



# eNews 2014

Peak Body for Housing and Homelessness

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## **Housing and Homelessness News**

### **Tasmanian State Election – 15 March 2014**

Now that the election has been called, Shelter Tas will be working hard to alert candidates to the affordable housing and homelessness issues throughout the campaign. We will be reiterating some of the key points from our [Budget Submission](#) and asking candidates to commit to measures to:

- Revitalise Social Housing
- Combat Homelessness
- Maximise Affordable Housing.

In addition, we will be calling on the major parties to demonstrate a commitment to lobby the Federal Government to continue the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness (NPAH), which is due to expire in June 2014 and currently funds many of our vital supported accommodation facilities.

### **Better Housing Futures**

Stage 2 of Better Housing *Futures* was launched on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February, with around 3,400 public housing tenancies released across the State. Housing Tasmania has produced a number of fact sheets relating to the release of properties and information on their management, which can be found on the [Shelter Tas website](#). The Minister for Human Services, Rebecca White released [a media statement](#), which can also be found on our website; along with [Shelter Tas' media release](#), expressing our support for the growth in community housing in the State. The [DHHS website](#) also provides extensive information on Better Housing *Futures* and the release of stage 2 properties.

### **Diploma and Certificate IV in Social Housing Subsidy**

Great news! Shelter Tas and Housing Tas have been successful in our Skills Tasmania application to subsidise members to undertake the Diploma and Certificate IV in Social Housing for 2014. There is currently an extra place available in both the Diploma and Certificate IV courses. If you or any of your staff are interested, please fill in the [Expression of Interest form](#) ASAP. Please return the form to Pattie at Shelter Tas ([eo@shelertas.org.au](mailto:eo@shelertas.org.au)) or NSWFA Project Officer, Nada (see EOI form for contact details). To view the units within both programs, go to the NSWFA link: [www.communityhousing.org.au](http://www.communityhousing.org.au).

## **Research**

### **AHURI Evidence Review #049: Longer building times contribute to housing undersupply**

Addresses the issue of extended building times and offers strategies to reduce delays. [Read more.](#)

### **The Conversation: 'How Australia's ageing population could push house prices down'**

[Click here](#) to read the full article from *The Conversation*.

### **South Sydney Herald: 'Homelessness is not a diagnosis'**

[Click here](#) to read this article which explains the causes and clarifies misconceptions around homelessness.

## **Conferences/Seminars/Forums**

### **Y Your Vote Counts Forum – 18 February 2014**

The Tasmanian Youth Forum (TYF) is hosting the "Y Your Vote Counts" youth forum on Tuesday 18th February at City Hall, Hobart. In the lead up to the Tasmanian State election, the forum will provide young people with the chance to engage in the political process, find out why their vote counts and the opportunity to ask a panel of Tasmanian political leaders questions.

This free event will run from 1.00pm – 2.45pm and is open to any young person aged 12-25. Contact Tegan on 6223 5511 or at [tyf@ynot.org.au](mailto:tyf@ynot.org.au) for more information. Registration for the forum is [online](#).

### **Adopting 'Child-led Practices'**

A two day workshop on 'child-led' interventions with groups, families and individuals affected by family violence. This workshop will present material produced by the multi-award winning group work program PARKAS (Parents accepting Responsibility Kids Are Safe).

**When:** Monday 17<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2014, 10.00am – 4.00pm

**Where:** Melbourne CBD (venue TBC)

**Cost:** \$280.00 SHS funded, \$320.00 non-SHS funded.

For further information and registration form, [click here](#).

### **National Housing Affordability Roundtable**

The Business Council of Co-operatives and Mutuals (BCCM) is holding the National Housing Affordability Roundtable lunch to discuss and promote alternative housing tenure models to reduce the costs of entry to the housing market. The roundtable brings together a range of people with expertise in developing housing to identify and refine models of housing development and the necessary legal and financial frameworks that will significantly reduce the cost of entry into secure housing.

**When:** 11.30am – 2.00pm, Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2014

**Where:** RACV City Club, Level 2, Bourke Room 2, 501 Bourke Street, Melbourne

**RSVP:** 11<sup>th</sup> February 2014, Mitch O'Gorman [info@bccm.coop](mailto:info@bccm.coop) Please include any dietary requirements.

