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CEDA housing report: is it time to let go of the great Australian dream?

As published in a Media Release on the CEDA website

Housing affordability issues are likely to persist in some capital cities and could have longer term economic implications for Australia, while the issue of land supply needs greater focus, according to the Committee of Economic Development of Australia's latest report, Housing Australia.

"The aim of this report is to provide a holistic review of housing in Australia and look at some of the drivers," CEDA Research and Policy Committee Chairman, Professor Rodney Maddock said.

"One component of CEDA's research considers the impact of housing affordability on the poorest citizens and includes a recommendation by Dr Judith Yates that Australia needs annually 20,000 new dwellings affordable to low income people."

"Prolonged housing affordability issues will result in more people entering retirement without owning their home and low socioeconomic households pushed to outer or regional areas where transport infrastructure is poor and job prospects are lower."

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

To read the Housing Australia report click [here](#)

Homeless Connect: Health & Housing Expo

As published in Shelter SA's Housing Matters newsletter

Shelter SA's Homeless Connect: Health & Housing Expo will be held on Thursday 19th October in Whitmore Square.

The aim of the Expo is to bring participants and services together in an effort to improve health, wellbeing and housing outcomes.

The Expo has been a great success for over 10 year and it is estimated that 600 participants will attend this year's event.

For more information, or to register as a stall holder click [here](#)

Housing crisis worries 77% of young Australians

As published on Choice website

A booming housing market has resulted in renters struggling to make ends meet and mortgage owners stressed about upcoming interest rate rises, the latest CHOICE Consumer Pulse survey has found.

Among the most concerning findings from the August 2017 survey is the rising tensions in the housing market, with 77% of Australians born between 1980 and 1994 (Generation Y) worried about mortgage repayments and the cost of rent.

The financial stress of renting can be further exacerbated by the lack of security in the rental market. Long-term leases – such as those used in overseas markets – are not available in Australia. The survey found most renters (83%) did not have a fixed-term lease, or were on a lease of less than 12 months. To read the full article click [here](#)

Summer Foundation releases reports for NDIS housing

In July 2017 the Summer Foundation released a report titled **Exploring Housing Options Package – A Guide for NDIS participants & providers**. The guide will determine if an EHOP is needed in an NDIS Plan, how to go about getting an EHOP and how to make the most of an EHOP if it is required. To download a copy of this guide click [here](#)

In August 2017, the Summer Foundation and Price Waterhouse & Coopers (PwC) released a report titled **NDIS Specialist Disability Accommodation – Pathway to a Mature Market**. Five years after the start of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), a housing market is developing for people with disability that will radically transform thousands of lives. To download a copy of this report click [here](#)

Renting with pets – benefits for landlords & tenants

As published on the sa.gov.au website

Approximately 60% of South Australian households own a pet such as a dog, cat, fish, bird or rabbit. Many pet owners care for their pets as a special part of their family. But sadly, around 30% of dogs and cats that are surrendered to animal shelters are by owners who aren't able to find accommodation that allows pets.

Responsible pet owners can make very good tenants; the kind that sign long term leases and take good care of their homes. Offering a pet-friendly rental can provide benefits to both landlords and tenants. To help promote good rental arrangements with pets, Consumer & Business Services have produced Factsheets which are available to download from the sa.gov.au website. For more information or to download the factsheets click [here](#)

The top 4 ways we use energy

As published on the Energy Australia website

Energy Australia has released an infographic that explains the top 4 ways energy is used around the home. To find out the average use of energy click [here](#)

Not for profit finance company helps vulnerable Australians

Not for profit Good Shepherd Microfinance’s fifth anniversary of its low or no-interest Good Money shops, has proved the worth of the three-way partnership between business, community and government.

Good Shepherd Microfinance has provided more than 5,800 low or no-interest loans to “vulnerable Australians” living on a low income. Four out of five people who take out a loan will stop using payday lenders. This program is having an impact and has been very successful in diverting people away from high cost credit.

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

How to deal with abandoned goods

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

There are specific steps that need to be taken in regards to dealing with abandoned goods. Once the landlord is sure that the rental property is abandoned, they should:

- Throw away perishable items such as food
- Leave all other items at the property for at least two more days
- Allow the tenant reasonable access over the two days to collect their items
- Make a list of what’s there and if possible, include photos
- Work out if the belongings are worth more than the cost to remove, store and sell them.

Further information for dealing with abandoned goods can be found in the CBS Fact Sheet titled ***Reclaiming possession of a rental property and how to deal with abandoned property*** which can be found [here](#)

October 2017 – National Safe Work Month

As part of National Safe Work Month, SafeWork SA are conducting free sessions and partner events. A number of work health and safety (WHS) events will be held throughout October, with topics that hold relevance across a number of industries. Participants will walk away with plenty of information and ideas that they can apply to their own workplace. For more information on these events or to register your interest click [here](#)

Don Dunstan Foundation – working together to end homelessness

On the 17th August 2017, the Don Dunstan Foundation held its fourth annual Homelessness Conference at the Adelaide Convention Centre. This year’s theme “Working Together to End Homelessness” examined the various ways that those working in the public, community and private sectors can all work more effectively together to end homelessness. Presentations from this conference are now available online and include:

- Adelaide Zero Project
- A Snapshot of Homelessness in South Australia
- Ending Homelessness in Australia: Challenges and Opportunities

To read more about the annual conference or to download presentations click [here](#)

CHCSA Calendar of Events

Wednesday 20th September 2017

Fire Safety Workshop

(Housing Co-operatives)

Thursday 21st September 2017

Tenant Engagement in Community Housing Forum

(Housing Associations & Companies)

Wednesday 27th September 2017

Fire Safety Workshop (Tenancy Officers)

(Housing Associations & Companies)

Friday 6th October 2017

CHP Forum

(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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