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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.

Productivity Commission Report on Government Services 2014

The Productivity Commission have released the 2014 Report on Government Services: Housing and Homelessness. This report measures and publishes data on the equity, efficiency and cost effectiveness of social housing and government funded homelessness services. To read the report, [click here](#) or go to the [Shelter Tas website](#). You can also read the [media release](#) issued by the Minister for Human Services, Rebecca White in response to the report.

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.au. **Numbers are limited, so please RSVP** to jeanette.lewis@dhhs.tas.gov.au or call (03) 6166 3628 ASAP. The workshop is free, but participants will need to provide their own laptop on the day.

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 and interested, please fill in the [Expression of Interest form](#) by **6th February 2014**.

Please return the form to Pattie at Shelter Tas (eo@shelertas.org.au) or NSWFA Project Officer, Nada (see Eol form for contact details). To view the units within both programs, go to the NSWHFA link: www.communityhousing.org.au.

New App from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW)

The AIHW has released a new iPad app about the welfare of Australians. The app is based on key facts and figures from the *Australia's Welfare 2013* report, and includes features such as: fact sheets, a favourites page, an interactive quiz, detailed glossary, information about AIHW and useful links. Search the App Store for OzWelfare.

Media Releases

Trinity Hill Project to Deliver Homes and Jobs

Trinity Hill social housing project in North Hobart is expected to provide homes and support for young people on low incomes and create 100 local jobs. The 46 unit accommodation and training centre has recently received approval by the Hobart City Council. [Read the media release.](#)

Understanding Disability Housing Needs

The Minister for Human Services, Rebecca White, has announced that Housing Tasmania will undertake new research into the aspirations of people living with a disability, and future demand for social and affordable housing for clients of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). [Read the media release.](#)

Research

Demographia International Housing Affordability Survey

This year, *Demographia* is publishing its 10th Annual Housing Affordability Survey, in which it ranks 360 metropolitan markets in nine countries. [Click here](#) to read the full report.

Report: 'A New Sustainable Housing Boom?'

[Click here](#) to read the report from *Australian Policy Online*, with their predictions for bank lending and the housing market.

AHURI Report #218 - The Cost of Homelessness and the Net Benefit of Homelessness Programs: a National Study

Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) aim to assist people who are homeless, or at risk of homelessness, to access and maintain stable and secure accommodation. This study examines the client outcomes of these services and the net costs of these programs for governments. Go to the [AHURI website](#) to download the full report.

Social Division, Social Housing And Productivity: A Brisbane Case Study - SGS Occasional Paper

SGS Economics and Planning have released an Occasional Paper by SGS Principal and Partner Dr Marcus Spiller. The paper examines the link between adequate housing and human capital development - how investment in this sector, alongside other spatial policy initiatives, can be used to build skills and create a more adaptable economy, just as the original architects of social housing policy had envisaged. [Click here](#) to view the article.

The Global Mail Article: The Crowded Desert

A beautifully presented article from [The Global Mail](#) on the housing crisis in Tennant Creek.

Conferences/Seminars/Forums

Administration of the New Anti-Bullying Laws for Tasmania

New Federal Anti-bullying laws came into effect on the 1st January 2014 – is your organisation prepared? Come and participate in this workshop on the new laws, hosted by the Safety Institute of Australia (SIA) Tasmanian Branch.

Who: SIA members and all interested persons

When: Thursday 6th February 2014, 3:45 – 6.00pm

Where: The Bathurst Room, Best Western Hotel, Hobart

Cost: No charge

RSVP: phil.owen@brighton.tas.gov.au or 0419 333 252

SIA is planning to host similar events in Launceston and Ulverstone during March and/or April - more information to follow. Please [click here](#) to view the flyer for the Hobart event.

ATDC Conference 2014 – call for papers has been extended

The call for papers for the ATDC 2014 conference, *Visions and Values: Setting the scene for the future* has been extended until **Friday 7th February 2014**. The first conference abstract accepted by the conference organising committee will win a full registration to the ATDC Conference – 7-8 May 2014. [Click here](#) to view guidelines to help prepare your abstract, you can also go to the conference website – www.atdc.org.au/conference2014 for more information and registration details.

Y Your Vote Counts Forum – 18 February 2014

The Tasmanian Youth Forum (TYF) is hosting the “Y Your Vote Counts” youth forum on Tuesday 18th February at City Hall, Hobart. In the lead up to the Tasmanian State election, the forum will provide young people with the chance to engage in the political process, find out why their vote counts and the opportunity to ask a panel of Tasmanian political leaders questions.

This free event will run from 1.00pm – 2.45pm and is open to any young person aged 12-25. Contact Tegan on 6223 5511 or at tyf@ynot.org.au for more information. Registration for the forum is [online](#).

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.

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.

Other News

Grant Alert – Ian Potter Foundation

The Ian Potter Foundation makes grants across a broad range of sectors and endeavours. Their grants are managed through nine program areas: Arts, Community Wellbeing, Education, Environment & Conservation, Health & Disability, Medical Research, Science, Travel and Conference. Applications close Tuesday 25th February 2014, click [here](#) for more details.

Yoga for Human Services Workers

These yoga sessions are aimed at providing a balancing, relaxation and meditation experience for human services workers to release the impact of trauma in both workers and their clients. These trial sessions will be held on Tuesday 11th February and Tuesday 11th March, from 4.30 – 5.30pm (aim to arrive by 4.15pm). The cost is \$5.00, and classes will be held at Mathers House, 108 Bathurst St. Just drop in or contact Lynn on 0421 327 237 or romeolynn@yahoo.com.au

Not-For-Profit Resources Available Through the ATO

Several updates have been made to the Australian Tax Office's website relating to NFPs. These include information about the operation of NFP organisations and taxation issues, tax concessions and fringe benefit tax. Go to the [ATO website](#) to view this information.

Partners in Recovery (PIR)

PIR supports people with severe and persistent mental illness and their family to access the supports and services to meet their needs. Referrals to PIR commenced on 8th January 2014 in the North and South of the State, with NW referrals commencing shortly. Click [here](#) to read more about PIR and find contact details for the program, or view all the PIR documents on our website.