

eNews 2014 ShelterTAS

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Housing and Homelessness News

Shelter Tas AGM – Save the Date!

Shelter Tas' AGM will be held on Friday 28th November from 2.30pm-3.30pm, at Salamanca Inn (10 Gladstone Street, Hobart). Guest speakers will be the Minister for Human Services, Jacque Petrusma and CEO of National Shelter, Adrian Pisarski. Light refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the AGM. Please RSVP by Friday 21st November by phoning 03 6224 5488 or emailing trudy@shelertas.org.au.

You are also welcome to attend National Shelter's AGM from 2.00pm-2.30 at the same venue.

Reminder - Shelter Tas Training Workshops

Our next workshop *Develop and Manage Performance-Management Processes* will be held on the 29th October in Hobart from 10.00am – 4.00pm. This unit is nationally accredited and subsidised by Skills Tasmania, meaning a cost of just \$120 to your organisation.

Upcoming courses are *Manage Workforce Planning* on 11th November and *Ensure Team Effectiveness* on 2nd December. For more details on all these courses and registration go to the [Singleton Consulting website](#).

Senate Inquiry Report into Affordable Housing Granted Further Extension

On 12th December 2013, the Senate referred an inquiry into affordable housing to the Senate Economics References Committee for inquiry and report by 26th June 2014. Submissions closed on 25th March 2014. On 17th June 2014, the Senate granted an extension to the committee to report by 27th November 2014. On 2nd October 2014, the committee was granted a further extension to report by the first sitting day in March 2015.

AHRC Conference Keynote Speakers Announced

The Australasian Housing Researchers Conference will be held at the University of Tasmania from 18th-20th February 2015, and will provide an opportunity for housing researchers to engage with colleagues across a wide range of disciplines, and from academic, government and non-government sectors. It is open to all researchers concerned with housing affordability and homelessness, housing policy and planning, housing economics, housing sustainability, and regional, national and international housing markets. Keynote speakers at the conference will be Prof. Suzanne Fitzpatrick (Director, Institute for Social Policy, Housing, Environment and Real Estate, Heriot-Watt University), Prof. Laurence Murphy (University of Auckland, NZ) and Prof. Brendan Gleeson (Melbourne School of Design, University of Melbourne). Also a reminder the AHRC call for papers closes on 1st November 2014. Go to the [AHRC website](#) for more information.

Factoid of the Week | Private Rental

The number of people aged 55 years and over living in the private rental market has increased by 44% between 2006 and 2011, totalling 334,000 across Australia.

Petersen M and Jones A, 2013. 'Addressing Later Life Homelessness', Institute for Social Science Research, University of Queensland.

Media Releases

Raising awareness of family violence and poverty

Minister for Women, Friday 17th October 2014. [Click here.](#)

Research and Articles

AHURI Evidence Review #065 – Stamp duty inhibits downsizing

Between 2001 and 2010, older homeowners who downsized lost between 8% and 10% of their housing equity because of stamp duty. To encourage downsizing, some states and territories have introduced stamp duty concessions for older home owners. By looking closely at the impact of these concession schemes, the review of Australia's tax system may better understand the impacts of removing stamp duty. [Click here](#) to read more.

AIHW – Housing assistance in Australia 2014

This report presents information on trends and issues in housing policy, housing affordability and housing assistance provided to populations with special needs. [Click here](#) to read the report.

The Herald Sun – Should we do away with negative gearing?

In this article, Alan Moran discusses the pros and cons of negative gearing. [Click here](#) to read the full article.

ABC The Drum - The young and the homeless

[Click here](#) to read this article.

The Australian – Westpac's \$2bn to help public housing turn private

Westpac is set to pour \$2 billion into privately run public housing, as state governments withdraw from building and owning housing for the poor and those on low to moderate incomes. [Read more here.](#)

University of Melbourne – A journey home: what drives how long people are homeless?

This paper uses survival analysis to model exits over time from two alternative notions of homelessness. [Click here](#) to read more.

Conferences/Forums/Training

Collaborating for Collective Impact Action Session

The Collaborating for Collective Impact Action Session will be held in Launceston on Friday 7th November as part of the 2014 Tasmanian Breath of Fresh Air Film Festival (BOFA). The session will bring innovators and decision makers together to progress and expand the collaborative efforts already happening in communities across the state. The Action Session will be facilitated by John Dengate, Director and Senior Consultant with [Twyfords](#), and a specialist in Collaborative Governance.

When: 9am – 5pm, Friday 7th November, 2014

Where: Architecture and Design Theatre, Inveresk Precinct, Launceston (next to Aurora Stadium)

Cost: \$65 (inc. lunch)

Register: www.bofa.com.au/collaborating-for-collective-impact/

More information: See the attached brochure, or for information about the BOFA Film Festival, go to <https://bofa.com.au/>

Bridges Out of Poverty Southern Workshop

Tasmania Medicare Local is co-ordinating a series of workshops as part of its Social Determinants of Health initiative aiming to equip staff, practitioners and service providers with practical tools to assist Tasmanians affected by generational poverty and disadvantage. The two day workshop will be held on the 12th and 19th November 2014 at The Brighton Civic Centre, 25 Green Point Road, Bridgewater, from 9am – 5pm. The workshop is offered to all organisations at a cost of \$100 per head. For further queries and registration details, please contact Vicki Eather on 6425 0800 or veather@tasmedicarelocal.com.au

Other News

Call for Contributions – November Edition of Parity

The Council to Homeless Persons (CHP) are currently seeking contributions to their November 2014 'Living in limbo: Asylum seekers and homelessness' Edition of 'Parity' Magazine. This edition is devoted to examining the homelessness experienced by asylum seekers and in particular the program and service responses to the issues faced. However, contributions from anyone wishing to discuss the issues of homelessness among the wider refugee community and the response to that homelessness are welcome.

All contributions need to be submitted by Friday November 14th 2014. For more information, go to the [CHP website](http://chp.org.au) or contact the Parity Editor by email parity@chp.org.au or phone (03) 8415 6200.

Position Vacant – Communications Officer at ATDC

The Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drugs Council of Tasmania (ATDC) is looking for an enthusiastic and experienced Communications Officer, who will be responsible for promoting the ATDC, producing the ATDC newsletter, compiling resources and publications and maintaining the ATDC website and other social media. This position is part-time (equivalent to 3 days per week) and located in Hobart. Remuneration is based on the Social, Community, Home Care and Disability Services Industry Award 2010, Level 5, with above award salary and conditions including access to salary packaging. Applications addressing the selection criteria plus your resume should be submitted by email no later than **5pm Friday 31st October 2014** to David Gardiner, Policy and Research Officer. Email: davidg@atdc.org.au. To obtain a copy of the position description visit the ATDC website www.atdc.org.au or telephone (03) 6231 5002.

Thanks to all contributors for their submissions and feedback. As information for our eNews comes from many different sources, views expressed are not necessarily those of Shelter Tas. If you would like to make a submission to the Shelter Tas eNews please [forward it](#) to us for consideration.



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