



Shelter WA Update

April 2011

The State of Affordable Housing 2011 Shelter WA Report

In March 2011, Shelter WA released its latest version of the State of Affordable Housing in WA report

Shelter WA's 2011 report on the State of Affordable Housing describes the extent of the housing crisis in WA and the impact that the lack of affordable housing is having on our society. It also explains what is being done to address the housing problem, and what remains to be done. The full report is available on the Shelter WA website. To download the report, click [here](#).

Shelter WA has been invited to the launch of the WA Government *Affordable Housing Strategy 2010-2020: Opening Doors to Affordable Housing* on 11 May. Shelter will be reporting on and responding to this important strategy in forthcoming publications.

Documentary: *We are all just two steps from homelessness*

[Link to We Are All Just Two Steps From Homelessness documentary](#)

Each person has a different story behind their homeless experience and this documentary will challenge community perceptions about who is homeless. The participants featured are now back on their feet. They have practical messages of hope and support for people currently experiencing homelessness.

They also make suggestions about how to end homelessness.

The DVD is accompanied by a booklet which can be downloaded [here](#)

For inquiries regarding screening opportunities or feedback please email: 2steps2homelessness@gmail.com

"I just watched the Two Steps film and am blown away at how it manages to highlight how dire homelessness is, without burrowing into hopelessness. The people it features are amazing, and the style really works to let their stories speak for themselves." Kate Cowmeadow, Deputy Executive Officer, Queensland Shelter

Homelessness Survey from Homelessness Australia

[Homelessness Australia](#) (HA) is currently compiling a policy paper on issues related to the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) proposed changes in the method of enumerating people experiencing homelessness identified through the Census of Population and Housing in Australia conducted 5 yearly.

As a means of trying to improve the accuracy of data and a cross reference to the ABS Census evidence base HA has developed a short survey which will give an indication of sector views on the level of homelessness in Australia, whether service providers feel that the number of people seeking assistance from their service has increased, decreased or remained the same in recent years and whether or not their practice experience tells them that homelessness is increasing, decreasing or has remained about the same. HA is also seeking additional examples of people who are potentially not picked up by Census collectors but who would meet the definition of homelessness. Young People experiencing secondary homelessness (staying with friends and relatives or couch surfing) and Aboriginal People are the two cohort groups potentially at risk of significant undercounting with the changes in enumeration proposed.

You can help by completing a short survey. Contact Homelessness Australia's Policy and Research Officer Travis Gilbert on Phone: (02) 6247 7744 Fax (02) 6247 1586 or email: policy@homelessnessaustralia.org.au

Read the Homelessness Australia *Methodological Review of Counting the Homeless* Briefing Paper [here](#):



Shelter WA Submissions and Projects

Shelter WA is currently involved in the following submissions. If you have any issues or concerns that you would like us to consider when preparing our submissions contact Shae at research@shelterwa.org.au or phone 9325 6660.

ABS Discussion Paper: Methodological Review of Counting the Homeless, 2006 (First Issue)

Shelter WA is working with Homelessness Australia and other key stakeholders to respond to the Australian Bureau of Statistics Discussion Paper *Methodological Review of Counting the Homeless*.

A copy of the ABS discussion paper is available [here](#).

ABS is conducting consultation workshops in each capital city over April and May. The Perth workshop will be held on Friday 6th May. To register your interest to attend one of the consultation sessions, email your details and the city at which you would like to attend to living.conditions@abs.gov.au. You will be emailed with confirmation of the venue and the time of discussion forum.

Written comments on the review can also be provided. Comments received up until 30 June 2011 will be taken into account in ABS final methodological decisions, which will be published by end July 2011.

National Quality Framework for Homelessness (FaHCSIA)

The Commonwealth, States and Territories are working together to progress the development of a National Quality Framework for Homeless Services to achieve better outcomes for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness by improving the quality and integration of services they receive. Stage one consultations focused on what quality service provision is, the mechanisms to support that quality and how to involve mainstream and allied services in a Homelessness National Quality Framework. These consultations were undertaken in February, March and April of 2010 and guided the development of an [Options Paper](#) that identifies four possible models of a Homelessness National Quality Framework.

