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Evaluation of the Better Places Stronger Communities Program

The SA Government established the Better Places Stronger Communities Program to manage the first tranche of transfers of public housing dwellings to the community housing sector in 2015. The first phase occurred across two sites in the metropolitan area.

Housing SA commissioned the Social Policy Research Centre and City Futures Research Centre, both at UNSW Sydney to conduct a longitudinal evaluation of the BPSC Program. The purpose of the evaluation is to support Housing SA to assess the extent to which the BPSC Program objectives are met.

To read the full evaluation report click [here](#)

Major milestones for 1000 homes in 1000 days public housing project

As published on the Renewal SA website

The state government is well on-track to meet the project deadline, with 227 homes already completed and a further 300 currently under construction.

The \$208 million 1000 homes in 1000 days program to build new public housing supported about 400 jobs in 2016 and is supporting approximately 500 jobs a year in 2017 and 2018.

The program's homes are being built by Renewal SA as part of the wider Renewing Our Streets and Suburbs (ROSAS) initiative, which includes the renewal of 4500 South Australian Housing Trust (SAHT) properties within 10 kilometres of the Adelaide CBD.

ROSAS is expected to generate more than \$1.2 billion of private and government investment in new housing and related construction projects, supporting an estimated 1600 jobs each year over the five years of the project.

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

One in 84 Australians accessing homelessness services

As published in a Media Release on the AIHW website

More Australians are accessing homelessness services, according to a report released by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW).

The report, *Specialist homelessness services 2016-17*, shows that in 2016-17, over 288,000 clients were assisted by specialist homelessness services agencies, a 3% rise in the past year. This equates to about 119 clients per 10,000 people in Australia, up from 117 a year earlier.

The common group of returning clients included those with mental health conditions (61%), people exiting custody (64%), and those with problematic drug and/or alcohol use (69%). AIHW Spokesperson, Matthew James said “This suggests that many clients have complex issues, requiring long-term assistance.”

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

To read the *Specialist homelessness services 2016-17* report click [here](#)

Progress on housing policy made at National Housing Conference

As published on the AHURI website

The 2017 National Housing Conference was attended by more than 1100 delegates – researchers, politicians, developers, funders, not-for-profits and policymakers – all sharing ideas and progressing Australia’s housing system forward.

The Conference critically assessed the opportunities and concerns for Australia as the nation faces interconnected crises around housing affordability, urban planning and homelessness.

The comprehensive program brought together leading researchers, practitioners and policymakers for a cross-sector conversation, and supported Australia’s ‘full spectrum’ housing policy debate; from homelessness, through social and affordable housing, responses to the housing market, land supply, land use planning and city deals, as well as Indigenous housing and domestic and family violence.

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

To access the complete list of presentation slides and videos from the NHC click [here](#)

NRSCH releases new operational policies

The National Regulatory System for Community Housing (NRSCH) has recently released new operational policies which are available on the NRSCH website.

These policies include Regulatory Engagement Policy, Information Access and Sharing Policy, Investigation Policy and Assessment Policy.

To access these policies click [here](#)

Tenants Information and Advisory Service

The Tenants Information and Advisory Service (TIAS) is a state-wide service which provides free and independent information, advice and advocacy to help people on low incomes to sustain their tenancies in private rental, community housing and public housing.

TIAS are now available at SACAT every Monday and Thursday to offer advice and assistance to people attending hearings. TIAS can provide:

- Education, information and advice on tenant rights and responsibilities
- Representation at and assistance with SACAT hearings
- Assistance to access internal avenues of appeal with relevant housing providers
- Referrals to and information on financial counselling and other services

For a list of Frequently Asked Questions regarding how TIAS can assist tenants click [here](#)

Summer Housing: Designing for Inclusion and Independence

As published on the Summer Housing website

Summer Housing has recently released its first publication *Designing for Inclusion and Independence – An Explanatory Guide to support the Briefing and Design of Accessible Housing*.

This publication aims to support stakeholders in the briefing, design and specification of high quality accessible housing. The guide is made up of six parts which can be downloaded [here](#)

Prepare your Bushfire Survival Plan

With the summer weather well and truly here, the CFS recommends South Australian residents ensure their Bushfire Survival Plans are in place. A Bushfire Survival Plan outlines:

- What needs to be done to help safeguard property
- What actions each family member will take on fire risk days if a fire threatens

For more information on creating a Bushfire Survival Plan click [here](#)

Only 2 weeks remain for Charities to submit their Annual Information Statements to the ACNC

Over half of Australia’s registered charities are required to submit their 2017 Annual Information Statement by 31st January 2018. More than two-thirds of charities have already filed their reports, demonstrating their commitment to transparency and accountability.

For more information on lodging your AIS click [here](#)

CHCSA Calendar of Events

Thursday 18th January 2018

Communities of Practice (Tenant Engagement)

Wednesday 24th January 2018

Communities of Practice (Compliance & Systems)

Friday 2nd February 2018

CHP Forum

Wednesday 14th February 2018

Central Forum

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](#)

[Housing Co-operative Resources Guide](#)

[Australasian Housing Institute](#)

[Affordable Homes for Purchase](#)

[Homestart Finance](#)

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