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## Budget's housing affordability measures welcomed

*As published in a CHIA Media Release on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017*

The Federal Government's package of housing measures, announced by Treasurer Morrison in the 2017 Federal Budget, provides a solid base for long-term reform that will lead to improved housing affordability over the next decade, according to Community Housing Industry Association (CHIA). CHIA CEO Peta Winzar described the package as 'a balanced set of measures'.

'Setting up a financial intermediary to raise funds from institutional investors was one of the key measures on CHIA's wish list for this Budget. 'The \$1 billion the Government has set aside for the National Housing Infrastructure facility to boost housing supply is an excellent start,' Ms Winzar says.

CHIA also welcomed the new National Housing and Homelessness Agreement, which will tie Commonwealth funding more closely to improvements in homelessness and housing affordability. The government's fact sheet on the new agreement can be found [here](#)

'This change is long overdue and will bring much needed certainty to homelessness services,' Ms Winzar said. To read the full Media Release click [here](#)

## Reducing pressure on housing affordability

*As published in a Joint Media Statement from the Hon Scott Morrison MP & the Hon Michael Sukkar MP*

Housing affordability is a major issue affecting many Australians and there is no silver bullet. To support Australian households, the Government has a comprehensive plan that will improve outcomes across the housing spectrum – from the homeless and those who depend on social housing, to first home buyers and older Australians looking to downsize.

The Government will boost the supply of housing by working with state and territory governments to set housing supply targets and facilitate planning and zoning reform. To read the full media release click [here](#)

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## Anglicare SA’s Rental Affordability Snapshot

***As published on the Anglicare SA website***

If you’re a single person on income support and looking for a private rental across Adelaide’s metropolitan area, there’s almost no chance you’ll be able to find a house according to the findings of Anglicare’s latest *Rental Affordability Snapshot (RAS)*.

The results of the survey highlighted that of the 3,661 private rentals advertised on the day the snapshot was taken, only 62 or 1.7% were affordable and appropriate for a single person on income support. Only 1,536 or 42% were affordable and appropriate for households on the minimum wage.

This year’s survey was taken on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017, to read the full article click [here](#) or to download the 2017 Anglicare SA Snapshot for the Adelaide region click [here](#)

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## AHI Professional Excellence in Housing Awards

***As published on the Australasian Housing Institute’s website***

Celebrate the achievements of the social housing sector with special guests the Hon Zoe Bettison MP, Minister for Social Housing, Michael Lennon, Chair of the CHIA and Phil Fagan-Schmidt, Executive Director of Housing SA. The MC for the event is Dr Tony Gilmour of Housing Action Network.

This year the AHI was overwhelmed to receive 143 nominations from all over Australia and New Zealand. Entries from South Australia included teams and projects from organisations such as AC Care, Anglicare SA, Housing SA, Junction Australia, Northern Suburbs Housing Community, Unity Housing and Westside Housing Association.

Now it’s time to announce the winners! This event will be held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 at the Hotel Tivoli, 265 Pirie Street, Adelaide from 6.30pm – 8.30pm. To register your attendance click [here](#)

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## Funding housing: NDIS payments back new accommodation for disabled youth

***As published on the Financial Review website on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017***

National Insurance Scheme Disability funding has been used for the first time to develop housing that has moved young people with disabilities out of aged care homes.

Non-profit foundation Summer Housing purchased 10 apartments in a 110-unit building completed by developer BaseBuild in Newcastle’s Belmont last year and modified them during construction for clients with disabilities. Specialist Disability Accommodation payments top up the rent that qualifying NDIS recipients pay and give accommodation owners a secure and commercial income stream.

Having the right accommodation for disabled people free up necessary aged care places and makes a big difference to the individuals. To read the full story click [here](#)

## Support CHCSA members in Fund My Community grant projects



### Common Ground Garden Enterprise

Restoring people to a stable place in the community is as important for the community as it is for those experiencing marginalisation. The 'CGA Garden Enterprise' places participants directly into paid employment which is both supportive and flexible, alleviating poverty and promoting equality, reduced isolation, social cohesion and hope for a successful future. Fund My Community is an initiative that gives YOU \$1 million to decide on a range of worthy community projects to support in SA.

If successful, CGA will utilise funding to purchase tools, equipment, vehicle and on the job training facilitated by landscape gardener luminary, Steven Hoepfner. With the right equipment and support, Common Ground's planned portfolio expansion provides significant opportunities for tenants to gain paid landscaping work. To read more about CGA's Fund My Community Project or to vote for this project click [here](#).

### Unity Housing 'Cut It Out' Social Enterprise

Unity Housing seeks to establish a social enterprise that is based on the production of woodwork items produced by tenants. These items will be made available for sale through a web-based sales platform in order to supplement our tenant's incomes. Those who are seeking employment and are work ready will receive mentoring support to assist them through the process.



This program is all about stabilizing people's lives who are doing it tough. Unity connects with our tenants in many ways and this program will assist them to grow with skills and confidence so that they can more fully participate in their local community. To read more about Unity's Fund My Community Project or to vote for this project click [here](#)

## National Disability Insurance Scheme Expos are coming to SA

The NDIS is a new way of delivering services and support for people with permanent and significant disability in Australia.

It will mean 32,000 South Australians will get the support they choose to live the life they want to live. It will also mean up to 6,000 new jobs will be created across the state to support people with disability.

These expos will be held in 3 different locations across South Australia as follows:

- Barossa, Light & Lower North – Gawler Sport & Community Centre on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2016 – to register for this expo click [here](#)
- North – Mawson Lakes Hotel on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017 – to register for this expo click [here](#)
- North East – Sfera's Park Convention Centre, Modbury on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 – to register for this expo click [here](#)

## CHCSA Calendar of Events

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017

**Child Safe Environments Training Workshop**

(Housing Companies/Housing Associations)

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017

**Tenant Engagement in Community Housing**

(Housing Companies/Housing Associations)

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017

**Recognising & Responding to Domestic Violence**

(Housing Companies/Housing Associations)

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017

**Good Governance Training Workshop**

(Volunteer Member-Tenant Managed Organisation)

## 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](#)

[Data SA](#)

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