Stage 2 consultations on a National Quality Framework for homelessness commence on 17th February across Australia. Public workshops were held in Bunbury on 24 March and Perth on the 25 March. Shelter WA's Executive Officer was one of the few in the room who had participated in both workshops exploring this issue from the beginning.

Further information on NQF and the NQF Options Paper are available on the FaHCSIA website here: <http://www.fahcsia.gov.au>

Written submissions are being accepted and an on-line survey is open until May 13, 2011.

Protecting the rights of boarders and lodgers

The Boarders and Lodgers Working Group, convened by the Tenants Advice Service and Shelter WA, met on 15 March. One of the outcomes of that meeting was to create a questionnaire, and compile the responses into a report to be distributed among relevant stakeholders. The purpose of the questionnaire is to get an accurate view of the issues and perspectives of organisations working with boarders and lodgers. Responses to the questionnaire will be compiled for the next meeting of the Boarders and Lodgers Working Group, and will be used to inform the future direction of the Group. Responses must be received by 19 May 2011.

[Click here](#) to complete the survey on line or contact Shae Garwood at research@shelterwa.org.au to receive a copy of the questionnaire via e-mail.

Shelter WA to Present to the Victorian Parliamentary Inquiry on Melbourne's Outer Metropolitan Growth

In February 2011, the Parliament of Victoria requested the Outer Suburban/Interface Services & Development Committee, a Joint Investigatory Committee of the Parliament of Victoria to inquire into 'Liveability in Outer Suburban Melbourne'.

The Committee will hold public hearings in Perth at Parliament House on 18 May 2011 and have requested Shelter WA to inform their work and discuss liveability issues for rapidly growing cities, including housing affordability, the impacts of population growth (in particular on health/medical services) and best practice in urban renewal in outer suburban areas.

The MPs on the Committee all represent rapidly growing outer suburban areas of Melbourne and are keen to learn from the initiatives, programs and experiences of metropolitan Perth. They will also be visiting key locations in the outer suburbs.

Shelter WA's Research Officer Dr Shae Garwood will be speaking to the Committee, drawing on Shelter WA's State of Affordable Housing Report and our submission to the WA Standing Committee Inquiry into Social Housing in February 2011.

Renting in WA?

What are the issues? What is your experience?

We want to hear from you.

Are you on a low or moderate income?

Are you doing without other things so that you can pay your rent?

Is it hard to find an affordable rental property?

Can't afford another rent increase?

Shelter WA

Free

Public Forum

This is an opportunity to have your say!

North Metro Forum

Tuesday, 10 May 2011, 6.30 – 8.30pm

Herb Graham Recreation Centre, Function Room, 27 Chesterfield Rd, Mirrabooka

South Metro Forum

Wednesday, 25 May 2011, 6.30 -8.30pm

Queens Park Recreation Centre, Meeting Room, Centre St, Queens Park

RSVP or just attend on the night

For more information contact Shelter WA: phone 9325 6660 or email cdpo@shelterwa.org.au



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Grants and Funding Opportunities

City of Melville - Applications now open for Community Partnership Funding of up to \$10,000

The City of Melville is inviting established and emerging not-for-profit organisations and groups based in the City of Melville, or that provide services within this community, to apply for funding for innovative community projects.

The Community Partnership Funding is offering up to \$10,000 for programs, events, and activities that demonstrate clear benefits for the City of Melville community. The aim is to connect and celebrate our community.

There are three levels of funding available:

- Level One is up to \$10,000 and is an annual funding round.
- Levels Two and Three are up to \$5,000 and are available throughout the year.
- Youth Development Funding up to \$500 for individuals between 12 and 25 years old available throughout the year.

Applications close at 4.00pm on Tuesday, 31 May 2011.

Guidelines and applications forms are available from the City of Melville Civic Centre, 10 Almondbury Road, Booragoon or by visiting our website www.melvillecity.com.au/grants

For more information or to apply, visit www.melvillecity.com.au/grants or call 1300 635 845.

