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## Growing housing supply crisis in SA for low-income earners

*As published on the Adelaide Now website on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017*

Low-income earners are trapped in a housing supply crisis, with only 4 per cent of 4000 vacant rental properties deemed “affordable”, a new survey shows.

A snapshot of the housing rental market in Adelaide this month revealed the growing gap in the availability of budget accommodation.

The housing crisis has prompted calls by welfare groups for the State Government to establish a \$250 million loan scheme to build more affordable housing and reduce homelessness while creating jobs.

“The idea of the loan scheme is to give extra help to community housing providers at a slightly cheaper rate to build homes. This will enable registered CHPs to build and deliver more affordable housing to people who need it most.” To read the full article click [here](#)

## Federal Treasurer's address on housing affordability

*As published on the AHURI website on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017*

The Treasurer, the Hon Scott Morrison, addressed the issue of housing affordability in an hour-long lecture hosted by AHURI at the State Library in Melbourne on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

Treasurer Morrison said “Today I want to turn our attention to the rental housing sector, and the increasing pressures being placed on our social and affordable housing programs.

Around 47 per cent of low-income rental households in our capital cities spend more than 30 per cent of their household income on housing costs. In short we need more housing, not just for homeowners, but for renters.

There are few more important public policy issues than housing. One budget will not turn these issues around in isolation, but we can make a start. To read the full lecture click [here](#)

## Renewal SA builds disability house for Anglicare SA

*As published in the Autumn edition of the Renewal SA Progress publication*

Montrose House, a new respite home for young people aged 5-20 years and living with disability, will provide more options for families and carers in Adelaide’s southern suburbs.

The five-bedroom home, built through Renewal SA’s 1000 Homes in 1000 Days initiative, also has accessible bedrooms and bathrooms, a brand new kitchen for meal preparation, wide hallways for wheelchairs, large play spaces and a vegetable garden. It’s designed to feel like a home away from home.

To read the full article click [here](#) or to access Renewal SA’s Progress publication click [here](#)

## Learning in the Disability Sector

On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017, Member for Light, Tony Piccolo MP facilitated the *Learning in the Disability Sector Exhibition & Seminar* at the Adelaide North Special School.

This event was well attended by disability service providers, employment services, government agencies and small business advisors. The target audience was people living with disability including their carer’s and families, teachers in special education and advocacy groups.

The Community Housing Council of SA would like to thank Unity Housing Company who volunteered their time to represent the community housing sector at this important event. Pictured below are Rachel Cummings & Andrea Brunt at the event.



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## Not for Podcast: Housing the homeless

*As published on the ProBono Website*

Homelessness is not a choice but for many it is a reality. On any given night one in 200 people are homeless and the problem is getting worse. In this 3 part series Housing the Homeless, we explore the role of housing, or a lack therefore, is having on homelessness and whether putting housing first could be the key to solving the problem.

To listen to the podcasts 1) The Cause, 2) The Solution and 3) The Pathway click [here](#)

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## AHI Professional Excellence in Housing Awards Presentation, SA

*As published on the AHI website*

The Australasian Housing Institute is pleased to invite you to the Professional Excellence in Housing Awards reception in South Australia. This reception will be held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 from 6.30pm – 8.30pm at The Hotel Tivoli, 265 Pirie Street, Adelaide.

The AHI Awards provide an opportunity to showcase social housing success stories. The Awards formally recognise and reward excellence in professional practice, from the grass roots to the most senior levels. They promote to our colleagues and the community at large the difference that social housing professional make to people’s lives.

For more information on the Awards reception or to book your ticket click [here](#)

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## Energy efficiency assistance for SA households

*As published on the sa.gov.au website*

The Retailer Energy Efficiency Scheme (REES) is an SA government initiative that requires energy retailers to help households and businesses save on energy use and costs, and lower their greenhouse gas emissions. To do this, energy retailers need to meet energy efficiency and audit targets that have been set for them.

South Australian households and businesses may be able to receive free or discounted energy efficiency activities from energy retailers participating in the REES. Common activities include installing water efficient shower heads, to help save water heating costs and installing energy efficient lighting.

To check your eligibility for a free home energy audit, to find out what energy saving activities may be available for your home or for more information on doing your own home energy audit click [here](#)

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## Not for profit News Service: Webinar – GST for NFP’s

*As published on the Australian Tax Office website*

Does your NFP need to pay GST? Do you know if you’re entitled to GST concessions? This free webinar will help you understand how GST applies to NFPs. Places are limited so register today to secure your place. This webinar will be held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017 from 2pm – 3pm (AEST). For more information or to register click [here](#)

## CHCSA Calendar of Events

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2017

**G-Force Maintenance Training Workshop**

(Housing Associations)

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2017

**Associations' Forum**

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017

**Central Forum**

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017

**Child Safe Environment 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](#)

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