

END OF THE AUSTRALIAN DREAM?

Young Brisbane professionals to debate housing affordability

BRISBANE - From rising costs to growing debt, young professionals in Brisbane will be debating whether they are the unlucky generation or if there is a new Australian dream on the horizon this Thursday [13/07/17].

'Disrupting the Australian Dream' will see debates on housing affordability, supply and demand of housing, city-living versus affordable outlying suburbs, quality of life, 'dipping into superannuation', changing technology and much more at The Hive from 5-45 pm.

It has been organised by a group of volunteers called FutureNet and industry-body Consult Australia, to provide young professionals with a relaxed environment to debate issues of relevance to their lives and their city.

Jillian Carney, Consult Australia State Manager for Queensland, said: "This is such an important issue for young people. As home ownership becomes less likely due to number of economic factors, there must be a shift in aspirations. In some respect, ownership has become less important through the sharing economy, but it remains important to discuss and understand the aspirations and personal goals of young people in how and where they want to live."

Experts Malcolm Middleton, the Queensland Government Architect, and Chris Isles from Place Design Group, will provide further insight but young professionals will lead the debate.

Will Sinclair, Chair of FutureNet, said: "Whereas previous generations had certainty in their aspirations, be it a house or employment, the outlook for our generation is less clear. House prices continue to rise and many do not know what the jobs of the future will be, so it's important to constantly reassess and determine our own Australian Dream."

Tickets cost \$55 or \$35 for government workers and are available at www.consultaustralia.com.au

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