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Australian Treasurers agree housing affordability is a key priority

As published on the AHURI website

Commonwealth, State and Territory Treasurers met in Canberra on Friday 24 March 2017 at the Council on Federal Financial Relations (CFFR) and agreed that addressing housing affordability is a key priority for Commonwealth, State and Territory Governments.

In a statement released following the meeting, the CFFR recognised that States and Territories are already undertaking a range of initiatives to improve housing supply and affordability, including work on policies to improve rental affordability for those on low-incomes. The statement also acknowledged the importance of Commonwealth funding to support the National Affordable Housing Agreement being invested more effectively to deliver these outcomes.

Beyond the work of the CFFR, Federal Treasurer Scott Morrison will present a lecture focusing on housing affordability, in particular the increasing pressures placed on social and affordable housing, in the lead up to this year's Commonwealth Budget.

The event is being hosted by AHURI on Monday, 10 April 2017. If you would like to register to attend this event click [here](#)

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

AHURI releases new report on property transfers

As published on the AHURI website on 28th March 2017

Transformative transfers: growing capacities in UK social housing

This study investigated what was required to create successful non-profit housing transfers in the UK and the roles that policies played in the process. The review informs current Australian moves towards the transfer of public housing to non-profit providers.

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

Australasian Housing Institute launches *HousingINFO*

As published on the AHI website

The AHI has recently launched *HousingINFO*, a comprehensive news resource for people working in the social and affordable housing sector in Australia and New Zealand. *HousingINFO* will bring you the latest sector news and updates, ideas and recent articles in the media, recently published books and research pieces. To subscribe to this fortnightly publication click [here](#)

Affordable Housing moves from front bar to top Treasurers’ agenda

As published on the PowerHousing Australia website

Affordable housing was elevated to top priority for last week’s Canberra meeting of Treasurers who are now joining the conversation that has been a staple for most Australians concerned that they or their loved ones face mounting housing affordability issues.

PowerHousing Australia, which represents 28 of Australia’s largest Community Housing Providers, urged Treasurers to not only discuss the principles of bond aggregation and affordable housing delivery for low income and key workers, but to take formative steps to develop a strategy for working cohesively for housing nationally. To read the full article click [here](#)

NRSCH Sector Snapshot Reports now available

As published on the NRSCH website

The National Regulatory System for Community Housing has published the Sector Snapshot for the 2015-2016 year and the Mid Year Review.

Highlights include an increase in providers across all 3 tier levels, more than 64,000 community housing properties are now managed by NRSCH registered providers and almost 85% of tenants of Tier 1 and Tier 2 providers who returned a survey were satisfied with the overall quality of housing services. To read the full report click [here](#)

Free Workshop: Governance for Successful Communities

The Multicultural Communities Council of SA Inc is hosting a free session titled Governance for Successful Communities on Saturday 8th April 2017 from 10am – 12.30pm at 113 Gilbert Street, Adelaide.

New to a board or trying to take your board to the next level, then this workshop is for you. It will define governance, clarify your responsibilities in the context of legal requirements and explore ways to enhance your board’s effectiveness. If you would like to register for this FREE workshop please click [here](#)

Super saver rates close soon for NHC 2017: Building for better lives

As published on the AHI website

The National Housing Conference 2017 will be held at the International Convention Centre in Sydney from Wednesday 29th November to Friday 1st December 2017. **The super saver rate for this conference expires on Friday 31st March 2017.** To register for NHC 2017 click [here](#). To subscribe to the NHC 2017 newsletter and be kept informed of all the news click [here](#)

Position Vacant for Tenancy Worker

Salvation Army Housing provides community housing to over 300 families and individuals across the Adelaide metropolitan area and country SA. They currently have a vacancy for a Tenancy Worker to join their established and growing team. If you have experience in customer service, community services and/or private or public housing this could be the role for you. Previous tenancy management experience a must. Duties include:

- Manage, maintain and protect condition of rented properties
- Direct contact with clients to resolve issues
- Full property management engagement with tenants
- Ensure that communication is collaborative, non-judgemental, proactive, timely and responsive

Applications must be willing to work within the Vision, Mission and Values of The Salvation Army and Salvation Army Housing. A current National Police Clearance is required as well as a Child Safe check. A position description is available at www.salvationarmy.org.au/jobs or upon request by phoning 8368 6800.

Interviews will be conducted on 11th & 12th May 2017. **Applications including a current resume should be forwarded by close of business on Friday 5th May 2017 to:**

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Free ATO Webinar explains FBT to not-for-profits

As published on the ATO website

Do you have questions about FBT? This free webinar will help you prepare to lodge your FBT return and includes information on registering for FBT, tips for completing an FBT return, FBT rebates and exemptions – an introduction and recent changes to FBT affecting NFPs. This webinar will be held on **Thursday 6th April 2017 from 11am – 12pm (AEDT)**. To register click [here](#)

NILS provides affordable alternative for low income earners

As published on the Good Shepherd Microfinance Website

For many people on low incomes, paying for essential goods and services is a struggle, and the effects of going without can be huge. Without a fridge you can't store fresh food and without a computer kids can be left behind at school. Good Shepherd Microfinance's No Interest Loan Scheme (NILS) offers people on low incomes safe, fair and affordable loans for fridges, washing machines and furniture, as well as education and medical expenses. For more information on loans of between \$300 and \$1,200 click [here](#)

Lateline special on housing affordability

As published on the ABC website on 21st March 2017

Presenter, Jeremy Fernandez hosted a segment on the ABC's Lateline on housing affordability on 21st March 2017. To view this segment or to read the transcript click [here](#)

CHCSA Calendar of Events

Wednesday 5th April 2017

AHI Webinar & CHCSA Member Networking

Friday 7th April 2017

Associations' Forum

Wednesday 12th April 2017

Central Forum

Wednesday 19th April 2017

G-Force Maintenance Training Workshop
(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](#)

[AHI HousingINFO](#)

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