Funding - Regional Development - Closes 13 May 2011

The Regional Development Australia Fund is a \$1 billion, five-year program that will boost economic and community development and is part of a \$1.4 billion commitment to regional Australia.

The allocation of funding will be competitive, merit-based and only applications that have been endorsed by the local Regional Development Australia (RDA) committees and fit with RDA regional plans will be considered. Key features of projects that are being sought under this program include:

- delivery of concrete economic and social benefits
- commitment to innovation and building capacity in local communities
- linking regional communities across traditional boundaries
- ability to leverage additional funding across government and the private sector.

Examples of projects that could be funded include regional economic infrastructure projects and community infrastructure such as sporting facilities or childcare centres. Further information about the program can be found [here](#)

\$10,000 up for Grabs for Men's Sheds

Men's Sheds and community-based organisations across the country can again apply for up to \$10,000 each through the second round of the Australian Government's Shed Development Program.

The Minister for Indigenous Health, Warren Snowdon, who is also responsible for male health, said the funding round would give community groups an opportunity to establish new sheds or improve existing sheds. "Community groups can use the funding to purchase work equipment, improve disability access, obtain shed insurance or connect to utilities."

The Gillard Government is providing \$750,000 over three years through the Australian Men's Shed Association to provide financial assistance to eligible men's sheds across the country.

Mr Snowdon said the social support and camaraderie found in Men's Sheds could significantly relieve the isolation and loneliness many Australian men experience. "Men often form friendships as they work together, doing things that are traditionally done in sheds, like building furniture, fixing machinery and working on small projects to help other local community groups," Mr Snowdon said.

The first funding round of the Shed Development Program was announced last month assisted 20 Men's Sheds and recognised their valuable contribution to improving men's health and wellbeing. The program prioritises funding regions which do not have sheds; have high unemployment; or are establishing sheds for identified priority groups of males.

The funding to support men's sheds is part of the \$16.7 million committed by the Australian Government to improve male health under the National Male Health Policy. The policy provides a framework for improving the health of all males and achieving equal health outcomes, particularly for groups of males at risk of poor health.

The Shed Development Program Guidelines and application form are at www.mensshed.org. For more information, contact Mr Snowdon's office (02) 6277 7820 or [here](#)



Multicultural Community Grants Program

The Office of Multicultural Interests' (OMI) vision is an inclusive and cohesive society drawing on the cultural and linguistic diversity of its people to enhance the social and economic development of the State. The Community Grants Program (CGP) objectives support the OMI strategic plan by encouraging participation, equity and promotion of all Western Australians in projects and events that remove barriers and enhance cross-cultural engagement.

Applications can be submitted at anytime however, applications received after the closing date for each round will only be considered by the grants assessment panel in the next funding round:

Closing round dates

4pm Thursday 19 May 2011

4pm Thursday 18 August 2011

4pm Thursday 10 November 2011

Applications may be posted to the Office of Multicultural Interests, 2nd Floor, Dumas House, 2 Havelock Street, West Perth, or hand-delivered to Dumas House, Ground Floor Reception.

The onus is on community organisations to ensure that applications are received by OMI no later than 4:00pm on the closing date. Applications received or postmarked after the closing date for each funding round will not be considered in that round. Please note: Emailed or facsimile applications are not accepted.

If you need help with your application, please contact the Grants Officer at OMI on 9217 1619 or by email on nilda.eisen@omi.wa.gov.au. Application Forms and Guidelines on how to prepare your application are available [here](#).

2011-2012 Funding Round Open for Youth Development and Support Program

The Youth Development and Support Program funds not-for-profit organisations delivering youth-led community-based projects. This year the focus is on 'Youth Arts and Creative Enterprises'. Stream 1 offers grants of up to \$40,000 and is targeted at community-based organisations, and stream 2 provides grants of up to \$70,000 and is open to national youth organisations. Applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations are strongly encouraged.

Organisations have up until **Friday 27 May 2011 (5pm AEST)** to apply for funding.

