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Illawarra Forum and Property Council to Join forces to Host Breakfast

For the first time, the Illawarra Forum is partnering with the Illawarra Chapter of the Property Council to host a breakfast focussing on Affordable Housing. The focus of the breakfast is to explore both the current policy climate and new opportunities to deliver safe and affordable social, rental and purchasable properties.

Attendees will have the opportunity to hear from a range of expert speakers, and see some examples of creative solutions from the Illawarra, and from around the world.

Speakers include:

- Sebastian James, *Director Housing, Disability and Home Care Services*, NSW Department of Family and Community Services
- Nicola Lemon, *Chair*, Power housing Australia
- Jennifer Macquarie, *Director*, Fountaindale Group
- Jan Ferguson – *CEO* The Housing Trust – the largest not-for-profit community housing organisation in the Illawarra

CEO of the Illawarra Forum, Nicky Sloan said “The Breakfast event is an opportunity for stakeholders and interested parties across the region to come together to explore the issue of access to safe, appropriate and affordable housing. Access to affordable housing regularly comes up as the most pressing concern for our members, and the clients they serve. “

Jancey Malins, Regional Manager of the Illawarra Chapter of the Property Council added “Both the Property Council and the Illawarra Forum have been preparing submissions, lobbying and advocating for some time for policy changes which promote the development of more affordable housing.”

Both organisations are keen to pursue strategies which would include increasing the supply of social housing, as well as rental properties and purchasable properties which are affordable to people on low incomes.

Time: 7:30am - 9:00am
Date: Thursday 2nd June 2016
Location: Foreshore Brasserie, Wollongong Golf Club,
151-161 Corrimal Street, Wollongong

Media welcome from 8:30am.

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