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Peak Body for Housing and Homelessness

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Housing and Homelessness News

Tasmanian State Election – 15 March 2014

Now that the election has been called, Shelter Tas will be working hard to alert candidates to the affordable housing and homelessness issues throughout the campaign. We will be reiterating some of the key points from our [Budget Submission](#) and asking candidates to commit to measures to:

- Revitalise Social Housing
- Combat Homelessness
- Maximise Affordable Housing.

In addition, we will be calling on the major parties to demonstrate a commitment to lobby the Federal Government to continue the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness (NPAH), which is due to expire in June 2014 and currently funds many of our vital supported accommodation facilities.

Expressions of Interest for Housing and Homelessness Training

Shelter Tas is calling for expressions of interest in training units for housing and homelessness services. There are a number of very relevant units, including: tenancy, client services, case management, human resources and workplace effectiveness. It is expected the training will be for 1 or 2 days only.

If you are interested, please download the EOI form from the [Shelter Tas website](#) and return to frances.schouten@bigpond.com by Thursday **27th Feb 2014**.

If you have any questions, please call Frances on 0448 644 011 or Pattie at Shelter Tas on 6224 5488.

Diploma and Certificate IV in Social Housing Subsidy

Great news! Shelter Tas and Housing Tas have been successful in our Skills Tasmania application to subsidise members to undertake the Diploma and Certificate IV in Social Housing for 2014.

There is currently an extra place available in both the Diploma and Certificate IV courses. If you or any of your staff are interested, please fill in the [Expression of Interest form](#) ASAP. Please return the form to Pattie at Shelter Tas (eo@shelertas.org.au) or NSWFA Project Officer, Nada (see EOI form for contact details). To view the units within both programs, go to the NSWFA link:

www.communityhousing.org.au.

Positions Vacant

Program Manager – Mission Australia Housing Tasmania

The Program Manager will be responsible for supporting and managing the housing team, as well as providing effective tenancy and property management services to clients. Other responsibilities include actively managing the performance of the service, managing relationships with tenants, external providers and services and internally, allocation management and the management of

evictions, appeals and complaints. [Click here](#) to view further application details, download position description and apply for the role. **Applications close COB Tuesday 25th February.**

Centacare Evolve Housing

Centacare Evolve is a new housing provider chosen by the State Government to manage all Housing Tasmania properties in the Bridgewater, Gagebrook and Herdsman's Cove communities, and currently has the following positions available:

Administration Officer: Provide a high level of reception and administration services to stakeholders of Centacare Evolve.

Community Development Worker: Assist Centacare Evolve in achieving their vision by working with stakeholders to develop and implement programs that build and add value to the community.

Housing Manager: Responsible for the day to day delivery and management of quality housing services to residents.

Tenancy Engagement Officers: Provide assistance, information and guidance to residents with regards to maintaining a successful tenancy.

Tenancy Officers: Deliver a range of property and tenancy management services to current and prospective clients of Centacare Evolve.

Go to www.hobart.catholic.org.au for application information, including position description and selection criteria, or call Kim Bomford on 6208 622 for further information.

Applications close Monday 24th February at 3.00pm.

Research and Articles

'ANZ tips sharp housing price rise before the end of next year'

Read more at www.news.com.au.

Conferences/Seminars/Forums

National Housing Affordability Roundtable

The Business Council of Co-operatives and Mutuals (BCCM) is holding the National Housing Affordability Roundtable lunch to discuss and promote alternative housing tenure models to reduce the costs of entry to the housing market. The roundtable brings together a range of people with expertise in developing housing to identify and refine models of housing development and the necessary legal and financial frameworks that will significantly reduce the cost of entry into secure housing.

When: 11.30am – 2.00pm, Tuesday 25th February 2014

Where: RACV City Club, Level 2, Bourke Room 2, 501 Bourke Street, Melbourne

RSVP: 11th February 2014, Mitch O'Gorman info@bccm.coop Please include any dietary requirements.

Places have been strictly limited to 25 to allow for roundtable debate and will be allocated on a 'first come' basis. Download the [Executive Briefing Paper](#) here.

Understanding Mental Health and Wellbeing Workshop – 26 February

This workshop is an introductory training module, designed to introduce participants to the principles and concepts underpinning mental health promotion, prevention and early intervention, and their relevance to a range of work settings.

Date: Wednesday 26th February

Time: 10.00am – 4.30pm

Venue: 116 Elizabeth Street (front training room)

Cost: Free (lunch provided)

Contact: Maria Belfrage on m.belfrage@anglicare-tas.org.au or call 6333 3082
Registrations close Friday 14th February 2014.