Information about the grants process, including program guidelines and application form, are available at www.youth.wa.gov.au

Discussion Papers, Submissions, Issues Papers and Surveys

National Quality Framework on Homelessness Survey

As described above, consultation workshops seeking feedback on a National Quality Framework on Homelessness are currently underway across Australia. For service providers who are unable to attend these workshops there is also an online survey available on the FaHCSIA website. The direct link to the survey is: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LCF27DC>

For further information on how to participate in the consultations, visit the FaHCSIA website www.fahcsia.gov.au/.

If you need any further information call 1800 300 125 or email homelessness.quality@fahcsia.gov.au

Working Life and Mental Illness – SANE Survey

For people living with a mental illness, finding and keeping a job can be a major challenge. It can also be an issue for family and other carers who need workplace flexibility and support from time to time.

SANE Australia is interested in understanding the experiences of people with mental illness, and carers, who are in work: the challenges, the support you have found helpful, and the support you would like to see, to help maintain employment.

Please take the time to complete this short survey and help SANE better understand this issue, so that they can campaign for improved workplace education, training and support services.

Please only proceed to complete this survey if you are currently in employment. This may be full-time or part time, paid or unpaid. [Click here to go to survey](#)

Youth of Australia wanted for national survey – Mission Australia

Mission Australia is calling on young people to have their say in their 2011 National Survey of Young Australians – the nation's largest annual report on the views, concerns and values of young people between the ages of 11-24.

Mission Australia's 2011 National Survey of Young Australians can be completed online at www.mayouthsurvey.com.au. The survey closes on **Friday 1 July** with the results to be published later in the year.



Research, Resources, Reports and Publications

Anglicare WA's Snapshot of Affordable Rental Crisis in WA April 2011

Research released by Anglicare WA has provided a snapshot of the lack of available affordable private rental housing in Western Australia.

Anglicare WA reviewed all the private rental accommodation advertised across the State on Saturday 9 April 2011 and found that less than half a percent of the rental properties advertised were affordable for people living on low incomes.

[Click here](#) to read more

WACOSS Media Release: WACOSS Calls for Balanced Response to Public Tenancies 5th April

WACOSS cautions against the State's Government's sudden policy change in response to what is described as 'anti-social behaviour' by public housing tenants. "Violence and aggression are not acceptable in any home – be it public housing or otherwise," said WACOSS CEO, Ms Irina Cattalini. [click here](#) to read the full media release.

WACOSS Factsheet: The Death of the Western Australian SACS Award, 27th March

Are you still in the Western Australian state Industrial Relations system? Are you in the social and community sector? Do you benchmark against the Social and Community Services (Western Australia) Award? Things have changed from 27 March 2011 [click here](#) for more information

AVERT Family Violence. Online Classroom and Resource Centre

The new avert family violence online classroom and resource centre, focuses on collaborative responses in the Family Law system. There are training packages for different topics, or according to your profession. There is also an online classroom which would be useful for inducting new staff members into the complexities of family law / family violence.

To visit the website: <http://www.avertfamilyviolence.com.au/>

New National Child Protection Clearinghouse Resource Sheet

This document provides contact details and links to a number of helplines and telephone counselling services for children, young people, and parents. Services are grouped according to the area and state in which they operate. The Resource Sheet also, provides information about other relevant organisations providing services for specific groups or addressing particular problems or issues. [to resource sheet](#)

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) Reports

www.aihw.gov.au

[Health and the environment: a compilation of evidence](#)

[Juvenile justice in Australia 2008-09](#)

WA Parliament publications, reports etc.

[Alcohol Restrictions in the Kimberley: A 'Window of Opportunity' for Improved Health, Education, Housing and Employment](#)

[A Petition on Consumer Utility Hardship in Western Australia](#)

The National Drug Strategy 2010-2015: A framework for action on alcohol, tobacco and other drugs

The aim of the National Drug Strategy 2010-2015 is to build safe and healthy communities by minimising alcohol, tobacco and other drug-related health, social and economic harms among individuals, families and communities.

