



# eNews 2014

Peak Body for Housing and Homelessness

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## 24th January 2014

### 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.

#### 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 **1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.shelertas.org.au). **Numbers are limited, so please RSVP** to [jeanette.lewis@dhhs.tas.gov.au](mailto:jeanette.lewis@dhhs.tas.gov.au) or call (03) 6166 3628 by **24<sup>th</sup> January**. 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 are interested, please fill in the [Expression of Interest form](#) by **31<sup>st</sup> January 2014**. Please return the form to Pattie at Shelter Tas ([eo@shelertas.org.au](mailto:eo@shelertas.org.au)) or NSWFA Project Officer, Nada (see EoI form for contact details). To view the units within both programs, go to the NSWFA link: [www.communityhousing.org.au](http://www.communityhousing.org.au).

### **Tasmanian Representative at the National Street Soccer Championships**

Street soccer is a program that aims to help marginalised people get back on track. Marcus Prentice is representing Tasmania at the National championships in Sydney. The [ABC's AM program](#) ran a story on the event and interviewed Marcus.

### **Youth Off The Streets: An Invitation to the Derwent Outreach Launch**

Youth off the Streets would like to invite you to the launch of their outreach service in the Derwent Region.

**Date:** Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2014

**Time:** 3.00pm – 8.00pm

**Venue:** Tottenham Park – Tottenham Rd, Gagebrook (between Bond Place and Laurence Place)

For more information, please call Jessica Quin on 0477 390 028 or email

[DerwentOutreach@youthoffthestreets.com.au](mailto:DerwentOutreach@youthoffthestreets.com.au).

## **Research**

### **The Latest AHURI Evidence Review #048: Downsizing to not-quite-as-big homes**

Of all Australians aged 50 and over, 9% have moved into a smaller home, and policy-makers suggest that increasing the rate of downsizing will create a more efficient housing market. You can read the full article by clicking [here](#).

### **Article: 'Not buying lattes won't help me buy a house'**

[Click here](#) to read this article from *The Guardian*; a light-hearted discussion about a serious housing issue.

### **ABC News Report: 'Not-for-profit real estate agent wants landlords to give cheap or free rent to homeless'**

The ABC's AM program ran a story earlier this week about a Melbourne charity trying to tackle the shortage of affordable rental properties. [Click here](#) to read the article.

## **Conferences/Seminars/Forums**

### **Administration of the New Anti-Bullying Laws for Tasmania**

New Federal Anti-bullying laws came into effect on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> February 2014, 3:45 – 6.00pm

**Where:** The Bathurst Room, Best Western Hotel, Hobart

**Cost:** No charge

**RSVP:** [phil.owen@brighton.tas.gov.au](mailto: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.

### **Y Your Vote Counts Forum – 18 February 2014**

The Tasmanian Youth Forum (TYF) is hosting the "Y Your Vote Counts" youth forum on Tuesday 18 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](mailto:tyf@ynot.org.au) for more information. Registration for the forum is [online](#).

### **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 26 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](mailto: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](mailto: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**

### **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.

### **Tasmanian Partnership Agreement Annual Report**

The Partnership Agreement between the DHHS, DPaC and the Tasmanian community sector was signed in October 2012, and is a commitment to work together in relationships built on mutual understanding, respect and co-operation with the main goal: *The delivery of quality services and improved outcomes for the Tasmanian community*. The 2013 Annual Report has been released, and you can [click here](#) to view it.

## Youth Arts and Recreation Centre (YARC) Holiday Program



[www.youthartsandrec.org](http://www.youthartsandrec.org)

YARC is running a free creative holiday program from the 8th – 31st January for young people aged 12-25. Click [here](#) to view the 'Open Access' holiday program, or go to the [YARC website](#) to find out more.

## 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>.