

## Special letter from the Chair

Dear Shelter Members

I am writing to you on behalf of the Shelter Management Committee to thank Organisations and individuals for joining Shelter.

The past year has been a very pleasing year for membership and our numbers are continuing to increase. It is gratifying to see so many people passionate about housing issues and in particular displaying a genuine desire to improve outcomes for those people in the community who are homeless or at the risk of becoming homeless.

We encourage members to contact Shelter with ideas and any concerns they have in relation to housing and I can assure you that we will continue to raise issues with interested parties and all tiers of Government.

A number of challenges still await us in the coming year and Shelter will be carefully monitoring the impact of both the Government's Affordable Housing Strategy and the Mental Health funding.

Currently Shelter is working with National and State Peaks on developing a campaign to ensure that the future funding for the Supported Accommodation Assistance Program (SAAP) for the next five years will not be cut or compromised. More information about this will be circulated to all members soon and will be the major topic for the March newsletter.

Once again thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Gary Bennett  
Chair

Shelter Tasmania

*Shelter Management Committee as elected at the Shelter AGM on the 26th November 2004 are:*

*Gary Bennett, Chair - Bethlehem House*

*Jenny Bertram, Vice Chair - Magnolia House Launceston Women's Shelter*

*Suzanne Fisher, Vice Chair - Hobart City Mission*

*Andrea Witt, Secretary - Centacare South*

*Judy Munday, Treasurer - Tas Uni Housing*

*Leo Foley, Public Officer - Individual South*

*Maree Fudge - Colony 47*

*Maurice Dawe - Centacare North*

*Phil Hammond - Anglicare North*

*Cinnamon Whatley - Karinya Young Womyn's Refuge*

*Kate Gould - Red Shield Housing Association*

*Bronwyn Charles - Hobart Women's Shelter*