Shelter NSW 2014 conference – ‘Possibilities and Realities: private rental housing as a solution’

On 30 April, 2014, the Shelter NSW conference, 'Possibilities and Realities: private rental housing as a solution' will explore the biggest issue for housing policy and low income renters today. More and more lower income households must look to the private rental market to provide them with long term housing. Is the private rental market it up to the job? What are the constraints? What needs to change? In tight housing markets what do poorer people do? How do advocacy and welfare organisations help them? The findings from three surveys will be announced at the conference. Go to the Shelter [NSW website](#) for conference details and registration. Early bird discounts are available until April 10th 2014.

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST)

This workshop provides practical help for caregivers seeking to prevent the immediate risk of suicide.

Date: Wed/Thurs May 14 & 15, 2014
Wed/Thurs October 29 & 30, 2014

Location: Devonport

Cost: \$250.00 per person

Contact: Choose Life Services (CLS) – 6423 3181

Annette Rockliff: 0417 320 861 or Annette@parakaleo.org.au

You can find a copy of the [registration form](#) on the Shelter Tas website.

Housing, Disability and the NDIS Forum – 27 March 2014

The Community Housing Federation of Australia (CHFA) is holding a forum on 27 March in Canberra, to examine the emerging role of the NDIS in supporting participants to gain appropriate housing with support. The forum will provide an excellent opportunity for participants to learn about current policy, best practice, and future opportunities for housing people with disabilities. Participants will contribute directly to shaping this significant area of policy development via interactive sessions and a conference communiqué that will be delivered to the Minister. The forum will run from 9.30am – 4.30pm, at the Manuka Oval Function Centre, Canberra.

Professional Development and Training in August 2014

P&P Training and Consultancy are offering workshops and training sessions on a range of topics. These one-day workshops/training sessions offer low cost professional training for people wishing to increase their skills and knowledge in the area of youth psychology and communication.

Mental Health Issues – ‘Myths, Madness & Medicine’. 21st August in Launceston and 29th August in Hobart.

Toolbox – Survival Skills for Working with Youth. 25th August in Launceston.

Random Acts of Counselling. 28th August in Hobart.

Go to the [P&P Training and Consultancy website](#) for contact details and more information.

Other News

2014 International Women’s Day Breakfast

The Royal Hobart Hospital Research Foundation’s 2014 International Women’s Day Breakfast will be held on Friday 7th March. Mel Doyle will be the special guest speaker, and all funds raised support local health and medical research.

Date: Friday 7th March 2014

Time: 6.30am for a 7.00am start

Venue: Wrest Point, Tasman Room

Cost: \$50 per ticket

\$450 table of 10 guests

\$540 table of 12 guests

Please book online at www.rhhresearchfoundation.org. For more event information please call Laura on 6222 7049.

Quit Tasmania Survey

Quit Tasmania has launched the Targeting Tobacco project to look at ways of reducing smoking, with a particular focus on clients accessing community services within Tasmania. A survey has been developed for social and community service staff across Tasmania to complete, which seeks to understand current smoking attitudes, organisational policies and practices in place throughout the sector. To complete the survey please click on the link: <http://quittas.org.au/resources-professionals/targeting-tobacco>.

All staff, volunteers and Board members are invited to fill out the survey which takes 5 minutes to complete. Information from the survey will be used to develop quit smoking messages, information and resources that organisations can use when working with clients interested in quitting. For more information about the Targeting Tobacco project and survey, please contact Carolyn Baker at cbaker@quittas.org.au or phone 6242 8109.

An Invitation From Tasmania Medicare Local (TML)

Tasmania Medicare Local is inviting 18 Tasmanian communities to put forward their ideas for tackling mainstream issues that are impacting on the health and wellbeing of their residents. The communities have been identified as part of a TML strategy to address social determinants of health, which has been funded under the Australian Government's Tasmanian Health Assistance Package. TML's Manager – Social Determinants of Health, Maree Gleeson, said the strategy targeted areas such as social status, affordable housing and access to education, employment and food. Click [here](#) to read more, or you can go to the [Shelter Tas](#) website to find documents from TML providing further information.

Grant Alert – Tasmanian Community Fund

The Tasmanian Community Fund invites organisations to apply for grants under their latest general grant round, which opens on 8th February 2014.

Eligible applicants: Not-for-profit organisations proposing to undertake a project in Tasmania.

Eligible projects: 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.

How to apply: Guidelines and access to the link for the on-line application and expression of interest forms are available from our website at <http://www.tascomfund.org> For a hard copy of the guidelines email admin@tascomfund.org or phone the Fund Office on 6232 7269.

Closing date: Expressions of interest for large grants close on 12 March 2014. Applications for small grants close on 2 April 2014 and applications for medium grants close on 16 April 2014.