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The transfer of public housing properties to community housing providers

As published on the sa.gov.au website

From mid-2017, the tenancy management of 4,000 public housing properties will be transferred to community housing providers. This follows the successful transfer of 1,100 homes to community housing providers in 2015. Renewal SA is managing the transfer and is working together with community housing providers, Housing SA, and tenants throughout the process.

As not-for-profit organisations, community housing providers have access to a range of tax benefits not available to public housing providers. This means they are in a better financial position to spend more on improving the standard of housing they manage. In time, community housing providers will be able to undertake renewal activities and create more social housing for people who need it. To read the full article click [here](#)

AHURI releases report into recent housing transfer experiences

As published on the [AHURI](http://ahuri.org.au) website

On the 30th December 2016, the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute released a report titled “Recent housing transfer experience in Australia: implications for affordable housing industry development”.

Focusing primarily on public housing transfers in Queensland, South Australia and Tasmania, this inquiry analysed the associated processes and frameworks to reveal the lessons learned.

Financial modelling indicated that management transfers, where community housing providers are assured of cash flow from rents, may be a viable means for addressing moderate maintenance backlogs, enhancing community development and modestly expanding affordable housing portfolios.

To read the full report click [here](#)

SDA Housing – Where to Next?

As published in the December 2016 edition of Housing Works

Anthony Nolan from Kennedy Associates Architects runs through the issues that still need to be addressed around bricks & mortar proposed for construction under the Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA) model of the NDIS

There are still more questions than answers about the types of housing that will be built under the new Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA) model of the NDIS but the scheme opens up new opportunities that should provide more choice for eligible participants.

An increase in the number of people who will be eligible for SDA (as compared to the previous funding model) will stimulate demand and supply, with the federal government committing up to \$700 million in funding annually for the next 10 years. While the SDA Pricing Policy outlines the financial framework, including incentives for developers about market rates, this new housing sector still faces several key challenges.

Firstly, the SDA model provides a welcome shift away from the recent five-bed group home typology to include apartments, villas, duplexes, townhouses and small-scale shared houses but it doesn't provide a clear roadmap for their planning, design or delivery.

Secondly, while the key lynchpin of the NDIS (the separation of care and accommodation services) enables participants to choose housing options that are not tied to care packages for the first time, there is still little information about how to make that happen.

So, how can eligible participants find and partner with SDA developers to access appropriate housing? To date, the NDIA has focused on completing participant care plans and enrolling existing housing into the scheme but the development of new housing is likely to emerge as an important issue in 2017. As the transition to full scheme continues, the Agency (NDIA) will help participants to identify local housing developers, and will also post details of registered SDA developers on its website.

To read the full article please refer to **Volume 11, Number 4, December 2016 edition of the Australasian Housing Institute's Housing Works publication**. The CHCSA has copies that can be borrowed through the library service.

AHURI One Day Conference – Homelessness and Housing Solutions

As published on the AHURI website

This conference will present the latest AHURI evidence on the homelessness system in Australia, examples of housing solutions for formerly homeless people or those at risk of homelessness and a big picture examination of the support services required to create housing stability for low-income Australians.

This conference will be held at the Brisbane Convention Centre, Merivale Street and Glenelg Street, South Brisbane on Friday 31st March 2017 from 8am – 4.15pm. Tickets are \$375.

For more information or to register for this conference click [here](#)

PR Connect education sessions

In 2016 Housing SA launched PR Connect, an online application form for customers seeking financial assistance into the private rental market.

A number of private rental information and education sessions have been held to assist providers. Due to demand further sessions will be held in 2017.

To register your interest, please email HousingSASupport@sa.gov.au.

2016 ACNC Annual Information Statements now due

Registered charities are required to submit an Annual Information Statement to the ACNC each year. Failure to do so can be grounds for revocation of charity status. If your charity uses the standard reporting year of 1st July – 30th June, your AIS for the 2015/2016 financial year is due to be submitted by 31st January 2017.

The ACNC will be hosting a webinar on Tuesday 24th January 2017 which provides an overview of the reporting requirements for registered charities. To book a place at this webinar click [here](#)

To submit the Annual Information Statement, download a checklist or worksheet click [here](#)

ACOSS online resilience toolkit to help community organisations

As published in the Summer 2016-2017 SACOSS News

It is now increasingly recognised that people experiencing poverty and other forms of disadvantage are amongst those most vulnerable to direct climate change impacts. Those most vulnerable include people out of paid work and living on low incomes, people living in poor quality housing or in the private rental market and people with a disability and the people who care for them.

Community organisations support people experiencing both short- and long-term disadvantage to manage everyday adversity and respond in times of crisis. However, research undertaken by the Australian Council of Social Service (ACOSS) shows that community organisations have very little resilience to the impact of climate change, particularly extreme weather events.

To fill this information gap, ACOSS has developed Resilient Community Organisations, an online toolkit developed by and for the community sector to help organisations measure and improve their resilience.

This toolkit is available by clicking [here](#) and includes:

- A Benchmarking system
- Six Steps to Disaster Resilience

CHCSA Calendar of Events

Monday 30th January 2017

Chintaro Workshop

Wednesday 1st February 2017

CBS Training for Community Housing
(Housing Associations)

Friday 3rd February 2017

Associations' Forum

Wednesday 8th February 2017

Central Forum

CHCSA Recommended Links

[Consumer and Business Services \(CBS\)](#)

[South Australian Civil and Administrative
Tribunal \(SACAT\)](#)

[Tenants Information & Advisory Service \(TIAS\)](#)

[Community Centres SA](#)

[Mediation SA](#)

[Legislation](#)

[ATO Benchmark Market Rent Rates](#)

[STARService](#)

[Volunteering SA&NT](#)

[Renewal SA](#)

[Data SA](#)

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