



VICTORIAN  
WOMEN  
LAWYERS

## OLDER WOMEN LOST IN HOUSING

Screening of short documentary OWLs, presentation and Q&A

Please join us for the screening of the *OWLs Documentary*.

Over 680,000 Australian women aged 45 and over are lost to affordable secure and accessible housing. Hidden and under-represented, OWL's are the fastest growing group in our community experiencing homelessness.

In 2018, VWL's Justice Committee is advocating the battle faced by thousands of Victorian women and children experiencing homelessness.

### DATE

Thursday 28 June, 2018

### TIME

5:30pm: registration and light refreshments

6.00pm: screening (15 minutes) followed by presentation and Q&A discussion

### LOCATION

Maurice Blackburn  
Level 21, 380 La Trobe Street  
Melbourne

### COST

Members \$10  
Non-members \$15

All money raised through this event will be donated to Housing for Aged Action Group (**HAAG**).

### REGISTRATION:

[www.vwl.asn.au/events](http://www.vwl.asn.au/events)

Do you have a question for our panel?

Send an email to [vwl@liv.asn.au](mailto:vwl@liv.asn.au)

### SPEAKERS:



#### PENNY LEEMHUIS

Penny Leemhuis is a social justice activist and housing advocate for older women lost to affordable, secure and accessible housing. In 2014, Penny's lived experience as an older women lost to housing compelled her to establish OWL's not for profit advocacy.

Utilising a holistic approach, Penny lobbies federal and local politicians to reform gender inequalities and to implement affordable housing policy change. A nationally recognised speaker, Penny raises awareness of the systemic inequality issues and empowers the wider community in seeking preventative measures and sustainable solutions to crisis.

Her background and experience in community development enables individuals and community to embrace social inclusion and gender equality transformation.

#### LUCY ADAMS



Lucy Adams is the Head of Homeless Law and Advocacy at Justice Connect. In 2014, Homeless Law started the Women's Homelessness Prevention Project, which combines legal representation and social work support to prevent homelessness for women and children.

After two years, they published a detailed report and call to action, *Keeping Women and Children Housed: Two years, ten client stories and ten calls for change*. In 2013, Lucy undertook a Churchill Fellowship, traveling to nine international cities and speaking with 60 experts about homelessness and the regulation of public space.

In 2016, she was the Law Institute of Victoria's Community Lawyer of the Year.

Her work with Justice Connect is focused on preventing homelessness and reducing the negative impact of the law on people experiencing homelessness.