



18th October 2013



**Dear Shelter Members and Supporters,
Housing and Homelessness News**

Registrations are now open for Shelter Tas' Forum: *Tasmanian Community Housing - Trends, Tenants, Transfers*.

29th November, 11am – 6pm \$75 members, \$125 non-members, group discounts available. See the [forum page](#) on our website to register.

Trends, Tenants, Transfers is a forum about the rapidly growing community housing sector in Tasmania, and will cover a range of issues that are relevant to anyone with an interest in affordable housing.

The State Winners for the 2013 Australasian Professional Excellence in Housing Awards

Congratulations to our very own Pattie Chugg, recipient of an Inspirational Colleague Award!

[Go to http://www.housinginstitute.org/awards/2013-awards.php if you would like to read more about the awards.](http://www.housinginstitute.org/awards/2013-awards.php)

Housing Connect

The new 'one-stop shop' for Tasmanians to access all their housing and support needs. One assessment will be available for everything from emergency accommodation to a long-term home. Housing Connect can be contacted on 1800 800 588 (24 hrs).

http://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/housing/housing_connect

Hot Housing Action Aids Renters

Australian renters are set to enjoy a reprieve on rent rises for the rest of the year, with housing and unit rents flat in the September quarter, according to Australian Property Monitors. Investors, however, saw rental yields in the three months falling for units and houses in six out of eight capital cities.

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/business/property/hot-housing-action-aids-renters/story-fn9656lz-1226735726679#sthash.UjXx675W.dpuf>

Research

The Use of Homelessness Services by New Migrants

Homelessness Australia (HA) is conducting research on the use of homelessness services by new migrants, including refugees and asylum-seekers for a policy paper for the new federal Department

of Social Services. They invite homelessness services that are members of state peaks but not members of HA

to complete the survey, which can be found at:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HA_Homelessness_services_and_new_migrants_2013.

The survey closes on **Tuesday 5 November 2013**, and the policy paper will go to the Department at the end of November. For further information, HA can be contacted on (02) 6247 7744, or info.homelessnessaustralia.org.au

AHURI Evidence Review 038 “Who Defaults on Their Mortgage and Why”

This review addresses concerns that low interest rates will result in people borrowing large amounts of money that they will be unable to repay when rates inevitably rise again. The number of loan defaulters has risen recently, and they are mainly buyers on low-incomes. A recent survey found the main reasons for defaults included high debt, illness in the household, relationship breakdown and underestimating the costs of repayments.

“Housing First Reduces Re-offending among Formerly Homeless Adults with Mental Disorders” (Canada)

Homelessness and mental illness have a strong association with public disorder and criminality. Experimental evidence indicates that Housing First (HF) increases housing stability and perceived choice among those experiencing chronic homelessness and mental disorders.

<http://homelessnessclearinghouse.govspace.gov.au/whats-new-3/research-release-housing-first-reduces-re-offending-among-formerly-homeless-adults-with-mental-disorders-2013-canada/>

Revised Directory of Family and Domestic Violence Statistics

The Australian Bureau of Statistics has released an updated Directory of Family and Domestic Violence Statistics, aimed at improving the evidence base for family, domestic and sexual violence. For more information, go to: <http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/4533.0>

Training/Workshops

Youth Work (Short Courses in Hobart and Burnie)

TasTAFE, in partnership with the Youth Network of Tasmania and funded through Skills Tasmania is pleased to announce a series of skill sets aimed at workers within the Youth Sector. For more information please call **1300 655 307**.



Financial Literacy Education Training: Final Session

Colony 47 and Matrix on Board Training, with the support of the Tasmanian Government are providing Financial Literacy Education Training to workers in Tasmania under the FLEX grants program, as 1-day and 4-day workshops across Tasmania.

For dates and locations of these courses, go to www.surveymonkey.com/s/Colony47 and click 'Next' at the bottom of the screen until the list of dates appears.

Places are still available for:

- Scottsdale (Monday 14 October 2013)

For further information phone 03 6222 1530 or email admin@colony47.com.au.

Conferences/Seminars/Forums

Shelter Tas Community Housing Forum: Tasmanian Community Housing - Trends, Tenants, Transfers

Shelter will be holding a one-day forum on the 29th of November, 2013 at the Salamanca Inn in Hobart. The program will focus on many aspects of community housing, and will cover a range of issues that are relevant to all who work in the affordable housing sector.

We have some fantastic interstate and local speakers, including Professor Kath Hulse from AHURI; Peter White, Director of Housing Tasmania; Tony Gilmour, President of the Australian Housing Institute; Carol Croce, CEO of the Community Housing Federation of Australia and Maria McKenzie from Homes North in NSW. The day will be facilitated by the enigmatic Michael Lennon.

Registrations now open, see our [website](#) for details!

National Housing Conference: A New Way Home, 30 Oct – 1 Nov, Adelaide

The 8th [National Housing Conference](#), convened by AHURI in partnership with Housing SA, will be held from October 30th – November 1st in Adelaide. This is an opportunity to debate critical housing issues such as housing affordability, the under-supply of housing, homelessness and Aboriginal housing. Program and registration details are available [here](#).

2013 Tasmanian Disability Support Workers Conference

National Disability Services, in conjunction with DisabilityCare Australia and DHHS, will be hosting the Tasmanian Disability Support Workers Conference on the 11th and 12th November at the Hotel Grand Chancellor in Hobart.

Other News

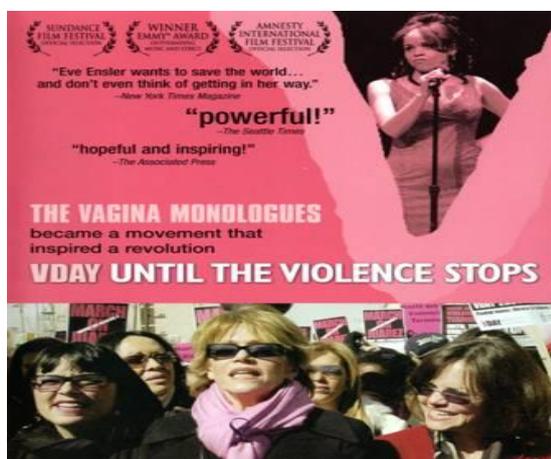
VDay Until the Violence Stops - a Film Inspired by the Vagina Monologues

Extraordinarily moving and heartbreakingly funny, this Sundance favourite chronicles how Eve Ensler's hit Off-Broadway show, The Vagina Monologues, grew into V-Day, an international grassroots movement to stop violence against women and girls.

Also showing at this screening: *Rising and Zyra* McAuliffe's documentary of a production of The Vagina Monologues in NSW.

When: Thursday 17 October 5.45pm (6pm film start)

Where: UTAS Law Theatre, Sandy Bay



Cost: \$12/\$8 member & concession. Refreshments available.

Buy tickets at www.trybooking.com/DQSQ or cash at the door.

The Tasmanian Community Fund

Eligible applicants are not-for-profit organisations proposing to undertake a project in Tasmania. A wide range of projects which support children and young people, community wellbeing and life skills, community participation and recreation, connecting communities and culture, arts and heritage are eligible.

Applicants should provide the information requested in the guidelines by the closing date. Guidelines and access to the link for the on-line application forms are available from www.tascomfund.org, or phone the **Fund Office on 6233 2920**. Applications for medium grants close on **Wednesday 16th October 2013**.

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.

Shelter Tas is supported by the Department of Health and Human Services.