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Investigating Housing with Support Coordination

From the 'Disability Services Consulting' website

"Penny Paul and Luke Bo'sher (SDA & SIL - NDIS Housing) recently hosted a hugely popular webinar on a Support Coordinators' roles in investigating NDIS housing options. If you missed the live session, you can still purchase a copy of the webinar recording.

We know there will be many of you who are keen to know the answers to many of the questions asked during the Q&A component of the webinar. Click here to read 10 of the key Qs & As that all SDA Support Coordinators should be aware of."

Don't get caught out on new cyber security legislation

From the 'webcasts.com' website

"Starting 22 February 2018, organisations with obligations under the Australian Privacy Act 1988 will be required to comply with the Notifiable Data Breaches (NDB) scheme. This requires organisations to notify individuals affected by a data breach that is likely to result in serious harm."

"There is also the requirement to notify the Australian Information Commissioner, the head of the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC). Where it is uncertain if a data breach is likely to result in serious harm, there is the obligation to conduct an assessment of the breach."

Entities covered by the NDB scheme include Australian Government agencies, businesses and not-for-profit organisations that have an annual turnover of more than \$3 million. For more detailed information on entities covered by this scheme, click here.

To access the **Office of the Australian Information Commissioner**'s Webcast recording click <u>here</u>.

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Change to approved Work Health and Safety consultants

From Safe Work SA website

"As of 13 February 2018, section 68 (2g) of the *Work Health and Safety Act 2012* (SA) will be amended. Health and Safety Representatives (HSRs) will no longer be required to use an 'Approved WHS consultant' and can seek assistance from any person when needed.

A person who is willing to provide assistance to HSRs is no longer required to undergo an approval process."

For more Safe Work SA news click here.

Aboriginal Housing Master Class

Supporting a sustainable housing sector for Aboriginal people – Event held 9th/10th May, Adelaide

"The Australian Housing Institute and Aboriginal Housing office NSW are hosting an event to combine relevant case studies, discussions and workshops around different aspects of Aboriginal Housing, such as tenancy and property management, economic development and employment."

"The intent of this Master Class event is to provide an opportunity for senior housing professionals whose primary focus is housing Aboriginal people and leaders from emerging Aboriginal housing to share results and generate ideas to work toward resolving existing Aboriginal housing issues and act on future Aboriginal housing needs."

For more information about the event, click here. To register to attend click here.

State Government's 10by20 Progress Report, 2018 Update

A copy of the State government's 10by20 Progress Report – 2018 Update is now available online.

In a letter to Carmel Rosier, the Hon Chris Picton MP outlines that "The new Foundations and Work Ready Release Ready programs have been developed, with the Work Ready Release Ready contract now signed. These key initiatives will like prisonoers with accommodation and provide them with greater prospects of employment upon their release – two factors we know are critical in helping keep ex-offenders away from a life of crime."

Click **here** to read the report in full.

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Essential Services & Consumers Living with Disability Conference 2018: Energy, Water, Telecommunications & Transport

The SA Councils of Social Services <u>Conference</u>, to be held Monday 14th May at the Adelaide Oval, "will bring together businesses, government, community sector workers including disability advocates, service providers and consumers living with a disability (including families and carers) in the energy, water, telecommunications and transport space. Delegates will share and hear about the needs and experiences of those living with a disability and explore how essential service businesses can address disadvantage for those in vulnerable situations."

To register click **here**.

Homelessness in Summer – the struggle to find shade and water

Sydney's 'Exodus Foundation' works to help those living on the streets in Summer "by providing showers, deodorant and a cool place to sit. Without a roof over their heads, those sleeping rough are also at risk from severe sun exposure, which can often cause heatstroke, sunburn and dehydration."

According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, more than 100,000 people are homeless in Australia. Bill Crews from the Exodus Foundation in Sydney said some practical things people could do to help those sleeping rough during Summer, include donating light clothing, umbrellas, water or sunscreen.

To read full article click here.

Report on Government Services - Housing and homelessness

The Productivity Commission issued the housing and homelessness component of its Annual Report on Government Services, 23rd January 2018. The report includes a sector overview of Australian Government expenditure relating to the National Affordable Housing Agreement.

To read the full report click here.

Industry Job Vacancies

The CHCSA website offers a '<u>Job Board</u>' should you wish to advertise any vacancies within your organisations. See below for a list of current vacancies some of our Members are looking to fill.

Housing Choices SA – Housing Officer (closes 2/02/18)

Unity Housing Company - Program Manager Urban Renewal, Norwood (closes 5/02/18)

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CHCSA Calendar of Events

Friday 2nd February 2018 Wednesday 14th February 2018 Thursday 22nd February 2018 Monday 26th February 2018 Wednesday 28th February 2018

CHP Forum
Central Forum
CHCSA Board of Management
SA CHIA Regional Committee
Communities of Practice – Finance

CHCSA Recommended Links

Consumer & Business Services

South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal

Tenants Information and Advisory Service

Community Centres SA

SA Legislation

ATO Benchmark Market Rent Rates

STARservice

Volunteering SA

Renewal SA

Data SA

Housing Co-operative Resources Guide

Australasian Housing Institute

Affordable Homes for Purchase

Homestart Finance

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