A copy of The National Drug Strategy 2010-2015 (PDF 188 KB) is available [here](#)

If you are unable to download the PDF document, please e-mail nationaldrugstrategy@health.gov.au .

Headspace launches new website

Headspace provides mental and health wellbeing support, information and services to young people aged 12 to 25 years and their families. Headspace has revamped their website making it quicker and easier to find information, with new interactive sections including comments, questions and tips.

To find your local headspace centre and for information, support and advice visit www.headspace.org.au

Updated Young People and Alcohol booklet now available

The Drug and Alcohol Office and the Department for Communities' Office for Youth have updated the *Young People and Alcohol: helpful information for parents and carers* booklet to reflect current research about alcohol-related harm and young people. The booklet contains useful information on alcohol and the laws in WA, the harms alcohol can cause, what parents can do and talking with young people about drinking.

Free copies of the booklet can be obtained from the Office for Youth by phoning 6217 8700.

Alternatively, you can access the booklet online at the following websites:

www.communities.wa.gov.au www.dao.health.wa.gov.au www.alcoholthinkagain.com.au www.leaverswa.com.au

Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS)

www.abs.gov.au

[Australian Economic Indicators, May 2011](#)

[Housing Finance, Australia, Feb 2011](#)

[Lending Finance, Australia, Feb 2011](#)

[Speaking an Indigenous language linked to youth wellbeing \(Media Release\), Apr 2011 \(First Issue\)](#)

[Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Wellbeing: A focus on children and youth, Apr 2011 \(First Issue\)](#)

[Census Media Release: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collectors - will you be one \(Media Release\), 2011](#)

[Production of Selected Construction Materials, Mar 2011](#)

[Regional Population Growth, Australia \(Media Release\), 2009-10](#)

[Building Approvals, Australia \(Media Release\), Feb 2011](#)

[Western Australia at a Glance, 2011](#)

[Building Activity, Australia, Dec 2010](#)

[Construction Activity: Chain Volume Measures, Australia, Dec 2010](#)

[Census Media Release: Shedding some light on youth homelessness, 2011](#)

[2011 Census Media Release: Census urges youth to OWN IT, 2011](#)

[2011 Census Media Release: Census Collectors - will you be one](#)

[How Australia Takes a Census, 2011](#)

Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute (AHURI)

[Final Report: No. 166: The stigmatisation of social housing: findings from a panel investigation](#)

[Final Report: No. 165: The drivers of housing supply and demand in Australia's rural and regional centres](#)

[Final Report: No. 164: Housing, loneliness and health](#)

[Final Report: No. 163: Partnership working in the design and delivery of housing policy and programs](#)

[Final Report: No. 161: Stakeholder views of the regulation of affordable housing providers in Australia](#)

[Final Report, No. 160: Gentrification and displacement: the household impacts of neighbourhood change](#)

[Positioning Paper: No. 138: Bridging the divide: the experiences of low-income households excluded from the private rental sector in Australia](#)

[Positioning Paper: No. 137: Pathways and choice in a diversifying social housing system](#)

[Research and Policy Bulletin: Issue 138: Housing, inequality and the role of population mobility](#)

[Research and Policy Bulletin: Issue 137: Gentrification and displacement: the household impacts of neighbourhood change](#)

[Research and Policy Bulletin: Issue 136: Reverse mortgages and older people](#)

WA Government Housework: Department of Housing Autumn 2011 Update

[Click here for link to the Department of Housing Update](#)

[Understanding Miller](#) “Locational disadvantage” has an enormous impact in many Australian suburbs. But an experiment in Sydney’s 2168 postcode area is yielding results, writes Melissa Sweet in Inside Story

[Pensions at a glance 2011: retirement-income systems in OECD and G20 countries](#) Many countries have increased pension ages in the face of population ageing and longer lives. The theme of this fourth edition of Pensions at a Glance is pensions, retirement and life expectancy.

