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Peak Body for Housing and Homelessness

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Housing and Homelessness News

CORRECTION - ATO will No Longer Provide Market Rent Figures

In the last eNews, we advised that the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) will no longer be releasing benchmark figures for market rent. **This information is incorrect – there has been no change to the ATO benchmarks.** Apologies for this misinformation, please [click here](#) to access the ATO benchmark figures.

Housing Connect Relocation Update

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the relocation of the Housing Connect service to 181 Collins Street has been delayed by a week. Housing Connect will now be opening to support clients at the new site from **Monday June 23rd**. There will be no changes to the office located in Rosny, which will still be located at Suites 3 & 4, 14 Bayfield street Rosny. For any enquiries please contact **1800 800 588**.

Vinnies CEO Sleepout

Shelter Tas is pleased to promote the Vinnies CEO Sleepout in 2014! The CEO sleepout will be held on **Thursday 19th June** at The Hobart Showgrounds, Glenorchy. The event aims to raise funds and awareness of homelessness in Australia, and will take place on the same night in every capital city in Australia. Business and community leaders are encouraged to claim their space for 2014 and register now.

[Register](#) now for the Vinnies CEO Sleepout, or contact the Tasmanian Vinnies CEO Sleepout team at launceston@ceosleepout.org.au

Media Releases

New Accommodation Facility to Give Young Women Somewhere to Turn

Minister for Human Services, Tuesday 10th June 2014. [Click here](#).

New Members Sought for Disability Advisory Body

Minister for Human Services, Wednesday 11th June 2014. [Click here](#).

Research and Articles

AHURI Evidence Review #56 – Bonds for affordable housing explained

As there is a lot of interest in financing affordable housing using bonds, it is useful to explain some of the technical language commonly used in the bond markets. [Read more](#).

ABC The World Today – Government has no funding plan for homeless past next year

[Click here](#) to listen to the broadcast.

Australian Policy Online – A budget that divides the nation: ACOSS 2014-15 budget analysis

ACOSS' analysis of the Federal Budget for 2014-15. This paper consists of an overview of the budget; a table of who will pay for what measures; the effect of budget decisions on the bottom line, and a detailed analysis of measures in key areas. [Click here](#) to read more.

The New York Times – Young and in debt in New York City

This article discusses how student debt is affecting housing in United States. [Click here](#) to read the full article.

Conferences/Forums/Training

Dark MOFO: Future Hobart 2014 – Public Forum

How do we use public space in such a way as to maximise its potential? Our shared spaces do more than bring us together (although that is important enough): they say something about who we are as a group, and who we want to be.

The City of Hobart and MONA have invited New York artist Vito Acconci to offer up a prototype for how to create connections between previously discrete aspects of our city, and in doing so, activate them in unimagined ways.

When: Tuesday June 17th

Time: 1.00 – 3.00pm

Where: Hobart Town Hall

Cost: Free

Register: [Click here](#) to register on the Dark MOFO site.

Building Workers' Computer Skills Training

The Peaks Network Workforce Round Table has been working to implement *A Workforce for the Future – Tasmanian Community Services Sector Workforce Development Plan 2012-2015*, and has identified that there is a need for training to assist paid and unpaid workers with the development of their computer skills. Funding will be sought to subsidise training for a full day 'hands on' computer lab training session, and it is anticipated that the subsidised price will cost around \$70. However, a sufficient level of interest is required before proceeding. If you are interested for yourself or your staff, please complete the short questionnaire [here](#).

Housing Panel at the Australian Conference of Economists/Econometric Society of Australia 2014

Panel 1

Three things that will fix the housing affordability crisis

Prof Peter Phibbs, Chair of Urban Planning and Policy, USYD

Prof Richard Eccleston, Director, Institute for the Study of Social Change, UTAS

Mr Rob Brooker, Head of Australian Economics and Commodities, NAB

Discussant: Dr Michael Fotheringham, Deputy Executive Director, Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute

Panel 2

Implications of the NDIS for housing and social service reform

Prof David Adams, Prof of Management and Innovation, UTAS

Dr Ilan Vizel, City Futures Research Centre, UNSW

Dr Ceridwen Owen, Deputy Head, School of Architecture and Design, UTAS
Discussant: Dr Michael Fotheringham, Deputy Executive Director, Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute

Possible third event 4.15 – 5.30 pm.

When: 3rd July 2014

Where: Hotel Grand Chancellor, Hobart

Cost: \$40 (panel and afternoon tea)

[Click here](#) for more conference details and registration.

AHURI Event – Ageing well: housing solutions for older Australians

The Australian population is ageing and as they get older their housing needs are changing. At the same time, there is a shortage of housing and a broad expectation that older residents downsizing will help to partially resolve this issue. However, obstacles such as the impact selling-up will have on the Aged Pension is impacting the number of homes being sold. This AHURI event will shine the spotlight on the crucial issue of housing older Australians.

This event will give you the opportunity to join the discussion about how to deliver enough appropriate housing for older people that is liveable, accessible, energy efficient and in the right location close to family, friends and infrastructure. It will also look at how older people could be incentivised rather than penalised for downsizing.

When: Thursday 24th July 2014

Where: Hobart Function and Conference Centre

Time: 8.45am – 12.30pm

Cost: \$90.00 ex GST

RSVP: [Click here](#) to register for this event.

Other News

Hobart Women's Shelter Wins Community Sector Award

Congratulations to the Hobart Women's Shelter on winning the Organisation Award at the 2014 HESTA Community Sector Awards recently. You can read more about the Hobart Women's Shelter and their achievements by [clicking here](#).

Grant Alert - Adult Literacy Programs

The Adult Literacy - 26TEN Grants Program has been developed by Skills Tasmania to boost adult literacy levels in Tasmania and create literacy friendly organisations and communities. The 2014-2015 26TEN Grants Program for Community Organisations and Communities, part of the Adult Literacy Program, opens Monday 23rd June 2014 and closes Friday 25th July 2014 (5pm). Go to the [Skills Tasmania website](#) for more information.