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Housing and Homelessness News

Media Reports NPAH Funding Finalised

The Community Housing Coalition (WA) and other media sources have reported this week that the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness (NPAH), which was renewed for one year in the Federal Budget, has now been finalised. Earlier this month, States and Territories met in Canberra to finalise the long-awaited agreement, which allocates \$115 million across the nation's NPAH services, but the signing was delayed by concerns attendees had about reporting requirements imposed by the Federal government. The renewed funding is \$44 million less than was received last year as it does not include capital funding. The Abbott Government has given no funding assurances beyond 2014-15 and plans to undertake a national review of housing affordability and homelessness policies and programs.

Australasian Housing Researchers Conference 2015

The Australasian Housing Researchers Conference will be held in **Hobart** from **18th 20th February 2015** – save the date! The event will be hosted by the Housing and Community Research Unit at the University of Tasmania, and the deadline for abstract submissions is 17th November 2014. More details will follow shortly.

Media Releases

Joined-up Support Services for Tasmanians

Minister for Human Services, Thursday 19th June 2014. [Click here](#).

NDIS Trial in Tasmania on Track to Meet Target

Minister for Human Services, Wednesday 18th June 2014. [Click here](#).

Research and Articles

AHURI Evidence Review #57 – Bonds to lower costs of building affordable housing

The latest edition of *Evidence Review* looks at establishing an Affordable Housing Finance Corporation to reduce borrowing costs for community housing organisations. [Read more](#).

Pro Bono News – Tune in Now – Toolkit for homelessness workers

Tune In Now is an online toolkit designed to help homelessness support workers to 'have the conversation' with men about depression and anxiety. Because despite being dedicated to helping men experiencing homelessness, many workers struggle with what to say about depression and anxiety and how to say it. [Click here](#) to read more.

ABC News – Most ex-prisoners unemployed or homeless six months after release, study says

Most ex-prisoners are unemployed or homeless six months after their release, and the results are worse for people with mental illnesses, an Australian study has found - [Read more](#).

The Conversation – Crowded housing market gives youth little chance for independence

In a tight housing market with national demand outstripping supply – especially at the low end of the [affordability market](#) – young people find it hard to compete for rental properties. [Click here](#) to read more.

ABC The World Today – Calls for tax incentive for charitable landlords

[Click here](#) to listen to this story about an unusual approach to helping homeless Australians. A Melbourne-based charity is lobbying for favourable tax treatment for landlords who are willing to rent their homes below market rate.

Conferences/Forums/Training

Housing Panel at the Australian Conference of Economists/Econometric Society of Australia 2014

Panel 1

Three things that will fix the housing affordability crisis

Prof Peter Phibbs, Chair of Urban Planning and Policy, USYD

Prof Richard Eccleston, Director, Institute for the Study of Social Change, UTAS

Mr Rob Brooker, Head of Australian Economics and Commodities, NAB

Discussant: Dr Michael Fotheringham, Deputy Executive Director, Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute

Panel 2

Implications of the NDIS for housing and social service reform

Prof David Adams, Prof of Management and Innovation, UTAS

Dr Ilan Vizel, City Futures Research Centre, UNSW

Dr Ceridwen Owen, Deputy Head, School of Architecture and Design, UTAS

Discussant: Dr Michael Fotheringham, Deputy Executive Director, Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute

Possible third event 4.15 – 5.30 pm.

When: 3rd July 2014

Where: Hotel Grand Chancellor, Hobart

Cost: \$40 (panel and afternoon tea)

[Click here](#) for more conference details and registration.

Not-for-Profit Leadership Series – Adapting to Changing Times

The NFP Leadership Series is designed to assist community service organisations adapt to the challenges of a changing service provision environment. The events in the leadership series will provide a context to understand these changes and some strategies to work through them and benefit from the opportunities they present. The next event is:

Consumer Engagement, Partnering with Consumers and Carers

When:

Burnie

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Tuesday 15th July 2014

When:

Launceston

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Wednesday 16th July 2014

When:

Hobart

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Thursday 17th July 2014

Wellers Inn
36 Queen Street, Burnie
Registration
[Click here for Burnie](#)

The Tramsheds
Inveresk Rail Yards
Registration
[Click here for Launceston](#)

Glenorchy Civic Centre
Cooper Street, Glenorchy
Registration
[Click here for Hobart](#)

Cost

TasCOSS, NDS, MHCT & ATDC Members - \$95.00

Non-members - \$135.00

Government/Private sector - \$235.00

For **more information**, contact Dale Rahmanovic on (03) 6231 0755 or dale@tascoss.org.au

Housing Connect Information Forum – Burnie, 23rd July

Housing Connect is the doorway for accessing Tasmania's housing and homelessness services. A Housing Connect regional forum and lunch will be held to inform and involve local service providers on Wednesday 23rd July from 11am-1.30pm - at 69 Mount St, Burnie. Expressions of interest will be sought at the forum for a Regional Reference Group that will address local housing and homelessness issues.

RSVP by Monday 14th July to k.fitzallen@anglicare-tas.org.au for catering purposes.

AHURI Event – Ageing well: housing solutions for older Australians

The Australian population is ageing and as they get older their housing needs are changing. At the same time, there is a shortage of housing and a broad expectation that older residents downsizing will help to partially resolve this issue. However, obstacles such as the impact selling-up will have on the Aged Pension is impacting the number of homes being sold. This AHURI event will shine the spotlight on the crucial issue of housing older Australians.

This event will give you the opportunity to join the discussion about how to deliver enough appropriate housing for older people that is liveable, accessible, energy efficient and in the right location close to family, friends and infrastructure. It will also look at how older people could be incentivised rather than penalised for downsizing.

When: Thursday 24th July 2014

Where: Hobart Function and Conference Centre

Time: 8.45am – 12.30pm

Cost: \$90.00 ex GST

RSVP: [Click here](#) to register for this event.

Other News

Child Support Program Inquiry Submission Deadline

Submissions are being sought from stakeholder groups and experts for the Child Support Program Inquiry. The deadline for submissions directly addressing the terms of reference has been extended until 4th July 2014. For information on how to make a submission, [click here](#).