0935-0950	Pet-friendly rentals: welfare issues in times of critical need	Jo Wood Coordinator-General for Family Safety, Community Services Directorate, ACT Government
0950-1005	Pet-friendly rentals: the real estate perspective	Richard Davies Co-Principal, Belle Property Kingston
1005-1015	Tea and coffee	
1015-1030	Open doors: Northside crisis accommodation	Samantha Henry Senior Manager of Engagement Services, Northside Community Service
1030-1055	Ways Forward - Questions and Panel Discussion	Chaired by Tara Cheyne MLA , with Mary Porter AM , Patron of Pets and Positive Ageing Inc, Jan Phillips President, Pets and Positive Ageing Inc. and all speakers
1055-1100	Wrap up	
1100	Close	

Please note: program details may be subject to minor change.

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About the speakers

Gordon Ramsay MLA

Attorney-General Gordon Ramsay MLA was elected to the ACT Legislative Assembly in 2016 as Member for Ginninderra. He is also Minister for Business and Regulatory Services, Minister for the Arts and Cultural Events, Minister for Seniors and Veterans and Minister for Building and Quality Improvement. He holds a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws (Hons) from the University of Sydney and Bachelor of Theology, Sydney College of Divinity. Prior to his election he was Executive Minister Kippax Uniting Church, UnitingCare Kippax for almost 20 years and Chair, Uniting for two years as well as a practicing lawyer. His many community commitments have included ACT Better Services Taskforce, Chair ACT Targeted Assistance Strategy, Better Practices Better Services Taskforce, ACT Community Inclusion Advocate, ACT Community Inclusion Board, Community Champion 2020 Time to talk, ACT Anti-Poverty Week, White Ribbon Ambassador and Finalist, 2015 Australian of the Year ACT Local Hero.

Charlie Faulder

Charlie loves animals and has experience renting in the ACT and NSW with pets. Charlie is also the Principal Solicitor of the Tenants' Union ACT (TU) and has been providing advice and assistance to renters in the ACT since 2011. Charlie has been actively involved in the ongoing reform of the Residential Tenancies Act (1997). The TU provides: free legal services to people renting in the ACT; information through their website and community presentations; and law reform and advocacy activities. The TU also has an office dog – Indigo.

Teresa (Tess) Kent

Tess is a dog and cat owning tenant with 30+ years in the rental market. Her most recent experience of home hunting was in January so she's just about recovered, despite living on tenterhooks for news on the renewal of her 12-month lease. Tess is the Public Officer of local dog rescue group, ACT Rescue & Foster (ARF) and founder of the Canberra Dog Rehoming Facebook page, which assists families needing to rehome their dogs for a variety of reasons, including of course accommodation difficulties. These experiences have given her a thorough knowledge of the trials of our rental market and an appreciation of its human and other costs.

Dr Elizabeth (Liz) Walker

Liz graduated in 1989 from Melbourne University with a Bachelor of Veterinary Science (Hons). She spent six years in private practice (small animal) and conducting research in veterinary parasitology at Melbourne University before working in the veterinary industry in sales, marketing and operational roles with MARS Petcare, Bayer Animal Health and Gribbles Veterinary Pathology. Along the way, she gained a Master of Management (Marketing) from Macquarie Graduate School of Management. In 2010 Liz moved into the NFP sector spending four years as CEO at Lort Smith Animal Hospital, the largest companion animal hospital in Australia. Liz has been CEO at RSPCA Victoria since 2014. She is a member of the Victorian Government's Animal Welfare Advisory Committee and Greyhound Racing Victoria's Animal Welfare Committee.

Jo Wood

Jo has a Master of Public Policy and Bachelor of Science. Over the past 17 years her work has focused on indigenous and gender issues, including Closing the Gap, women's workforce participation, migration and employment. In 2012, Jo Wood participated in the Australia and New Zealand School of Government Executive Fellows Program. In 2016 she was appointed by the ACT Government as the Coordinator-General for Family Safety. The Office of the Coordinator-General works with local advocacy groups, service providers and the ACT Government to create a safer Canberra through addressing family safety and identifying the very earliest of warning signs to prevent family violence from occurring wherever possible.

Richard Davies

Richard is Co-Principal of Belle Property Kingston (belleproperty.com/kingston) with many years of real estate expertise, in-depth industry knowledge and a stellar sales record. Before joining the prestigious Belle Property, Richard was the well-respected Director of Red Property in Manly, in Sydney's Northern Beaches with 10 years in Sydney's real estate market, where he achieved many record sales during his career. Richard and the team at Belle Property Kingston are experts in both property sales and rentals in Kingston and neighbouring Canberra suburbs including Forrest, Griffith, Manuka, Red Hill and Narrabundah. Richard is an industry leader with great insider knowledge across the entire Canberra property market.

Samantha Henry

Samantha is the Senior Manager of Engagement Services at Northside Community Service - a not for profit organisation that delivers services from early childhood through to programs for our Senior Citizens. Samantha oversees a number of programs that support individuals and communities across a range of support needs, including accommodation services for women and children experiencing homelessness as a result of family or domestic violence-including their pets. Northside is one of a small number of organisations in the ACT that welcomes pets into their accommodation and believes that they provide invaluable health and wellbeing benefits to the whole family.