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Housing and Homelessness News



Specialist Homelessness Services Report 2012-13

This week the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) released the Specialist Homelessness Services Report 2012-13. This report describes the clients who received specialist homelessness support, the assistance they sought and were provided, and the outcomes achieved for those clients. The full report is on our website, and important information about the Tasmanian statistics have now been added to our [Homelessness Information Page](#), where you can also find our [Homelessness Fact Sheet](#). The release of the report prompted ABC Radio's PM program to run a story on Dec 17th, [click here](#) to read the transcript.

An Invitation: National Regulatory System for Community Housing Training Workshop – February 5 & 6 2014, Hobart

Housing Tasmania and Shelter Tas will host a training workshop in Hobart on February 5 & 6. Training will be provided by the Community Housing Federation of Australia to provide background on the National Regulatory System ([NRS](#)) which will be proclaimed on the **1st January 2014 in Tasmania**. The NRS is a new national system of registration, monitoring and regulation of community housing providers, and is designed to encourage the development and viability of community housing and facilitate investment in the sector.

The workshop is aimed at senior staff or CEOs interested in becoming registered under the NRS and will provide practical information on what organisations will need to do if they choose to apply. For the **draft agenda and background information** go to www.shelertas.org. You can also read more about the NRS training [here](#). **Numbers are limited, so please RSVP** to jeanette.lewis@dhhs.tas.gov.au or call (03) 6166 3628 by **24th January**. The workshop is free, but participants will need to provide their own laptop on the day.

From the Community Housing Federation of Australia

Resources from Housing and the New Charities Act seminar are now available. On December 5 2013, CHFA co-sponsored a seminar with The Australian Centre for Philanthropy and Not For Profit Studies and the Australian Charity Law Association to examine the impact of the Charities Act on housing activities. The Charities Act 2013 comes into force on 1 January 2014, providing a new federal definition of charity for all Commonwealth Acts including registration with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profit Commission (ACNC) and tax benefits and concessions. A number of resources from the Seminar including the agenda are now available for download [here](#).

Research

Housing Strategies that Improve Indigenous Health Outcomes

This Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) paper reviews the available evidence on housing strategies that improve Indigenous health outcomes. Although demonstrating causality is difficult, housing is very clearly associated with a range of both positive and negative physical, mental, social and economic health and wellbeing outcomes. A large body of evidence demonstrates that programs that improve the condition of Indigenous housing are an effective and highly cost-efficient means of improving Indigenous health outcomes. Find out more from the [report](#) or [media release](#).

The latest AHURI Evidence Review: [how housing and neighbourhoods affect children's health](#)

While the full impact of housing on children's health is difficult to isolate from parental income levels, aspects of housing and neighbourhood quality do affect children's health outcomes. Click the link http://www.ahuri.edu.au/housing_information/review#sthash.4TSBs7aQ.dpuf to read further.

Conferences/Seminars/Forums

Two Early Notifications for a Couple of Exciting Conferences Being Held Next Year!

The Institute for Social Science Research, UQ, will be hosting the **8th Australasian Housing Researchers Conference** in Brisbane in July 2014. The [Call for Papers](#) is now open, and closes on 2nd May 2014.

The **8th National Homelessness Conference** will be held on the Gold Coast in September 2014.

[Shelter Tas Community Housing Forum](#)

The forum presentations are now available on our [website](#). A forum feedback survey will be coming to attendees soon – please let us know what you thought and any improvements we could make for next time.

Other News

Interest Free Loans

The City of Hobart has launched its trial program providing interest free loans for social enterprises. For three years to 2016, the HCC will be offering loans of up to \$3,000 to social enterprises active in the Hobart community. The loans are repaid at \$60 per fortnight and no interest is charged. For more information, go to http://www.hobartcity.com.au/Community/Loans_for_Social_Enterprises.

Strengthening Governance for Directors of Tasmanian Not-for-Profit Organisations

The Tasmanian division of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, together with Searson Buck and Hexagon is offering the opportunity to win one of three scholarships to attend their new education course, *Governance Foundations for Not-for-Profit Directors*, scheduled for Hobart in May 2014. Conditions apply and applications close on Tuesday 28 January 2014. An interview process will

decide the three scholarship winners. For further information please go to: <http://www.companydirectors.com.au/In-My-State/TAS/Not-for-Profit-Scholarship-2013>.

The Community Street Soccer Christmas BBQ

Where: Benjafield Park, Moonah (beside the Moonah Sports Centre, 17 Gormanston Rd)

When: 1:30 - 3:30, Tuesday, December 24

What it's all about: Every year we present our players with certificates to mark their commitment, celebrate with a free BBQ, and of course play soccer!

RSVP: Monday, December 20. Rob Hortle, tassoccer@bigissue.org.au, 0408 544 717



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