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Unsettled: Life in Australia's private rental market

As published on the Shelter SA website

Choice, National Shelter and the National Association of Tenant Organisation (NATO) have recently collaborated to research and publish a 24 page report titled "Unsettled: Life in Australia's private rental market".

The report notes that Australia has traditionally been a nation of homeowners but more and more people are renting. Between 1994-5 and 2013-14 the number of Australians renting increased from 25.7% to 31%. While home ownership offers many advantages, renting is not necessarily bad for consumers or society.

Some key points from the report include:

- 83% of Australian renters have no fixed-term lease or are on a lease of 12 months or less
- 75% of renters agree or strongly agree that competition amongst applicants for a rental property is fierce
- 61% of renters have had an issue while searching for a property over the past five years
- 50% of renters are concerned about being 'blacklisted'
- 48% of renters have a personal income of less than \$35,000 a year

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

Sukkar says no silver bullets to housing

As published on the SBS website

Newly promoted Liberal MP Michael Sukkar concedes there are "no silver bullets" in solving Australia's housing affordability problem, but has promised the federal government will take a multi-faceted approach to it this year. To read the full article click [here](#)

Mr Sukkar is one of the speakers at the AHURI Homelessness & Housing Solutions Conference to be held at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre on Friday 31st March. For more information click [here](#).

Housing Improvement Act 2016 Information Sessions

The Housing Improvement Branch are conducting information sessions on the operation of the new *Housing Improvement Act 2016*.

These sessions will benefit tenants, property agents & managers, property owners and local councils. Changes that will be discussed include:

- The powers of authorised officers
- The different types of orders that may be issued in respect of a property
- The different enforcement options available for non-compliance with an order
- The ability for owners to seek a review of decisions at SACAT

Sessions will be held as follows:

Adelaide CBD – Thursday 9th March 2017 (1pm – 3pm) – The Mercure Grosvenor Hotel, 125 North Tce

Mount Gambier – Wednesday 15th March 2017 (2pm – 4pm) – The Main Corner, City Hall Room, 1 Bay Rd

Port Pirie – Friday 17th March 2017 (11.30am – 1.30pm) – Uniting Care Wesley Conference Centre, 3 Parham St

Attendees should arrive 15 minutes prior to the commencement of the session. To register your attendance please RSVP to Amy.Niedorfer@sa.gov.au or for further information contact Jessica.Martin@sa.gov.au or ring (08) 7424 7213, **limited spaces are available**.

75 homes completed and more than 500 out to tender for 1000 in 1000 project

***As published in a Media Release by the Hon Stephen Mullighan MP,
Minister for Housing & Urban Development on Sunday 26th February 2017***

Another 50 new Housing Trust homes have been built through the State Government’s *1000 Homes in 1000 Days* program with hundreds more out to tender or under construction.

In all 75 new homes have been completed since the project began through metropolitan Adelaide, as well as in country areas such as Stirling North and Whyalla.

The State Government is well on-track to achieve the task of building *1000 Homes in 1000 Days*, with a total of 513 homes so far having gone out to tender, including 109 currently under construction.

The project is providing an economic boost to South Australian builders, subcontractors and tradespeople, with contracts already awarded to 35 South Australian-based building companies.

The \$208 million *1000 Homes in 1000 Days* program to build new public housing supported about 400 jobs last year and is expected to support about 500 jobs a year in 2017 and 2018.

To read the full media release click [here](#)

The Victorian Government announces reform, growth and better outcomes for social housing

As published in a Media Release on Thursday 23rd February 2017

As waiting lists continue to grow, a bold new approach will give Victorian social housing organisations more power to build, buy and rent homes. For the first time ever, organisations will be able to utilise a \$1 billion fund and access low interest loans using the borrowing power of the Victorian Government.

The \$1 billion Social Housing Growth Fund, a collaboration between government, the private and philanthropic sectors, will provide dedicated assistance to community housing associations to help support up to 2,200 households. By acting as guarantor, the Government will help these associations spend less on interest and more on helping Victorians in need. To read the full media release click [here](#)

AHI Professional Excellence in Housing Awards Presentation, SA

As published on the AHI website

The Australasian Housing Institute will be hosting the Professional Excellence in Housing Awards reception for South Australia on Tuesday 23rd May 2017 from 6.30pm – 8.30pm.

The Awards formally recognise and reward excellence in professional practice, from the grass roots to the most senior levels. They promote to colleagues and the community at large the difference that social housing professionals make to people’s lives.

The Awards reception will be held at the Hotel Tivoli, 265 Pirie Street, Adelaide. Tickets are \$40 (AHI Members) or \$60 (non-members). For more information or to book your ticket click [here](#)

Adelaide named one of world’s least affordable housing markets

As published on the InDaily website

Adelaide has been named the 16th most unaffordable housing market in the world in a study by pro-development think tank Demographia. The study which covers 406 metropolitan markets in nine countries bases its ranking on the “multiple mean” – the median house price divided by the median household income.

“We should not accept extreme price levels in our housing markets. High house prices are not a sign of city’s success but a sign of failure to deliver the housing that its citizens need,” Demographia’s Director of the New Zealand Initiative Oliver Hartwich said in the report. To read the full article click [here](#)

Guidance and resources available on the ACNC website

The ACNC has released two new screencasts for charities to assist with key functions of the ACNC’s Charity Portal. These step-by-step videos walk you through the process of changing a responsible person for your charity, or changing your charity’s sub-type. This is a timely reminder for charities to ensure this information is up to date.

Also recently published is a range of information on the different obligations a charity will have to state and territory regulators in their region. To find out more click [here](#)

CHCSA Calendar of Events

Friday 3rd March 2017

Associations' Forum

Wednesday 8th March 2017

Central Forum

Thursday 9th March 2017

G-Force Maintenance Training Workshop
(Housing Co-operatives)

Thursday 16th March 2017

Tenant Engagement Forum
(Housing Associations)

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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