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Housing and Homelessness News

Jacquie Petrusma, Human Services Minister

Shelter Tas congratulates Jacquie Petrusma on her appointment as Human Services Minister. We look forward to working with Jacquie to address issues of affordable housing and homelessness in the State. [Click here](#) to read the Liberals' policy document 'A hand-up for vulnerable Tasmanians', which outlines funding promises for the sector, including \$250,000 to develop a State policy for affordable housing.

NDIS Housing Needs Analysis Survey for Housing and Emergency Accommodation Providers

You are invited to complete a short survey, which will be used to map housing need across Tasmania and help shape the future of housing for Tasmanian NDIS clients. Ernst & Young has been appointed by Housing Tasmania to determine the demand for housing from now until the NDIS is fully implemented in 2019. A range of stakeholders are being surveyed in order to understand the views of existing community housing and emergency accommodation providers, please have your say and contribute to this important project! [Click here](#) to complete the survey by **Friday 25th April 2014**. Please contact Catherine Iliff of Ernst & Young if you have any questions - catherine.iliff@au.ey.com.

Community Housing Federation of Australia Forum Presentations

Presentations from the Community Housing Federation of Australia's (CHFA) recent forum on Housing, Disability and the NDIS are now available. The forum was very well received, and was attended by over 200 people from the housing, disability and government sectors. The PowerPoint presentations from the speakers are now available and can be accessed via CHFA's [website](#). CHFA is currently developing a communiqué from the forum, which will be available shortly.

Parity – Call for Contributions, May 2014

Parity is calling for contributions to their May edition: 'Housing Insecurity and Homelessness'. Contributions can be up to 1,600 words and need to be submitted by Friday May 16th. Submissions must be in Word format, attached to an email and addressed to parity@chp.org.au. You can find more information about writing for Parity by [clicking here](#).

Research and Articles

National Welfare Rights Network: The impact of Rent Assistance on housing affordability for low-income renters in Australia

[This report](#) shows that problems in the design of the Rent Assistance program, combined with inadequate levels of allowance payments for unemployed people and students are exacerbating the extreme rates of housing stress that are impacting hundreds of thousands of individuals and families.

Community Housing Federation of Australia (CHFA): Allocation, eligibility and rent setting in the Australian community housing sector

[CHFA's report](#) provides a 'big picture' overview of current practice regarding eligibility, allocation, and rent setting in the community housing sector in Australia, and aims to compare and contrast different policies, procedures, and practices across the country.

Making Social Housing Work – Better homes for low-income Victorians

Seven Victorian peak bodies with an interest in housing, homelessness and domestic violence have come together to produce a new vision for social housing in Victoria. [Their report](#) was released last week.

AHURI Positioning Paper: Changing spatial distribution of lower-income housing - understanding and responding to transport disadvantage

See more at the [AHURI website](#).

Australian Policy Online: Making social housing work - better homes for low-income Victorians

With the Victorian social housing system under severe stress, [this report](#) calls for a broad strategy that addresses social housing shortages, and looks at ways to expand the supply and quality of low-cost private housing.

The Age: Middle class, hard-working and homeless

[Click here](#) to read this report from 8th April.

SBS: Call for long-term homelessness strategy

Watch the video on the [SBS website](#).

Conferences/Forums/Training

Shelter NSW Conference – Early Bird Registration Extended

Early bird registration for 'Possibilities and Realities: Private Rental Housing as a Solution' has been extended for an extra week, to COB Wednesday 16th April. This conference tackles one of the most important issues for everyone concerned with housing for low-income households today. The results of three important surveys of how the market is working for low-income people will be announced at the conference; see the full [program](#) for more information and speakers. You can download the [registration form](#) or [book online](#).

Safe from the Start Training

The Safe from the Start project has been developed to address the needs of children aged 0-6 who have experienced family violence, abuse or trauma.

When: Tuesday 29th April 2014, 9.15am – 4.00pm

Where: 3 Wharf Rd, Ulverstone

Cost: \$125.00 (morning/afternoon tea provided)

[Click here](#) to download the registration form.

