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Housing and Homelessness News

Reports on Homeless Support Services in Tasmania Released

Housing Tasmania has [released a number of reports](#) by the University of Tasmania's Housing and Community Research Unit (HACRU) into homeless support services in Tasmania, funded under the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness (NPAH). These reports can be downloaded from the Housing Tasmania website. Learnings from the service evaluation reports will be used to assist with the development of the Affordable Housing Strategy. This Strategy – being developed in collaboration with the sector – will provide a clear framework and shared vision for delivering affordable, secure homes and better access to housing support for Tasmanians in need over the next decade.

National Homelessness Conference Report

The 8th National Homelessness Conference was held from 10th – 12th September 2014 on the Gold Coast. Representatives from Shelter Tas attended the conference and found that it provided a wonderful opportunity to engage with the fresh ideas arising as people think, work, and talk about homelessness. Highlights of the conference included the Queensland Mental Health Commissioner talking about different kinds of power and capacity to influence; Paul Memmott's paper about indigenous homelessness; as well as ideas about homelessness in affluent suburbs. The Community Housing Federation of Australia's presentation gave a snapshot of community housing state by state, and the importance of digital safety and cyber abuse was presented in a fascinating plenary session. Thanks to all the organisers, presenters and participants for such a successful learning experience.

Australasian Housing Researchers Conference 2015

Registrations for the Australasian Housing Researchers Conference, to be held in Hobart from the 18th – 20th February 2015 are now open.

Please note that the submission deadline for abstracts has been extended until **1st October 2014**. For all conference information go to the [AHRC website](#).

Shelter Tas Training Reminder

Our next workshop ***Show Leadership in the Workplace*** will be held on the 7th October in Campbell Town from 10.00am – 4.00pm. This unit is nationally accredited and subsidised by Skills Tasmania, meaning a cost of just \$120 to your organisation. For more details on course content and registration go to the [Singleton Consulting website](#).

Update from the Community Housing Coalition of WA (CHCWA)

CHCWA has provided an update on the future of the organisation, following an unsuccessful bid for a new funding contract earlier this year. [Click here](#) to read the announcement.

Book Launch - *Homelessness in Australia: An introduction*

This book was launched by the Federal Minister for Social Services, Kevin Andrews and Shadow Minister for Housing and Homelessness, Jan McLucas at the recent National Homelessness Conference. Edited by Chris Chamberlain, Guy Johnson and Catherine Robinson, *Homelessness in Australia: An introduction* explores the complexities of homelessness in Australia and future policies to address it. For more information, or to order a copy of the book, go to the Council to Homeless Persons [website](#).

Factoid of the Week | Homelessness Assistance

According to the ABS, 60% of the 1.1 million adults who had experienced at least one episode of homelessness between 2000 and 2010 had not sought assistance from formal services.

Australian Bureau of Statistics 2010, Life After Homelessness, Australian Social Trends, cat. no. 4102.0, March Quarter, ABS, Canberra.

Media Releases

Journeys Home Findings Support Need for Early Intervention

Minister for Social Services, Thursday 11th September 2014. [Click here](#).

Additional Food Van Funding

Will Hodgman, Premier, Tuesday 9th September 2014. [Click here](#).

Research and Articles

AHURI Evidence Review #63 – Public housing tenants moving for work

Proposals to encourage public and social housing tenants to move to regions with higher employment have potential benefits, but policies need to ensure tenants don't become trapped in public housing in the new region. [Click here](#) to read the full article.

ABC News – Homeless Australians have shorter lifespan than Africans: study

Research from Hobart's men's shelter, Bethlehem House, showing that homeless people in parts of Australia have a lower life expectancy than people in some of the world's poorest countries was presented at the National Homeless Conference. [Read the story](#).

Pro Bono News – Affordable housing in parlous state – Andrews

Federal Minister for Social Services Kevin Andrews claims affordable housing in Australia is in a parlous state and has expressed his concerns over a 'lack of transparency'. [Click here](#).

The Conversation – Seven things keeping house prices high (and foreign investment isn't one of them)

[Click here](#) to view the infographic.

Conferences/Forums/Training

Certificate II in Business

Avidity Training and Development is offering Certificate II in Business courses, commencing on the 14th October 2014 and running until 17th March 2015 (there are about 8 places available). An information and enrolment session will be held on the 23rd September at the East Devonport Child and Family Centre, starting at 9.30am. contact Jenny at the Centre on 6421 5151 for more information.