Places have been strictly limited to 25 to allow for roundtable debate and will be allocated on a 'first come' basis. Download the [Executive Briefing Paper](#) here.

### **Understanding Mental Health and Wellbeing Workshop – 26 February**

This workshop is an introductory training module, designed to introduce participants to the principles and concepts underpinning mental health promotion, prevention and early intervention, and their relevance to a range of work settings.

**Date:** Wednesday 26th February

**Time:** 10.00am – 4.30pm

**Venue:** 116 Elizabeth Street (front training room)

**Cost:** Free (lunch provided)

**Contact:** Maria Belfrage on [m.belfrage@anglicare-tas.org.au](mailto:m.belfrage@anglicare-tas.org.au) or call 6333 3082

**Registrations close Friday 14th February 2014.**

### **Shelter NSW 2014 conference – ‘Possibilities and Realities: private rental housing as a solution’**

On 30 April, 2014, the Shelter NSW conference, 'Possibilities and Realities: private rental housing as a solution' will explore the biggest issue for housing policy and low income renters today.

More and more lower income households must look to the private rental market to provide them with long term housing. Is the private rental market it up to the job? What are the constraints? What needs to change? In tight housing markets what do poorer people do? How do advocacy and welfare organisations help them?

The findings from three surveys will be announced at the conference.

Go to the Shelter [NSW website](#) for conference details and registration. Early bird discounts are available until April 10<sup>th</sup> 2014.

### **Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST)**

This workshop provides practical help for caregivers seeking to prevent the immediate risk of suicide.

**Date:** Wed/Thurs May 14 & 15, 2014

Wed/Thurs October 29 & 30, 2014

**Location:** Devonport

**Cost:** \$250.00 per person

**Contact:** Choose Life Services (CLS) – 6423 3181

Annette Rockliff: 0417 320 861 or [Annette@parakaleo.org.au](mailto:Annette@parakaleo.org.au)

You can find a copy of the [registration form](#) on the Shelter Tas website.

### **Housing, Disability and the NDIS Forum – 27 March 2014**

The Community Housing Federation of Australia (CHFA) is holding a forum on 27 March in Canberra, to examine the emerging role of the NDIS in supporting participants to gain appropriate housing with support. The forum will provide an excellent opportunity for participants to learn about current policy, best practice, and future opportunities for housing people with disabilities. Participants will contribute directly to shaping this significant area of policy development via interactive sessions and a conference communiqué that will be delivered to the Minister. The forum will run from 9.30am – 4.30pm, at the Manuka Oval Function Centre, Canberra.

## **Other News**

### **An Invitation From Tasmania Medicare Local**

Tasmania Medicare Local is inviting 18 Tasmanian communities to put forward their ideas for tackling mainstream issues that are impacting on the health and wellbeing of their residents.

The communities have been identified as part of a Tasmania Medicare Local strategy to address social determinants of health, which has been funded under the Australian Government's Tasmanian Health Assistance Package. Tasmania Medicare Local's Manager – Social Determinants of Health, Maree Gleeson, said the strategy targeted areas such as social status, affordable housing and access to education, employment and food. Click [here](#) to read more.

### **'Refuge for Babies in Crisis'**

This resource was released by the Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne, and discusses how crisis accommodation services and workers can assist infants and their mothers affected by family violence. [Click here](#) to view the document.

### **Grant Alert – Tasmanian Community Fund**

The Tasmanian Community Fund invites organisations to apply for grants under their latest general grant round, which opens on 8th February 2014.

**Eligible applicants:** Not-for-profit organisations proposing to undertake a project in Tasmania.

**Eligible projects:** A wide range of projects which support children and young people; community wellbeing and life skills; community participation and recreation; connecting communities; and culture, arts and heritage.

**How to apply:** Guidelines and access to the link for the on-line application and expression of interest forms are available from our website at <http://www.tascomfund.org> For a hard copy of the guidelines email [admin@tascomfund.org](mailto:admin@tascomfund.org) or phone the Fund Office on 6232 7269.

**Closing date:** Expressions of interest for large grants close on 12 March 2014. Applications for small grants close on 2 April 2014 and applications for medium grants close on 16 April 2014.