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Adelaide earmarked to pilot bold US program to end homelessness

As published in a Media Release on the Don Dunstan Foundation website

A broad coalition of organisations has come together to lead the charge for Adelaide to become the first city outside North America to implement an approach that has seen seven communities achieve Functional Zero homelessness.

“The Don Dunstan Foundation has a proud history of engaging with homelessness issues. We think that in 2017, Adelaide shouldn’t be seeking just to address street homelessness but to end it” Foundation Executive Director David Pearson said.

On any given night there are up to 120 people sleeping rough in the city. The Adelaide Zero Project is modelled on an approach being implemented across a network of 75 US communities, and involves a coordinated, ongoing effort that aims to make service systems work better to match the need for housing with supply.

The Social Housing Minister Zoe Bettison MP supports the project. “South Australia leads the nation in its response to homelessness and this project is yet another example of this,” she said.

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

NRSCH releases 2016-2017 sector snapshot

As published on the NRSCH website

The National Regulatory System for Community Housing has recently released the NRSCH Sector Snapshot 2016-2017. Highlights include:

- As at 30th June 2017 there were 284 registered providers representing a growth of 14% over 12 months
- Over 67,000 community housing properties are managed by NRSCH registered providers

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

NSHS shows positive results for community housing

The National Social Housing Survey, recently published by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare provided feedback from almost 10,000 social housing tenants surveyed. As at 30 June 2016, there were 432,800 social housing dwellings across Australia which includes 80,200 (19%) community housing properties.

The survey reported that 84% of community housing tenants rated their house and facilities in good condition and 81% of houses were adequately utilised based on Canadian occupancy standards. 74.8% of community housing tenants with a need for assistance were satisfied with the services provided by their housing organisation.

Housing assistance policy has changed substantially over time with the provision of social housing moving away from focussing on low-income working families. The most vulnerable are considered to be in the greatest need and are given priority access to social housing. In community housing, just over 4 out of 5 allocations (84%) were made to those in greatest need.

To view the National Social Housing Survey on the AIHW website click [here](#)

CHIA members vote for constitutional change

As published on the Community Housing Industry Association website

Members from around the country voted to make some changes to CHIA’s constitution in a move that will strengthen the Community Housing Industry Association’s relationship with state peak community housing bodies.

“This is an important milestone for CHIA. These constitutional changes will streamline and formalise the relationship between CHIA and the state peaks, enabling them to provide advice and input to the CHIA board on matters relevant to their state. To read the full article click [here](#)

Why there’s no quick fix to housing affordability

As published on the Australian Financial Review website

Australia’s chronic demand for new homes, driven by population growth in the big cities, is unlikely to ease in coming decades, escalating the need for bold policy that recognises that not everyone will own a house in the future, a major report by the Committee for Economic Development of Australia finds.

Warning that housing affordability is not likely to improve over the next 40 years, CEDA argues that to fix the problem there needs to be better land release, stronger tenants’ rights, a shift to land-based taxation over stamp duty, and increased capital gains taxations.

The proportion of people living in capital cities is projected to rise from 66% to 74% in coming decades, accentuating demand for homes. Australia’s growing population needs to be housed. If people want to live in cities, we need to adapt to and accept higher population densities. We also need to accept that in future most people will live in apartments and will often be renting. A lack of adequate supply remains the single biggest issue. To read the full article click [here](#)

Shelter SA launches a series of images to assist renters

Shelter SA has recently released “Keys to Renting” – a series of images to guide South Australians through their renting experience. South Australians are renting now more than ever before and these tools are designed to provide renters with information about where to look for a place, things to consider, paperwork to complete, a checklist of tasks and the rights of a tenant!

Thousands of South Australian tenant issues are unresolved because people don’t have the right information or don’t know where to go for help. “Keys to Renting” aims to inform future tenants about the services that are available to help them. For more information click [here](#)

When to use a Section 90 application to terminate a tenancy

Consumer and Business Services produce a range of Fact Sheets that provide valuable information for community housing providers in dealing with their tenants.

Section 90 of the *Residential Tenancies Act 1995* (the Act) gives the South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (SACAT), the power to end a residential tenancy agreement where the tenant has used the premises for an illegal purpose, caused or permitted a nuisance or interference with peace, comfort and privacy of another person who resides in the immediate vicinity of the premises.

An application can be lodged by any interested person who is adversely affected by the conduct of the tenant. Evidence must be provided to support your case which includes details of specific incidents. SACAT will only consider eviction after other reasonable means of resolving the situation have been exhausted. For further information regarding Section 90 applications, please refer to the CBS Fact Sheet located [here](#)

NDIS transition for group home residents

The NDIS rollout dates for residents of group homes (supported accommodation) provided by the State Government or a non-government organisations are now available by clicking [here](#)

Group home residents will start to enter the NDIS depending on the location of the home. NDIS will contact group home residents, or their family or guardian by phone and will ask questions to confirm access to the NDIS. For more information refer to the NDIS Fact Sheet – information for clients, found [here](#)

National Housing Conference 2017 – Building for better lives

More than 1,000 delegates have already registered for the AHURI National Housing Conference to be held at the International Convention Centre, Sydney from 29th November to 1st December 2017. More than 150 guest speakers will participate in 35 sessions including:

A stocktake on Stock Transfers – As the push for an affordable housing ‘industry’ continues, what role will stock transfers from government to community housing sector play in this scaling up? By examining stock transfers in Australia to-date, this session will frame the conditions required to support further transfers as a key element of building the capacity of Australia’s affordable housing industry.

For more information on the National Housing Conference 2017 or to register to attend click [here](#)

CHCSA Calendar of Events

Friday 1st September 2017

Community Housing Providers Forum

(Housing Associations & Companies)

Friday 8th September 2017

Effective Conciliation at SACAT Workshop

(Housing Associations & Companies)

Wednesday 13th September 2017

Central Forum

(Housing Co-operatives)

Wednesday 27th September 2017

Fire Safety Workshop (Tenancy Officers)

(Housing Associations & Companies)

CHCSA Recommended Links

[Consumer & Business Services](#)

[South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal](#)

[Tenants Information and Advisory Service](#)

[Community Centres SA](#)

[SA Legislation](#)

[ATO Benchmark Market Rent Rates](#)

[STARservice](#)

[Volunteering SA](#)

[Renewal SA](#)

[Data SA](#)

[Co-operative Resources Guide](#)

[Australasian Housing Institute](#)

[Affordable Homes for Purchase](#)

[Homestart Finance](#)

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