



# Compassionate Communities Gold Coast

A community-led approach to care

## *A half-day community information session and invitation to co-design*

Care is everyone's business. When serious illness, caring responsibilities, dying or grief enters someone's life, the world doesn't pause. It speeds up. And too often, people are left doing too much, without enough support, for too long.

A Compassionate Community is a simple but powerful idea: *Care is not only a medical task, it's a community responsibility.*

### *What is this session?*

A welcoming, story-led half-day forum introducing the Compassionate Communities approach on the Gold Coast.

You'll hear lived experiences, learn what Compassionate Communities is (and isn't), and explore practical ways we can strengthen support across:

- illness and diagnosis
- ageing and frailty
- caring
- end-of-life
- grief and bereavement
- isolation and loneliness



### *Who is it for?*

Gold Coast locals, groups and organisations who care about connection and ensuring no one faces hard times alone, including:

- carers, family, neighbours
- people living with illness or grief
- faith/cultural leaders, volunteers, connectors
- neighbourhood centres, libraries, schools, community groups
- health, aged care, disability and allied health workers

*You don't need to be an expert. Your voice matters.*





## Co-design invitation

This forum is the beginning of the next stage, and you're invited to shape it.

We're holding three place-based co-design workshops across the Gold Coast in March–April 2026:

- South Gold Coast
- Central Gold Coast
- North Gold Coast

## Event details

**Venue:** Broadbeach Community Centre

**Date:** Thursday 5th March

**Time:** 9am – 1pm

**Cost:** Free (registration essential)

Light refreshments provided.

**Accessibility:** Wheelchair accessible venue.

We gratefully acknowledge the Working Group members for their generous investment of time, expertise, and energy in co-creating and guiding this work. This includes representatives from Gold Coast Northern Interagency, Southern Interagency, Kalwun Senior Services, Multicultural Communities Council Gold Coast, Compassionate Gold Coast, Dovidia, Home Care Society, Gold Coast Hospital and Health Service, along with Gold Coast Primary Health Network, and Kindness Company.

Together, we will co-design what a  
Compassionate Gold Coast looks like,  
locally, practically, and sustainably.

## Register or express your interest

Scan the QR code to register  
(or request a paper sign-up form on the day)

*Bring a friend, a colleague, or someone who cares.*

