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CHCSA members acknowledged in AHI Professional Excellence Awards

On Tuesday 23rd May 2017 more than a hundred people gathered at the Tivoli Hotel for the presentation of the AHI Professional Excellence in Housing Awards Program.

The Hon Zoe Bettison MP, Minister for Social Housing delivered the opening address stating that efficient and effective social housing is crucial to the growth of the state.

The AHI awards, in its 13th year, received 143 nominations across Australia and New Zealand. Winners in each of the 8 categories are entered into the Australasian awards and the overall winners will be announced at the National Housing Conference in Sydney.

The CHCSA would like to acknowledge all the nominees and congratulate our members who won awards in 5 of the 8 categories:

- **Outstanding Achievement Award** – Matthew Woodward, Unity Housing Company
- **Leading Housing Development Project Award** – Anglicare SA, Bowden Rent-to-Buy Development
- **Tenant Led Initiative Award** – Tenant Art Exhibition, Unity Housing Company
- **Leading Community Engagement Practice Award** – Tenancy Education Program, AC Care
- **Excellence in Social Housing Award** – Unity Housing Company and Bedford Alliance

Congratulations to the following CHCSA members who received highly commended awards:

- **Westside Housing** in the **Leading Asset Management** category for Improving Assets Together
- **Anglicare SA** in the **Leading Innovation Award** category for Sustaining Complex Tenancies

Congratulations also go to **Peter Mitchell** of **AC Care** who was awarded as a SA Certified Housing Professional.

CHIA’s Review of the Federal Budget Housing Initiatives

Under the banner of ‘Affordable housing for all Australians’, the 2017 Federal Budget package focuses on three areas – unlocking supply, creating the right incentives and improving outcomes for those most in need.

CHIA’s assessment? There’s a lot to like in this package and it will provide a good platform for growth of the community housing industry over the next decade. A few other pieces of the puzzle need to be in place such as a 10-year National Housing Strategy, supported by a serious level of capital funding to boost supply of social and affordable housing.

For community housing, there’s some good news about the bond aggregator and \$1bn in new infrastructure funding to support housing supply. To read CHIA’s full overview click [here](#)

SOS Long Lunch – Help prevent Domestic Violence!

As published on the Real Estate Institute of South Australia’s website

The Real Estate Institute of South Australia and the Membership Committee invite you to the Sold on Solidarity Long Lunch. Guest Speaker is Stacey Nelan, a friend of the Zahra Foundation and a domestic violence survivor.

Amanda Blair, media star extraordinaire returns as MC following the success of the 2016 SOS Long Lunch. Come along to this fabulous event where you can listen to live entertainment, spend big at the auctions and help REISA raise money for this great organisation.

The SOS Long Lunch will be held in the Panorama Ballroom, Adelaide Convention Centre on Thursday 27th July 2017 from 12pm – 4.30pm. Individual tickets are available for \$155 and include a 3 course lunch and beverage package. Bookings close on Monday 17th July 2017. For further information or to book click [here](#)

AHURI Conference: Affordability and liveability in our cities

As published on the AHURI website

Almost two thirds of Australians live in our capital cities and that percentage is projected to grow considerably over the next 40 years. Affordability continues to be a significant issue at all stages of the housing continuum, from those living in social housing, through to private renters and home owners.

This conference will be held on Thursday 29th June 2017 from 8.00am – 4.15pm at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre. For more information or to register for this conference click [here](#)

SafeWork SA free advisory service

SafeWork SA has partnered with the Small Business Commission to provide advisory services from a CBD shopfront! An advisory will be at the Small Business Centre at 99 Gawler Place in the city every Wednesday from 12pm to 5pm. Advisors provide practical support to improve your systems, practices and general approach to safety. Since the advisory service was introduced in July 2016 more than 700 businesses have sought advice. If you would prefer to make an appointment for an advisor click [here](#)

South Australia – A Sea of Red Rentals!

As published in a Shelter SA Media Release

According to the latest National Rental Affordability Index (NRAI), produced by National Shelter, SGS Economics and Planning and, Community Sector Banking, Adelaide’s rental affordability continues to decline. The newly developed interactive map, released on 17th May, shows that for South Australia’s low income earners, affordable housing options are few and far between. The map allows users to visualise rental affordability across South Australia, with the added option to input annual income and number of bedrooms or use a pre-set household profile.

Although there has been minimal decline for the general population, people living on low incomes in South Australia have no choice but to live with housing stress. People living with housing stress (paying more than 30% of household income in housing costs) are a growing demographic across the country and the cost of their housing makes it difficult or impossible for them to afford the basic necessities of life. With the highest cost of utilities in the Nation, South Australians are really struggling to survive on their after housing costs income.

To read the full Media Release click [here](#)

To read the 2017 National Rental Affordability Index Report click [here](#)

To try the interactive map click [here](#)

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Driving Growth in Disability Housing conference



The housing sector for individuals living with a disability is undergoing sweeping changes as the NDIS continues its national rollout, which has fundamental implications for the business model of the disability support and community housing providers.

The ‘**Driving Growth in Disability Housing**’ conference on the 22nd & 23rd August in Sydney will bring together cross sector industry figures, to collectively share and develop practical strategies for disability housing growth.

This conference will explore how to:

- Strategically analyse the opportunities and risks of NDIS disability housing
- Develop a viable financial model incorporating SDA funding
- Visualise and design an SDA compliant dwelling
- Implement a collaborative model of service and accommodation provision
- Understand and implement strategies to diffuse systemic and uncertainty risk
- Draw upon key learnings from pilot program and early adopters

Click [here](#) to find out more!

CHCSA Calendar of Events

Wednesday 31st May 2017

Good Governance Training Workshop
Housing Co-operatives

Friday 2nd June 2017

Community Housing Providers Forum

Wednesday 14th June 2017

Hoarding & Living in Squalor Workshop
Housing Co-operatives

Wednesday 21st June 2017

Central Forum

Hoarding & Living in Squalor Workshop
Housing Associations & Companies

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](#)

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