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SA State Budget 2017-2018: Helping those in need

On Thursday 22nd June 2017, South Australian Treasurer, the Hon Tom Koutsantonis, MP delivered his 5th state budget.

The Budget Overview

Caring for the vulnerable is among the toughest but most rewarding aspects of public service. All South Australians should respect the thousands of workers who devote years of dedicated service to those in need. Finding the right balance between families having freedom to live as they choose and the government intervening to protect those at risk is never simple. This budget continues the campaign for continuous improvement providing the best models of care for the young and the old, the disabled and the disadvantaged.

The Minister for Social Housing, the Hon Zoe Bettison MP was quoted as saying "The government is ensuring nobody is left behind by providing vulnerable South Australians with low cost housing, concessions and targeted social programs." To read the full Budget Overview click [here](#)

Social Housing Highlights & Targets

The Budget report included the following highlights of 2016-2017:

- Implemented the online tool PR Connect, which allows customers to apply for private rental assistance via the internet
- Renewed the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness for a further 12 months

Targets for the 2017-2018 financial year includes:

- Work with other jurisdictions on the implementation of a new long-term national funding agreement on housing and homelessness
- Negotiate a new national funding agreement for remote housing

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

Adelaide boarding houses audit leads Shelter SA to demand standards regulation

As published on the ABC website

A boarding houses audit in Adelaide has prompted housing advocacy group Shelter SA to demand greater South Australian Government regulation of the sector.

Shelter SA chief executive Alice Clark said the survey, the first in 14 years, made some disturbing finds. “Electrical wires hanging out of walls, roofs leaking, rooms with no windows in them, no heating and cooling,” she said. Dr Clark said there was also violence between residents at times and a lack of orderly supervision.

The advocacy group and social housing Minister Zoe Bettison MP agreed boarding houses had a crucial role in sheltering some of society’s most vulnerable people. Ms Bettison said there were some government-supported, community-run houses but most accommodation was in the private sector. To read the full article click [here](#)

Changes to residential tenancies legislation

As published on the Consumer & Business Services website on 23rd June 2017

Commencing on the 3rd July 2017, these changes aim to clarify or provide solutions to several administrative issues that have been raised by industry. It is important that all parties to a residential tenancy understand their rights and obligations. These changes include the following:

- Right to entry – section 72
- Termination by tenant if residential premises for sale – section 85A
- Abandoned property – other than personal documents – section 97B
- New Form 2

For full details of these changes click [here](#) For a copy of the new Form 2 click [here](#)

Australian Bureau of Statistics releases 2016 Census data

As published on the ABS website

The Australian Bureau of Statistics has released the results of the 2016 Census!

The number of people living in all states and territories has increased since the 2011 Census. The ACT, Victoria and Western Australia experienced the fastest growth between 2011 and 2016 with each increasing by 11%. In 2016, more than two-thirds of Australians lived in a capital city. Between Censuses, the number of people living in capital cities grew nearly twice as fast as the number living outside capital cities (10.5% & 5.7% respectively).

The Infographic shows that 28.5% of South Australians live in rental accommodation which is up from 27.9% from the 2011 Census. The average household in SA consists of 2.4 people with 64.2% of those in the 15-64 year age bracket. To view the SA infographic click [here](#) For a full report on the 2016 Census click [here](#)

SACAT fee increases take effect from 1st July

As published on the SACAT website

The South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal has published new fees for services that will take effect from 1st July 2017. These increases include the following:

- Application fee - \$71.50 (up from \$70)
- Review of a SACAT decision - \$520 (up from \$509)

For more information on these and other increases click [here](#)

Changes to employment screening to better protect SA’s vulnerable

As published in a Media Release from the Hon Zoe Bettison, MP

Changes to the State Government’s employment screening processes will be introduced on 1 July to better protect children and other vulnerable South Australians.

The new monitoring system for screening clearances will better protect children and other vulnerable South Australians. To read the full Media Release click [here](#)

AHI Asset Management Professional Practice Seminar

As published on the Australasian Housing Institute’s website

The AHI Asset Management Professional Practice Seminar provides senior housing professionals with an interest in asset management the opportunity to exchange ideas and innovative practice methods to manage housing portfolios for sustainable stakeholder outcomes. Seminar themes include:

- New asset management strategies and programs, system enhancements
- Challenges and benefits of divesting asset management to Community sector
- Long term maintenance planning with short term leases

This Seminar will be held at Rydges Sydney Central, 28 Albion Street, Surry Hills on Thursday 10th August 2017. For more information or to book your place at this seminar click [here](#)

AHURI conference explored new model for cities growth

As published on the AHURI website on 30th June 2017

The AHURI conference *Affordability and liveability in our cities*, held in Melbourne on 29 June, attracted an audience of over 130 people from all tiers of government, private industry and housing providers keen to build an understanding of the interplay between city policies, housing and the economy. To read the full report on this conference click [here](#)

CHCSA Calendar of Events

Friday 7th July 2017

CHP Forum

Wednesday 12th July 2017

CBS Training in Community Housing

Thursday 13th July 2017

* Hoarding & Living in Squalor Workshop

Tuesday 18th July 2017

Introduction to Community Housing Workshop

Wednesday 19th July 2017

* G-Force Maintenance Training Workshop

Friday 21st July 2017

Effective Conciliation at SACAT Workshop

*Tier 3 Housing Co-operatives

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](#)

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[Co-operative Resources Guide](#)

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