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**Dear Shelter Members and Supporters,
Housing and Homelessness News**

Registrations are now open for Shelter Tas' Forum: *Tasmanian Community Housing - Trends, Tenants, Transfers*.

29th November, 11am – 6pm \$75 members, \$125 non-members, group discounts available. See the [forum page](#) on our website to register.

Trends, Tenants, Transfers is a forum about the rapidly growing community housing sector in Tasmania, and will cover a range of issues that are relevant to anyone with an interest in affordable housing.

Housing Connect

The new 'one-stop shop' for Tasmanians to access all their housing and support needs. One assessment will be available for everything from emergency accommodation to a long-term home. Housing Connect can be contacted on 1800 800 588 (24 hrs).

http://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/housing/housing_connect

"50 Years of Housing Failure"

A fascinating and somewhat frightening speech by economist Saul Eslake on the ways that Government policy has contributed to our housing affordability crisis over the past 50 years. You can read more at: <http://www.prosper.org.au/2013/09/03/saul-eslake-50-years-of-housing-failure/>

Survey Request: The Use of Homelessness Services by New Migrants

Homelessness Australia (HA) is conducting research on the use of homelessness services by new migrants, including refugees and asylum-seekers for a policy paper for the new federal Department of Social Services. They invite homelessness services that are members of state peaks but not members of HA to complete the survey, which can be found at:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HA_Homelessness_services_and_new_migrants_2013.

The survey closes on **Tuesday 5 November 2013**, and the policy paper will go to the Department at the end of November. For further information, HA can be contacted on (02) 6247 7744, or info.homelessnessaustralia.org.au

Research

Issue 3 of the Institute of Child Protection Studies (ICPS): Younger Mothers – Stigma and Support

This issue of the *Research and Practice* series discusses the experiences and perceptions that younger mothers have about motherhood, their experiences of support services, and explores how services could better support younger mothers. It is based upon the findings of a qualitative research project implemented by ICPS in 2010.

This issue, along with Issue 1 (Interventions and practice principles for supporting young people who are homeless) and Issue 2 (Identity and meaning in the lives of vulnerable young people) are available to download at: <http://www.acu.edu.au/566948>

For more information about the Research to Practice series contact erin.barry@acu.edu.au

Latest AHURI Evidence Review 039 “Not a Holiday—Living Permanently in Caravan Parks”

This review gives an overview of the range of permanent housing options currently being utilised through caravan parks. Often the only affordable option for people on low incomes, caravan park living is not all beer and skittles. This review looks at some of the issues for residents.

http://www.ahuri.edu.au/housing_information/review/evrev039

Poverty, Social Exclusion and Disadvantage in Australia

Research from Ben Phillips and others at the National Centre for Social and Economic Modelling (NATSEM). Released on the 12th October 2013, the report shows an increase in overall poverty between 2000-01 and 2011-12, in spite of a strongly growing Australian economy. You can view the full report on the [NATSEM website](#).

Training/Workshops

From Faxes to Facebook Webinar

Due to popular demand, WESNET’s “From Faxes to Facebook Webinar” series will be running again, starting October 24th. WESNET are very pleased to be able to offer an exciting opportunity to learn more about Technology Safety, it’s uses and misuses, through a Webinar series which starts on **October 24th 2013**. This training focuses on the positive and negative impacts of technology on survivors of domestic and family violence, stalking, sexual violence, dating violence and abuse. See the flyer on their [website](#) for more information and to register.

Youth Work (Short Courses in Hobart and Burnie)

TasTAFE, in partnership with the Youth Network of Tasmania and funded through Skills Tasmania is pleased to announce a series of skill sets aimed at workers within the Youth Sector. For more information please call **1300 655 307**.



TasCOSS Governance Programs

Everything Financial - 22nd October in Burnie and 23rd October in Launceston.

Strategy and Planning – 27th Nov in Burnie and 28th November in Launceston.

Contact Dale Rahmanovic on 03 6231 0755 or dale@tascoss.org.au

Conferences/Seminars/Forums

Shelter Tas Forum: Tasmanian Community Housing - Trends, Tenants, Transfers

Shelter will be holding a one-day forum on the 29th of November, 2013 at the Salamanca Inn in Hobart. The program will focus on many aspects of community housing, and will cover a range of issues that are relevant to all who work in the affordable housing sector.

We have some fantastic interstate and local speakers, including Professor Kath Hulse from AHURI; Peter White, Director of Housing Tasmania; Tony Gilmour, President of the Australian Housing Institute; Carol Croce, CEO of the Community Housing Federation of Australia and Maree McKenzie from Homes North in NSW. The day will be facilitated by the enigmatic Michael Lennon.

Registrations now open, see our [website](#) for details!

National Housing Conference: A New Way Home, 30th Oct – 1st Nov, Adelaide

The 8th [National Housing Conference](#), convened by AHURI in partnership with Housing SA, will be held from October 30th – November 1st in Adelaide. This is an opportunity to debate critical housing issues such as housing affordability, the under-supply of housing, homelessness and Aboriginal housing. Program and registration details are available [here](#).

2013 Tasmanian Disability Support Workers Conference

National Disability Services, in conjunction with DisabilityCare Australia and DHHS, will be hosting the Tasmanian Disability Support Workers Conference on the 11th and 12th November at the Hotel Grand Chancellor in Hobart.

Working Towards Ending Street Homelessness in 2020

This national roundtable workshop to be held on November 5th and 6th in Brisbane, aims to reflect on progress in ending street homelessness in Australia. With Beck Kanis, Director of the 100,000 Homes Campaign (USA) for the Micah Project. Check out the flyer on our [website](#) for more information. Ph (07) 3029 7000 for more details. RSVP by 28th Oct to rsvp@micahprojects.org.au

Other News

Hobart Human Library Launch

Don't judge a book by its cover - or a person! The Human Library is like any other library – except that the books are real, living people.

Come and hear the stories of diverse Tasmanians affected by poverty. Books will include people with a disability, health issue or of a different sexual orientation, former refugees and asylum seekers.

A free Anti-Poverty Week event - **Saturday 19th October, 10am to 1pm, Parliament House Lawns, Hobart** (Official launch by Minister Cassy O'Connor at 11am).

This is a joint initiative of A Fairer World in conjunction with Anglicare Tasmania, Amnesty International Tasmanian Refugee Rights Action Group, Hobart Women's Shelter, Working It Out and UTAS Community Friends & Networks Programme. Click here to [view the flyer](#).

StandBy Response Service

Standby is a 24 hour co-ordinated community crisis response service for families, friends and associates who have been bereaved through suicide, and is auspiced by Lifeline in Southern Tasmania. The StandBy Response Service provides support for people in the community bereaved by suicide, whether recently or in the past; via referral from police, ambulance, or local community services.

To organise an information session for your service, or to refer clients please phone **Anna on the 24 hour crisis number 0400 183 490**.

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