Launch of the Carer Representative Service, Lunch and Forum

Partners in Recovery and Mental Health Carers Tasmania are launching the Carer Representative Service and invite you to attend.

Find out about the new service, Partners in Recovery and participate in the consultation; 'How do services support carers of people with mental illness in Southern Tasmania?'

When: Tuesday 6th May, 11.00am – 2.00pm

Where: Bellerive Yacht Club

RSVP/more information: sarahh1@colony47.com.au or phone 6214 1311

Transport and assistance to arrange respite care can be provided.

Introduction to DBT With a Focus on Youth

Professionals working with suicidal adolescents with multiple problems are often challenged by complex clinical presentations and the many dilemmas that arise during treatment. Evidence suggests that Dialectical Behaviour Therapy (DBT) can help suicidal adolescents and their families. This 2 day workshop explores comprehensive DBT and its application to an adolescent population to engage and retain clients.

When: Friday 2nd May and Saturday 3rd May 2014

Where: Cornerstone Youth Services Inc. (Heslop Launceston)

Cost: \$380.00 (includes materials and catering)

How to register: Contact Lynnette Kerrison – 6335 3100 or lkerrison@csys.com.au

Closing date: Monday 28th April 2014

Note: Only 10 places available.

TasCOSS Not-for-Profit Leadership Series Outcomes Measurement Workshops

TasCOSS is running one-day Outcomes Measurement Workshops in Burnie, Launceston and Hobart on the 19th, 20th and 21st May, led by national sustainability consultancy [Net Balance](#).

When: 9.00am-4.30pm

Where:

Burnie -Wellers Inn, [Register online](#)

Launceston - The Tramsheds, [Register online](#)

Hobart - C3 Convention Centre, [Register online](#)

(If there is sufficient demand a fourth workshop will be held on Fri 23rd May)

Cost (GST inclusive): TasCOSS members \$242, Non-member NFPs \$352, Private/Government \$825 (Lunch, morning and afternoon tea included).

The Net Balance Foundation's outcomes measurement experts will also provide **one hour of phone support** to each workshop participant after the event.

For more information, download an [Outcomes Measurement Workshop flyer](#) or contact TasCOSS Sector Development Officer, Tim Tabart on 03 6231 0755 or tim@tascoss.org.au.

Other News

Hobart Street Soccer Is Moving!

From April 8th onward, Street Soccer's weekly sessions will be held at Aurora Sports Stadium (corner of Creek Rd and Main Rd, New Town). The new venue has more space and better access to public transport.

To stay up-to-date with everything they're doing, you can like their [Facebook page](#).

Don't forget: the last session at the Moonah Sports Centre will be April 1st; the week after that, at Aurora Sports Stadium.

If you've never been before, this is a great chance to check what they do!

Mental Health Carers Tas. Pay It Forward Breakfast

Thursday 24th April 2014, 7.15am-8.30am. All profits will be going to Legacy as a 'pay it forward' gesture supporting ANZAC day.

\$30 per person or, \$240 for a table of 8. [Click here](#) to register your attendance at the breakfast.

The Vagina Monologues Fundraiser Performance

The Vagina Monologues is a play based on interviews with women about their experience of their bodies and of living as a woman. A group of local women are performing the show in Hobart and all funds raised will go to organisations involved in the [V-Day campaign](#) to stop violence against women and girls. Local organisations, A Fairer World and Hobart Women's Shelter, will receive money raised from the Hobart production.

Date: Saturday 12th April, 7pm (doors open at 6pm for drinks and market stalls)

Venue: Stanley Burbury Theatre, University of Tasmania

Cost: \$25.00 full, \$15.00 concession, Business and Friends packages available, go to www.afairerworld.org/vday for details.

Book: Book on-line now at www.trybooking.com/75835

Note: The performance includes explicit language.

The performance will have **Auslan interpreters** - if you require access to sign language interpreters, let the organisers know when you book at the following e-mail address so the best seating positions can be organised. Small.consulting@bigpond.com.