



Shelter Update 12 July 2007

Dear Shelter Members and Supporters,

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Joint Tasmanian Peak Submission (Shelter Tas, YNOT & TasCOSS) to the National Youth Commission Inquiry into Youth Homelessness. The findings from this national inquiry are expected to be announced in April 2008.

Not happy with a Housing Tasmania decision or service follow the link for advice and the new complaints information sheet. This sheet was produced by HT in collaboration with Shelter.

Shared Equity Models for People with Disability Project-released by the Centre for Affordable Housing the objective of the project was to identify a shared equity model/s that could be adopted in NSW and the key steps that would be involved.

Shelter Management Committee NW Meeting

Reminder to NW Shelter members, Shelter is holding its next **Management Committee Meeting in Devonport on Thursday 26th July 2007**. North West service providers are invited to come along and join the committee from **1.30-3.00 at Anglicare's Devonport Office** 1st floor Days Building corner of Best and Rooke Streets (opposite the mall). For more details please contact Pattie pc@shelertas.org.au

Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) – data release – www.abs.gov.au

We are: older, richer but further from owning a home.

The first release of the 2006 Census data has been published. The census showed the number of people aged older than 65 increased from 12 to 13% and the number of people younger than 15 increased by 20 to 22%. In real terms, this means there were 500,000 more people of retirement age, while the number of children increased by 100,000. Figures show Australians are, despite higher wages are less likely to own their own home now, than 5 years ago. The number of people who own their homes outright declined from 40% in 2001 to 32.6 in 2006. While incomes have risen by nearly 24% rents and mortgages have risen faster. For a Tasmania data release go [here](#).

Community Housing News

National Housing Co-operative Conference 2007: Reflection, Celebration & Vision - Melbourne 20-21st September 2007.

The Community Housing Federation of Victoria (CHFV) invites all Shelter members to attend this conference on Housing Co-operatives. The one day conference includes: films, a range of practical workshops, dinner and entertainment. The conference is aimed at: co-op tenants, housing workers, service providers, policy makers, state and local delegates, academics and others. Then on the 21st September the post conference event is a half day bus tour of some of Melbourne's Community Housing.

Please contact Holly at CHFV for registration details and further information holly.marygold@chfv.org.au or 03 9654 6077 or view www.chfa.org.au

Nationally

For the latest e-bulletin from the Community Housing Federation of Australia, see attachment Edition 34 FYI. This edition gives the latest facts and figures on housing from the recently released ABS data.

Membership Renewal

Shelter's annual membership renewal invoices for the coming financial year (2007-8) were posted our last week. The Shelter Management Committee would like to encourage you to rejoin and thank you for your ongoing support for the work of Shelter Tas. Your membership fee ensures that Shelter has an important source of funding independent from government revenue. This is essential for an independent community peak body.

Regards

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