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Key design features of NHFIC dedicated to improving housing affordability

As published in a Media Release by the Hon Michael Sukkar MP on Friday 1st December 2017

The NHFIC will operate an affordable housing bond aggregator (BA) that will drive efficiencies and cost savings in the provision of affordable housing by community housing providers (CHPs). The NHFIC will also administer the National Housing Infrastructure Facility (NHIF) – a \$1 billion facility that will finance housing-related infrastructure to reduce bottlenecks that impede the supply of new housing.

Since Budget, the Government has consulted widely and listened carefully to stakeholders in developing the NHFIC's design features. In September, the Government released a public consultation paper which set out some early thinking. More than 50 written submissions were received and more than 120 stakeholder groups were consulted in targeted roundtables in each capital city.

The affordable housing bond aggregator will be open to applications from all registered CHPs to apply for finance. To provide stability and confidence, the Commonwealth will guarantee the bonds issued by NHFIC. To read the full media release click [here](#)

Merry Christmas from CHCSA

This is the last CHCSA E-Bulletin for 2017.

The CHCSA will close for Christmas on **Friday 15th December 2017** and reopen on **Monday 8th January 2018**.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish our members and stakeholders a safe Christmas and Happy New Year.

We thank you for your support in 2017 and look forward to working with you again in 2018.



CHCSA congratulates winners of the 2017 Australasian AHI Awards

The Australasia winners for the 2017 Professional Excellence in Housing Awards were announced on 29th November during the National Housing Conference. 230 guests gathered from across Australia and New Zealand to celebrate the success stories and achievements of housing professionals. For a list of winners and photos of the awards presentations click [here](#)

More older Australians will be homeless unless we act now

As published on The Conversation website

One of the most pressing challenges older Australians face is finding secure accommodation with suitable amenities. And as the number of older Australians grow, the pressure to provide housing that meets their needs is increasing. We may be facing a crisis of ageing homelessness in coming years.

A new report from Mission Australia has called on all levels of government to act immediately on the critical shortage of appropriate housing and support services for older Australians at risk of homelessness. To read the full article click [here](#). To read the Mission Australia report click [here](#)

Government moves to maintain rental affordability through NRAS

As published in a Media Release by the Hon Christian Porter MP, Minister for Social Services

Strengthened regulation of the National Rental Affordability Scheme (NRAS) will give investors greater protection and help maintain rental affordability of up to 38,000 homes.

Minister for Social Services, Christian Porter, said changes introduced through the *National Rental Affordability Scheme Amendment (Investor Protection) Regulations 2017* build on the Australian Government’s reforms to improve housing affordability for low to middle income Australians.

“Investors in the national scheme, including many mum-and-dad investors, help to keep rents of up to 38,000 homes at 80 per cent or less than market rent,” Minister Porter said. To read the full media release click [here](#)

AIHW publishes reports on Social Housing

As published on the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare website

In November 2017 the AIHW published two reports titled *Social Housing: households with children* and *Social Housing: working age tenants*. This information has been drawn from additional analysis of the 2016 National Social Housing Survey.

Characteristics of tenants living in households with children – 79% were female, 18% had been homeless in the 5 years prior to the survey and 71% lived in major cities. To read the full report click [here](#)

Characteristics of working age tenants – 65% were female, 41% lived in households with one or more children and 50% were employed part-time, unemployed or not in the labour force. To read the full report click [here](#)

Rental affordability declines in Adelaide foothills and foreshore; pensioners and young generations are suffering

As published in a joint Media Release on 29th November 2017

The latest release of the Rental Affordability Index (RAI) has found rents in the Adelaide foothills and foreshore are less affordable, with some suburbs paying 30 percent of income on rent.

Ellen Witte, Partner at SGS Economics and Planning said renting was unaffordable in Australia and more so in cities like Adelaide compared with areas which have higher employment opportunities. “Renting fails to provide a secure roof over the heads of students, pensioners and working families with children,” she said.

Adrian Pisarski, Executive Officer, National Shelter, said: “Soaring rents lead to overcrowding and force people into homelessness. The situation is particularly dire for pensioners whose rents often exceed their fortnightly pension payments.” “Not only is housing a human right, but a lack of secure and affordable housing can have flow-on effects for the community and economy. We need more affordable housing close to job opportunities, schools, hospitals and other infrastructure critical to healthy to healthy communities.

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

Everyone needs a home: Anglicare Australia launches *The Meaning of Home*

Anglicare Australia called on the government to reclaim responsibility for providing a home to all of its citizens, releasing the 2017 State of the Family Report, *The Meaning of Home*. “Home should be a space we can make our own. It’s our place to belong. Everyone needs – and should have – a home” said Anglicare Australia Executive Director Kasy Chambers.

“This report explores the experiences of people who use Anglicare services. Their stories show that home is about more than having a roof over their heads – it’s a bout community, belonging and security. Home is the basis on which we all build our lives,” Ms Chambers said.

To read the full article click [here](#). To read Anglicare Australia’s *The Meaning of Home* report click [here](#)

SDA in 2017: What we have learned & what you need to know

As published on the Disability Services Consulting website

Disability Services Consulting are conducting a webinar titled *SDA in 2017: What we have learned & what you need to know* on **Thursday 14th December 2017 from 2.00pm (AEDT)**.

Topics include update on overall progress within SDA market place, state-by-state update on requirements emerging, update on emerging design trends, predictions for 2018 and Q&A.

To book your place at the cost of \$55 per person click [here](#)

CHCSA Calendar of Events

Friday 8th December 2017

NRSCH Workshop

CHCSA Members

Friday 15th December 2017

CHCSA Office closes for 2017

Monday 8th January 2018

CHCSA Re-opens for 2018

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[Consumer & Business Services](#)

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Tribunal](#)

[Tenants Information and Advisory Service](#)

[Community Centres SA](#)

[SA Legislation](#)

[ATO Benchmark Market Rent Rates](#)

[STARservice](#)

[Volunteering SA](#)

[Renewal SA](#)

[Data SA](#)

[Housing Co-operative Resources Guide](#)

[Australasian Housing Institute](#)

[Affordable Homes for Purchase](#)

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