Tasmanian Association of Community Houses (TACH) Conference

The TACH State conference will be held on 24th - 26th September at the Tidal Waters Resort, St Helens. The theme of the conference is 'Telling The Story ... The difference we make, the challenges we face', and the program is out now. Go to the [TACH website](#) to view the program or register to attend.

Mental Health First Aid - Launceston 23rd – 24th October

This course has been developed by The Centre for Mental Health Research at the Australian National University and aims to help people provide initial support for someone with a mental health problem. For more information or to register, contact Allan Johnson on 0408 891 372 or email ari@eftel.net.au.

Other News

Position Vacant - North West Regional Alcohol and Drug Service Counsellor/Educator (Youth, Family & Community Connections Inc.)

The Youth, Family & Community Connections Inc. (YFCC) Alcohol Tobacco and other Drugs (ATOD) Services provide assessment, brief intervention, counselling, information, referral and education to people who use ATODs, and/or their significant others and the community. YFCC are seeking applications from suitably qualified individuals for the position of Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drug Counsellor/Educator in the North West Regional Alcohol & Drug Service (NW-RADS) .This position will be based in Burnie and work across the Central Coast, Burnie, Waratah Wynyard, Circular Head, West Coast and King Island municipalities. Remuneration will be in accordance with the Social, Community, Home Care and Disability Services Industry Award 2010 commencing at SACS Level 5, fixed term full time from October 2014 - 30th June 2015.

Further information about the position can be obtained by contacting the Team Leader, Frank Lyons on 0418 170 517 or Frank@yfcc.com.au. A position description can be obtained by emailing Anne Heath Anne@yfcc.com.au or phoning 0418 238 532 prior to 2nd October 2014.

Applicants must be willing to undergo a police check and a pre-employment medical, and are required to clearly address the selection criteria to be considered for an interview. Applications will be accepted up until 5pm on Friday 17th October 2014.

COTA Seniors Week Launch – A Day on the Green

Join COTA (Council on the Ageing) for the launch of Seniors Week 2014 on Wednesday 1st October from 11.00am – 2.00pm. The day will feature an 'inter-generational' theme - activities for all ages, emergency services displays, musical entertainment, a free sausage sizzle and much more. Free metro buses will run to and from the venue at C3 Convention Centre, South Hobart. Go to the [COTA website](#) or call 6231 3265 for further information.

Factsheet on Extra \$9m for DHHS Grants to Community Sector Organisations

The DHHS Community Sector Relations Unit has released a factsheet about the additional \$9 million over four years in funding for community sector organisations, announced in the 28th August State Budget. [Click here](#) to view the factsheet.

Mental Health Week - Self-care for Professionals

Youth, Family & Community Connections Inc., in conjunction with the Eastern Shore Community House, is hosting a Mental Health Week event on 'Self-care for Professionals' on Wednesday 8th October from 12.00pm, at 106 David St, East Devonport. Gerard Moore, Manager NW/W Coast MI Fellowship Aspire Service, will give a presentation, and a free healthy lunch will be provided. RSVP by 3rd October to gabrielle@yfcc.com.au, or phone 6423 6635.

Grant Alert - Honda Foundation

The Honda Foundation supports organisations who focus their activities on the disadvantaged, disabled or those suffering from long-term and life threatening illnesses. The first step in applying for funding from The Honda Foundation is to determine whether your organisation or your project is eligible, by reading the [funding policy](#), then download and complete an Application for Funding form and gather any supporting documentation as detailed on the application checklist. Applications close 14th October 2014. Further details regarding the Application Process can be found [here](#).

OUR WATCH – to end Violence Against Women and their Children

Our Watch, previously known as the Foundation to Prevent Violence Against Women and their Children, launched their national social marketing campaign, key statistics, guidelines for journalists and the organisations' Strategic Plan on Friday 5th September. Go to the [Our Watch](#) website for more details.

Anti-Poverty Week, 12th – 18th October

Anti-Poverty Week is a week where all Australians are encouraged to organise or take part in an activity aiming to highlight or overcome issues of poverty and hardship. Activities can be anything from a workshop, forum, fundraiser or a petition. For more information or to register an activity go to the [Anti-Poverty Week Website](#).

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.



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