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Housing and Homelessness News

Affordable Housing Plan for Tasmania - Introductory Consultation Survey

Affordable Housing Plan Introductory Session was held last week by the Minister for Human Services, Jacquie Petrusma MP.

Housing Tasmania is developing a Statewide affordable housing plan that will provide a clear framework for how we address housing supply and deliver better access to housing support and affordable, secure homes over the next ten years. The plan aims to address the entire spectrum of housing; from home ownership, to affordable rental, public, community housing and crisis accommodation.

Housing Tasmania will conduct focus groups as the key consultation tool used in development of the plan.

About the focus groups:

Focus groups will be undertaken at each of the five steps of plan development:

1. Assessing community need
2. Assessing demand and capacity
3. Assessing service efficiency and effectiveness
4. Setting priorities
5. Identifying solutions

Independently facilitated focus group sessions will commence in July 2014. Housing Tasmania aims for the plan to be completed by December 2014.

To guide these focus group discussions, Housing Tasmania is seeking preliminary feedback through an introductory consultation survey.

If you wish to be involved in the plan's development, please complete this short [survey](#) by **Friday 6 June 2014**.

If you have any questions about the survey, the consultation process or development of the plan generally, please contact Anna Jakin on (03) 6166 3671 or by email at anna.jakins@dhhs.tas.gov.au.

Shelter would welcome any questions or comments you would like us to consider for our feedback. Please contact Cynthia Townley our new policy officer on policy@Shelertas.org.au or call her on 62245488

Budget 2014 Factsheet - Housing

The Department of Social Services has produced a factsheet outlining the impact of the 2014 Budget on housing. [Click here](#) to view the factsheet.

Media Releases

Work underway on Affordable Housing Plan

Minister for Human Services, Friday 23 May 2014. [Click here](#). See above regarding the Affordable Housing Plan and how to get involved.

Expansion of HomeShare to help more Tasmanians into home ownership

Minister for Human Services, Monday 19 May 2014. [Click here](#).

Research and Articles

The Mercury – More homeless tipped after rent affordability scheme axed

[Click here](#) if you missed this article in the Mercury last week.

AHURI Evidence Review #055 – More retire with larger debt

More retiring homebuyers owe more money on their mortgage than in the past. Those who buy closer to retirement have larger housing debts while having fewer working years to pay off the mortgage. [Read the full article](#).

ABC News – Advocacy groups warn changes to Newstart and Youth Allowance could throw thousands of young people into homelessness

Thousands of young people living in community housing and low-rent private apartments could face eviction if their Newstart and Youth Allowances are cut off as a result of new measures in the budget. [Click here](#) to read more.

Conferences/Forums/Training

TasCOSS Collective Impact Practitioners Forum

This forum on how to collaborate successfully to address complex social and environmental problems will be held on Friday 6th June, 10am-5pm, at the C3 Convention Centre, South Hobart. The forum will be led by presenters from the [Promise Neighborhoods Institute](#) in the US. The Institute supports more than 50 impoverished communities to build integrated supports for their children and young people. Cost: \$93.50 - [Register online](#). For more information, contact Tim Tabart at tim@tascoss.org.au or on 6231 0755.

Project Planning and Grant Writing Workshop

This workshop is designed to assist community groups plan successful projects, identify a range of potential grant funding sources and prepare grant submissions. This introductory session is intended for community groups and individuals with little or no experience in grant writing, and for people who wish to refresh their skills in this area.

The workshop will involve three sessions. The first session will be devoted to project planning and grant writing. The second and third optional sessions, from 12.30 - 1.30 pm, are conducted concurrently by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (overview of how you can access ABS data free of charge that will support your grant application) and Regional Development Australia (the importance of partnerships and collaboration to create stand-out projects). You have a choice of attending one of these two sessions.

When: Wednesday 4th June 2014, 10.00am – 12.00pm

Where: Australian Bureau of Statistics, 200 Collins Street, Hobart

Cost: Free

Enquiries: contact Ms Vlasta Collins, on 6232 7050 or email vlasta.collins@dpac.tas.gov.au. There will be other Project Planning and Grant Writing Workshops delivered across the Southern region (Huon Valley, Tasman Peninsula, Triabunna and Oatlands) between August and October 2014. Information about dates and venues will be released shortly.

ACOSS National Conference – 11th – 12th June 2014, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

The theme of this year's Australian Council of Social Services (ACOSS) conference is '*Global Problems, Local Solutions: Tackling inequality in Australia and beyond*'. With Australia hosting the G20 in 2014 and leading civil society's engagement through the C20 process, the ACOSS conference will feature international guest speakers and Australian leaders presenting a way forward for tackling poverty and inequality. The ACOSS conference will feed into the global C20 Summit in June and the world leaders' meeting. For more information and registration go to: <http://conference.acoss.org.au/>
(The C20 is a platform for dialogue between the Political Leaders of G20 countries and representatives of Civil Society Organisations: <http://www.c20.org.au/>)

AHURI Event in Hobart

As Australia's population ages, what does this mean for the nation's housing supply and choices for residents? Join AHURI in Hobart on **Thursday 24th July** for a half-day event to hear the latest research findings followed by a panel discussion. Mark the date now - more details to come...

Other News

Call For Service Providers to participate in a research project concerning the Housing and Support Needs of People with Memory Loss

This research project is being conducted by the University of Tasmania and the University of Adelaide, funded by the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute. It involves a 30-45 minute face to face or telephone interview, concerning service delivery and ways you think integration and coordination of housing, health and human services can be improved. **For more information, please contact** Dr Michelle Gabriel Ph: 03 6226 7228 , Email: Michelle.Gabriel@utas.edu.au

Call For Contributions for the June Edition of Parity: Housing, Homelessness and Disability

The Council to Homeless Persons (CHP) have put out a call for contributions for the June 'Housing, Homelessness and Disability' edition of their magazine, 'Parity'.

Deadline: All contributions need to be submitted by Friday June 13th 2014.

Submissions: All contributions should be submitted as Word attachments to an email addressed to parity@chp.org.au

Word length: Contributions can be up to 1,600 words. This equates to a double page spread in Parity. Single page articles can be up to 800 words in length. Contributions of a greater length should be discussed with the Parity Editor.

Questions: If you have any questions at all about contributing to this edition please contact the Parity Editor by email parity@chp.org.au or ring 03 8415 6200.

Detailed information on referencing and writing guidelines for Parity can be found [here](#).

Position Vacant: Mission Australia Housing – Program Manager, Clarendon Vale

As Mission Australia Housing Program Manager you will be responsible for supporting, coaching and managing the housing team as well as ensuring the provision of effective tenancy and property management services to tenants. Other responsibilities include actively managing the performance of the service, managing relationships with tenants, external providers and services and internally, allocation management and the management of evictions, appeals and complaints.

To be successful in this role you must have previous success in leading a team and:

- Be listed under Part 2 of the Register of Property Agents in Tasmania; or
- Have a Diploma in Property (Real Estate); or
- Have significant and current experience of property management business sufficient to enable listing under Part 2 of the Register of Property Agents in Tasmania

The successful applicant will be required to have a Working with Children's Check, a full driver's licence and be willing to undergo a criminal history check.

For more information or to apply for the role please visit the [Mission Australia website](http://www.seek.com.au/Job/26570897) or www.seek.com.au/Job/26570897.

Applications are open until **COB 2nd June 2014**.