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Tackling a topical issue

Illawarra Forum Industry Breakfast – Energy & Water Affordability

The Illawarra Forum is proud to host an industry breakfast on Tuesday 5 September 2017 to tackle energy and water affordability which is a critical issue for both community members and community service organisations.

‘People on low incomes are being forced to make unconscionable choices in order to keep the power on,’ said Nicky Sloan, CEO Illawarra Forum. ‘We are hearing regularly that people are choosing between vital medication and paying for utilities and even that they are forced to do without food and their children are not able to participate in activities.’

The breakfast program will feature a presentation by Helen Ford, General Manager of Governance, Awareness & Policy at the Energy & Water Ombudsman NSW. Participants will learn about the role of the Energy & Water Ombudsman, hardship programs and help for vulnerable consumers, current issues and impending changes. Helen will also incorporate case studies to demonstrate the assistance that is available and discuss the future of solar power.

The breakfast is open to everyone who is interested, particularly those who work in the community services industry. This informative networking breakfast will run from 7.30am to 9.30am at The Woolshed, 601 Princes Highway, Yallah.

Tickets are \$35 for members and \$45 for non-members. To book please follow the link on our website or [click here](#).

About the Illawarra Forum

The Illawarra Forum is the peak body working for community services and organisations in the Illawarra and the Shoalhaven. It supports community organisations, promotes expertise and innovation in community development, fosters industry development and provides advocacy for social justice. The Illawarra Forum is an independent organisation governed by a committee of management elected annually by the membership.

The Forum represents the non-government community services industry in the Illawarra and Shoalhaven, which consists of approximately 300 organisations. The Illawarra Forum works closely with numerous organisations which provide support to vulnerable people across the region.

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