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AHURI releases visual report on affordable housing industry capacity

As published on the AHURI website on Thursday 20th April 2017

Findings from the AHURI Inquiry *Affordable housing industry capacity* have been released in an easy-to-understand visual report. The research advances the understanding of Australia's affordable housing industry and its capacity to expand. To read the full article click [here](#).

The Australian governments have looked to AHURI to investigate what would support an affordable housing industry to:

- Generate new affordable housing supply
- Facilitate stock modernisation and neighbourhood renewal in former public housing areas under new social landlords
- Improve service quality, enhance social renter mobility and promote tenant wellbeing and economic participation

Responding to these concerns, this AHURI report aimed to advance understanding of Australia's affordable housing industry and its capacity to expand. To download the full report click [here](#)

Government urged to prioritise housing affordability for low-income Australians

As published in The Guardian website on Wednesday 26th April 2017

The federal government has been urged to begin ambitious long-term housing affordability reforms in next month's budget, including setting new social housing targets, establishing a UK-style bond aggregator, boosting commonwealth rent assistance and giving funding certainty to homelessness services.

The National Shelter and Australian Council of Social Service have proposed a six-point plan to reduce homelessness and improve affordability for low and modest income Australians. They have stressed that boosting the supply of low-income social housing – public and community housing, where rent is determined by income – must be a priority. To read the full article click [here](#)

AHI announces special guest for Housing Awards Presentation in SA

As published on the Australasian Housing Institute’s website

The Hon Zoe Bettison MP, Minister for Social Housing will be the Special Guest at the AHI Professional Excellence in Housing Awards Presentation on Tuesday 23rd May 2017. Held at the Hotel Tivoli, 265 Pirie Street, Adelaide this event will run from 6.30pm – 8.30pm. To register for this event click [here](#)

One stop shop for all Aboriginal specific services

As published in a Media Release on the Catalyst Foundation website on 18th April 2017

Catalyst Foundation (formerly Seniors Information Service) in partnership with Turkindi Inc (The Indigenous Information Network of SA) has launched the Aboriginal Services Online Directory.

This directory will provide up-to-date listings of Aboriginal Organisations, Aboriginal Businesses (owned or part owned) and non-Aboriginal Organisations and business providing social and community services to Aboriginal people. Over 160 organisations are currently listed on the Aboriginal Services Online Directory. To read the full article click [here](#). To view the online directory click [here](#)

Renewal SA CH Bulletin #28 – mergers for housing co-ops

Renewal SA has distributed a bulletin titled “Considering your strategic future – what are your options?” which explains the opportunities available to Tier 3 housing co-operatives regarding mergers.

This bulletin included attachments of Merger Easy Guide and Provider Profiles to ensure housing co-operatives can make informed choices about their future. The bulletin was distributed on 11th April 2017 to the primary contact in your organisation.

CHCSA members who have not received a copy of this bulletin can call the CHCSA on 8362 1022 for a copy.

Affordable home ownership opportunity in Davoren Park!



Habitat for Humanity has an affordable home ownership opportunity in Davoren Park available to an eligible low income family. Applications for this home close on Tuesday 2nd May 2017. To obtain an application form and information pack please contact **Habitat for Humanity on 8349 6009.**

This home features 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, garage under main roof, floor coverings, fully fenced, basic landscaping and six star energy efficiency rating. For sale at \$195,000.

Shared home ownership for people living with disability

As published on the AHURI website

The Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute recently released a report titled *Shared home ownership for people with disability*.

This study investigated the most appropriate and beneficial shared home ownership models for people with disability. While shared ownership brings potential benefits such as enhancing housing choice, security of tenure and sense of ownership, it can expose people to debt risks. Capital investment by people with disability into shared ownership may also reduce the overall cost of housing assistance required by government to overcome the supply gap. To read the full report click [here](#)

NHC 2017: Call for abstracts now open!

As published on National Housing Conference 2017 website

The National Housing Conference program aims to present sessions in line with policy development and sector priorities. Presentation opportunities may come in a variety of formats – including standard presentations, panel participation, workshop participation and Think Tank sessions. Authors are asked to be flexible with the final presentation style to enable a tailored, innovative program that maximizes audience participation and engagement. Abstracts are invited that address a number of program topics including:

- Affordable housing industry development
- Disability and housing
- Domestic family violence
- Housing affordability in Australia
- Housing tax reform
- Social impact investment
- Tenancy management

Call for abstracts will close on Friday 19th May 2017. For a copy of the abstract submission guidelines, to submit your abstract or to register for the 2017 National Housing Conference click [here](#)

CHCSA signs compact with CHIA

The Community Housing Council of SA has recently signed a compact with the Community Housing Industry Association, the national peak body for the community housing sector.

The compact agreement details how the CHCSA and the CHIA will work together to achieve their mutual objectives in 2017. The purpose of the agreement is to maximise the opportunities to advance the community housing industry by strengthening the relationship between the two organisations.

To read the compact click [here](#)

CHCSA Calendar of Events

Friday 5th May 2017

Community Housing Providers Forum
(formerly known as Associations' Forum)

Tuesday 9th May 2017

Tenancy Management Communities of Practice
(Housing Associations)

Wednesday 10th May 2017

Central Forum

Wednesday 17th May 2017

Child Safe Environments Training Workshop

Thursday 18th May 2017

Tenant Engagement 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](#)

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