



# eNews 2013

Peak Body for Housing and Homelessness

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## 15<sup>th</sup> November 2013

### Housing and Homelessness News

Shelter Tas Community Housing Forum: Trends, Tenants, Transfers



Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2013, Salamanca Inn, Hobart

Come and discuss the exciting changes and challenges that are happening in our Community Housing Sector with housing providers, policy makers, tenants and on-the-ground workers. [Register Here!](#)  
Costs: \$75/\$125/10% discount groups of 3 or more.

#### Shelter Tas AGM

9.30-10am, Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov (Salamanca Inn, before the forum)

Please RSVP for the AGM by phoning 03 6224 5488 or email [trudy@shelertas.org.au](mailto:trudy@shelertas.org.au) by 22nd Nov.

#### Two State Government affordable housing announcements

The Human Services Minister, Cassy O'Connor, launched [a new strategy](#) to help Tasmanians build houses and plan their communities more sustainably.

[Vital Housing Project a Step Closer](#): The Development Application for the \$14 million Trinity Hill Accommodation and Training Centre redevelopment has been lodged with the Hobart City Council.

#### Public Housing Eviction Fears

Concerns about an [increasing rate of evictions](#) from Public Housing across the nation have been raised by the WSWS.

#### National Housing Supply Council

Disappointing news this week was the announcement that the [National Housing Supply Council](#) is being abolished.

### Research

#### Public housing stock transfers in Australia: past, present and prospective

This [AHURI funded project](#) looks at transfers in three jurisdictions (New South Wales, Tasmania and Victoria) and involved in-depth interviews with stakeholders and focus groups with former public housing tenants that transferred to not-for-profit landlords.

Kath Hulse will be presenting the findings from this study at our Community Housing Forum on Nov 29<sup>th</sup>.

## Housing Assistance in Australia 2013

This [report](#) looks at trends in housing and housing assistance provided by governments in Australia in terms of social housing and financial assistance in 2012-13. The report explores the various types of housing assistance provided to low-income households and special needs groups including first home buyers, Indigenous Australians, young and older Australians, people with disability, and those who are homeless. A high proportion of low income households spend more than 30% of their income on rent (42%). This creates a large demand for financial assistance (1.2 million receiving Commonwealth Rent Assistance) and social housing dwellings (over 200,000 on waiting lists). Essential reading!

## Training/Workshops

### Social Housing Cert IV and Diploma 2014

**Closing Date Today!** A reminder that Shelter Tas, in partnership with Housing Tas, will be applying for the latest Skill Tas funding to offer the Diploma and Certificate IV in Social Housing in 2014. First we need to gauge the number of people interested. If that's you, please complete [this form](#) , have it signed off by your manager, and email it back to Nada Goodacre on [NadaG@communityhousing.org.au](mailto:NadaG@communityhousing.org.au) by COB **Friday 15th Nov, 2013**.

## Conferences/Seminars/Forums

### National Housing Conference

Material from the National Housing Conference—including PowerPoint slides and results from the live polling—is gradually being uploaded to the AHURI website. More audio and video recordings will be uploaded soon. [More information...](#)

## Other News

The Glenorchy City Council has made rooms available for those affected by the [disaster in the Philippines](#) to access communication services. Follow the link, or contact the Council on 6216 6803.

### Tasmanian Women's Council - Seeking New Members

Would you like to influence women's issues in Tasmania? The Tasmanian Women's Council members provide advice to the Minister for Community Development and contribute to the development of strategies to address inequality and increase the participation of women in all aspects of society. Applications are available [here](#) or by contacting the Department of Premier and Cabinet on 6232 7133, or by email [cdd@dpac.tas.gov.au](mailto:cdd@dpac.tas.gov.au)

### Stop the Violence, Stop the Silence Project: a National Reform Project under the *National Plan to Reduce Violence Against Women and Their Children*

The Background Paper and Discussion Paper that informed the discussions at the *Stop The Violence Project* National Symposium are now available [here](#).

And a final reminder! Don't forget to register for our forum ...

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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