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Housing and Homelessness News

Joined Up Human Services Update

This DHHS project is being led by Disability, Housing and Community Services, in collaboration with the Department of Premier and Cabinet. It will deliver on Minister Petrusma's election commitment for a more joined up human services system.

During August, DHHS consulted with the community sector, clients and government through regional focus groups, workshops and an online survey.

The next step in the project is to build on consultation findings and to develop options and initiatives that can improve the integration of the human services system. You can read the September [Joined Up Human Services project update](#) on the DHHS Website. For more information, contact the Community Sector Relations Unit on 6233 4917 or email communitysectorrelationsunit@dhhs.tas.gov.au.

Shelter Tas Training Reminder

Our next workshop **Support the Recruitment, Selection and Induction of staff** will be held on the 18th September in Launceston from 10.00am – 4.00pm. This unit is nationally accredited and subsidised by Skills Tasmania, meaning a cost of just \$100 to your organisation. For more details on course content and registration go to the [Singleton Consulting website](#). **Be quick, places are limited.**

Shelter would also like to congratulate all the Certificate IV and Diploma in Social Housing students on the completion of their Course, pictured here at their recent graduation ceremony.



The Couch Project – 44,000 young Australians will be homeless tonight

The Couch Project is one of The Salvation Army's Key Youth Programs aimed at combatting youth homelessness.

You can raise awareness of youth homelessness and raise money for the Salvos Key Youth Programs by spending a night on the couch on September 13th. [Click here](#) for more information.

Factoid of the Week | First Home Buyers Grants

The Commonwealth Government initiated a scheme of cash grants to first home buyers in 1964. Eligibility conditions included being a married or engaged couple under the age of 36.

(Saul Eslake Australian Housing Policy: 50 years of failure).

Media Releases

Better Housing Futures

Minister for Human Services, Friday 5th September 2014. [Click here.](#)

Research and Articles

AHURI Evidence Review #62 – When is crowding ‘overcrowding’?

The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) have recently released a report revealing that rates of overcrowding are 10% higher for Indigenous households than for non-Indigenous households. [Click here](#) to read the full article.

Australian Policy Online - The spatial dynamics of homelessness in Australia 2001-2011

This report examines the impact of housing and labour market factors, demographics and service availability on rates of homelessness across Australia over the past decade. It is the first of two reports focusing on the structural factors underlying homelessness in Australia. [Read the report.](#)

Tenants Union of Victoria - The ‘average’ Victorian private tenant

The Tenants Union of Victoria has analysed ABS Census data and identified the ‘average’ characteristics of tenants in the Victorian private rental market. To read the findings from this report [click here](#).

The Conversation - Speaking with: Michael Darcy on housing affordability

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

Conferences/Forums/Training

8th National Homelessness Conference 10th-12th September

Homelessness Australia’s conference, *Homelessness: Complexities and Countermeasures* will take place on the Gold Coast this week. It promises to be a fascinating couple of days, as homelessness service managers and staff, federal, state/territory and local government representatives, academics and researchers, as well as homelessness associations and other national organisations meet to discuss and debate current and future sector issues both internationally and closer to home (and develop new and innovative ways to address these challenges). Representatives from Shelter Tas will be attending, and will report back on the conference in the the eNews soon.

Chasms, Bridges and Pathways Workshop, 19th September 2014

Presented by Partners in Recovery and Tas Medicare Local, this workshop will explore service gaps for people living with mental illness and bridges that could cross them. The workshop will be held at the Glenorchy Civic Centre from 9.00am – 12:30pm. RSVP by Wednesday September 17th to Sarah sarahb@colony47.com.au or phone 6214 1355.

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 arj@eftel.net.au.

Smartsafe Training Opportunity

Women's Essential Service Providers (WESP) are calling for registrations to attend Smartsafe training conducted by the Domestic Violence Resource Centre Victoria. The training will be held in Launceston on Wednesday 19th November. For more information contact Denise at Warrawee Women's Shelter on 6425 1382 or email warraweeinc@bigpond.com.

Managing Performance - free online learning course

The Fair Work Ombudsman has just launched an interactive online learning course which provides assistance with promoting good employee service and addressing underperformance when it occurs. To find out more [click here](#).

Other News

Position Vacant - Integrated Family Support Service Worker (Team Leader) North West Tasmania

Youth, Family & Community Connections Inc. is seeking applications from suitably qualified individuals for the position of IFSS Worker. The position will be based in East Devonport and Devonport and will work across the North-West and West Coast. A position description can be obtained by emailing Anne Heath anne@yfcc.com.au or telephoning 0418 238 532. Expressions of Interest will be accepted up until 5.00pm on Friday 19th September 2014. For further information contact Ros Atkinson, CEO, ros@yfcc.cm.au.

Grant Alert - Jetstar Flying Start Program

Jetstar's Flying Start Program invites community groups and organisations across Australia to apply for a grant for \$30,000, made up of \$15,000 cash and \$15,000 worth of travel with Jetstar, to fund a project that will enrich the lives of people in their local community. Applications close Tuesday 30th September. [Click here](#) for more information.

Making the most of your AGM - planning checklist

Management Support Online has published new material to help organisations prepare and make the most of their AGM. For more information or to download the free AGM Planning Checklist [click here](#).

R U Ok? Day

The Tasmanian Suicide Prevention Community Network invites you to the R U Ok? Day celebration on Thursday September 11th, 12.00-2.00pm, Parliament House lawns, Hobart. There will be performances, PCYC activities and food and drinks available. For more information contact Beth Lord blord@mrchobart.org.au or Archana Anil aanil@mrchobart.org.au or phone 6234 9138.

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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