

eNews 2014 ShelterTAS

Peak Body for Housing and Homelessness

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Housing and Homelessness News

An Invitation to the Shelter Tas AGM

Shelter Tas' AGM will be held on Friday 28th November from 2.30pm-3.30pm, at Salamanca Inn (10 Gladstone Street, Hobart). Guest speakers will be the Minister for Human Services, Jacquie Petrusma and CEO of National Shelter, Adrian Pisarski. Light refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the AGM. Please RSVP by Friday 21st November by phoning 03 6224 5488 or emailing trudy@shelertas.org.au.

You are also welcome to attend National Shelter's AGM from 2.00pm-2.30 at the same venue. We hope to see you there!

Training Opportunities through Shelter Tas

Units from Cert. IV in Social Housing: The Centre for Training in Social Housing (CTSH) is offering seven units of accredited training for study. The units are available to Shelter Tas members from the affordable housing and homelessness sector at a subsidised rate of 80%, supported by Skills Tasmania (the employer contribution is just 20% of the total cost). Units can be taken individually, or as part of the Certificate IV in Social Housing and a full list of the available units and study details are available on our [website](#). Most units are offered via e-learning, which makes them accessible to anyone, State-wide. Experienced trainers will provide ongoing support for e-learning units. There are only 12 places available in each unit, so enrol now to make sure you don't miss out on this excellent opportunity. The first unit of study **'Assess and Provide Services for Clients with Complex Needs'** is scheduled for 3rd December 2014, at the Shelter Tas office in Hobart. Please complete the enrolment form (go to our [website](#)) and return it to trainingenquiries@communityhousing.org.au. If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Saide, CTSH Training Manager on (02) 9281 1744 ext 215 or the Shelter Tas office on (03) 6224 5488.

Training Units from Shelter Tas and Singleton Consulting: Our next workshop **'Managing Workforce Planning'** will be held on the 11th November in Hobart from 10.00am – 4.00pm. This unit is nationally accredited and subsidised by Skills Tasmania, meaning a cost of just \$160 to your organisation.

The final course, **'Ensure Team Effectiveness'** will be held on 2nd December in Hobart. For more details on these courses and registration go to the [Singleton Consulting website](#).

Don't Panic: A Tenant's Guide to Renting in Tasmania

The Tenants' Union of Tasmania has released the third edition of **'Don't Panic: A Tenants' Guide to renting in Tasmania'**. It has been updated to include the latest changes to tenancy legislation in the State and provides invaluable information to tenants, rental expectations and potential problems that may occur during your tenancy. The Guide is available on the [Tenants' Union website](#).

CHFA Update on the Minister's Review of Housing and Homelessness and Proposed Round Tables

The Community Housing Federation of Australia (CHFA) has produced a very informative update on the state of the Ministerial review of housing and homelessness and the related round tables which were to feed into the Federation review process. Please [click here](#) to read more about these developments via the CHFA website.

Factoid of the Week | Indigenous Homelessness Rate

Between 2012 and 2013, one in five Specialist Homelessness Service clients were indigenous, while only 3% of the total Australian population are indigenous.

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2014, Housing outcomes for groups vulnerable to homelessness. Cat. no.HOU 274 Canberra: AIHW.

Media Releases

Planning Bill passes House of Assembly

Minister for Planning and Local Government, Thursday 6th November 2014. [Click here.](#)

New family and domestic violence research

Minister for Social Services, Friday 31st October 2014. [Click here.](#)

Research and Articles

AHURI Evidence Review #66 – 17% increase in homelessness

Australia's homeless population increased by 17% between 2006 and 2011, while the overall population only increased by 8%, showing the very strong influence of structural factors (i.e. society wide factors) on homelessness. [Read more.](#)

ABC News – Housing bubble debate: dwelling shortage may not be as bad as believed

[Click here](#) to read this article.

AHURI Report – Generational change in home purchase opportunity in Australia

Provides current evidence about opportunities for younger people to become home owners. [Click here](#) to read more.

Property Observer – Are prefabricated houses the answer to our affordability problem?

As we struggle with a housing market where supply is limited and affordability is under pressure with first time buyers facing an up-hill battle, should we be looking to prefabricated buildings as a bigger part of the solution? [Click here](#) to read the article.

Business Insider Aust. – How homeless people use technology: a photo essay on street poverty and consumer gadgets

[Click here](#) to view this article.

Events & Training

Introduction To Governance Workshop #3 – Everything Financial

Understanding your organisation's financial position is the responsibility of every Board member, not just the Treasurer. This workshop will give participants practical information about financial

accountability, reporting and planning. The workshop will be presented by Michelle Swallow - Director, [Leadership & Change Consultants](#).

When: Tuesday 11th November 2014

Time: 9.30am-4.00pm

Where: C3 Convention Centre, South Hobart

Cost: TasCOSS members \$95.00, not-for-profits \$135.00, for profit and Government \$235.00

Registration: [click here](#)

Contact: Dale Rahmanovic – 6231 0755 or dale@tascoss.org.au.

Bridges Out of Poverty Southern Workshop

Tasmania Medicare Local is co-ordinating a series of workshops as part of its Social Determinants of Health initiative aiming to equip staff, practitioners and service providers with practical tools to assist Tasmanians affected by generational poverty and disadvantage. The two day workshop will be held on the 12th and 19th November 2014 at The Brighton Civic Centre, 25 Green Point Road, Bridgewater, from 9am – 5pm. The workshop is offered to all organisations at a cost of \$100 per head. For further queries and registration details, please contact Vicki Eather on 6425 0800 or veather@tasmedicarelocal.com.au

Other News

Birthing Kit Assembly Event

The Zonta Club of Hobart is holding a birthing kit assembly event on Saturday 29th November 2014 from 2.00 – 5.00pm at the Hobart College Campus (ground floor meeting room, Letitia House – Olinda Grove, Mt Nelson). The event involves assembling 400 birthing kits which will benefit mothers and babies in developing countries by providing clean supplies for use during the birthing process. The completed kits will be sent to [The Birthing Kit Foundation](#) for distribution. Please RSVP before 15th November to zontahobart@gmail.com or call Theresa 6233 2046. Afternoon tea and refreshments will be served.

A Networking and Professional Development Opportunity for TasTAFE Students, Teachers and Support Services

The students studying the Aboriginal Training Program, Certificate 2 in Community Services are hosting a morning at TasTAFE Alanvale (courtyard of A block) on Monday 24th November 2014 from 10.00am-11.00am. This event is to support TasTAFE students with a networking opportunity and preparation for their entry into the community services industry. Information, activities and guest speakers from the community services industry will be there and a light morning tea will be provided. Representatives of services are invited to attend, please provide information and a networking opportunity to the students of TasTAFE, teachers and other support workers.

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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