[2011 Strategic roadmap for Australian research infrastructure: discussion paper](#) The Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (DIISR) is developing a 2011 Strategic Roadmap for Australian Research Infrastructure (2011 Roadmap), which will articulate Australia’s national research infrastructure priority areas

[Families in regional, rural and remote Australia](#) This Facts Sheet describes how the characteristics of families differ between the "city" and the "country". While words such as these are used in everyday parlance, it is very difficult to identify exactly where the city ends and the country begins.

[Mass urbanisation: why do we flock together?](#) New technologies and new approaches to improve our cities.

[Improving the safety of homeless young people with mobile phones](#) By their pervasiveness and by being worn on our bodies, mobile phones seem to have become intrinsic to safety. To examine this proposition, 43 participants, from four stakeholder groups, were asked to consider how homeless young people could use mobile phones to keep safe.

[Why the bloody hell live there? First estimates of a Cultural Consumption Price Index by Australian region](#) There are cultural costs and benefits associated with where one chooses to live in Australia.

[Delivering policy reform: anchoring significant reforms in turbulent times](#) Predictable and unpredictable challenges continually confront the policy settings and policy frameworks of governments.

[Sustainability toolkit](#) What does the concept of sustainability mean? And why is it becoming more important in modern cities?

[Inclusive growth: the social policy imperative](#) Integrated models are the icons of a new welfare policy and practice in Australia, writes Paul Smyth

[How homeless men are faring: some initial outcomes from the Michael Project](#) This snapshot is part of a larger study working with homeless men in the Sydney region. It focuses specifically on how participants are faring after three months relative to their circumstances when they were initially engaged with the project.

[Social Science Library: frontier thinking in sustainable development and human well-being](#) The Social Science Library (SSL) presents a rich bibliography with abstracts of nearly 10,000 entries, including journal articles, book chapters, research reports, and working papers.

New guidelines on Disability Access to Premises Standards

Disability Discrimination Commissioner, Graeme Innes, has released a guideline that will help building professionals and others to better understand how the Premises Standards apply to new and upgraded public buildings. The Disability (Access to Premises – buildings) Standards 2010 (the Premises Standards) commence on 1 May 2011.

Their introduction will in many cases require the development of new skills, knowledge and approaches by those in the building industry including developers, designers, architects, builders, project managers, certifiers and building operators.

The *Guideline on the application of the Premises Standards* is available online at www.humanrights.gov.au/disability_rights/standards/PSguide.html

NATIONAL SORRY DAY 2011

TRUTH, JUSTICE & HEALING FOR STOLEN GENERATIONS

GUEST SPEAKER DAVID WIRRPANDA

Come along and join in this important event which commemorates the history of forcible removal of Aboriginal children and its effects on Aboriginal families and communities. It is also a time for all of us to commit to working together to ensure proper reconciliation in this country.

WHEN Thursday 26th May 2011
Storytellers and Activities for Schools 10.30-12
Music and Welcome Ceremony 12-1.30

WHERE Wellington Square, East Perth

WHAT Great music, interesting speakers and a free sausage sizzle

Organised by the Bringing Them Home Committee WA

To register your school's interest email;
mcdonnell.pam@ceo.wa.edu.au



Government of Western Australia
Department of Indigenous Affairs



Conferences, Events and Workshops 2011

Parents Day - 14 May 2011

The University of Western Australia, in conjunction with the WA Health Department, Centre for Clinical Interventions, are proud to support a one day professional development initiative for all WA parents. Parents Day 2011 will be held at the Esplanade Hotel in Fremantle.

This inaugural event coincides with National Families Week and United Nations International Day of Families. Parents Day promotes the development and enhancement of positive community with a firm emphasis on developing positive family ties.

Experts in parenting Dr Michael Carr Gregg and Steve Biddulph (author) will lead the day's presentations and workshops. Among the other presenters are eating-disorders expert Professor Sue Byrne, who will talk about the need to promote a positive body image. KidsMatter will discuss the importance of understanding community beyond the walls of schools and colleges. We believe that you will find this event extremely worthwhile.

Please www.parentsday.com.au for further details and ticket purchase.

Parents Day Contact - T: 08 9388 8843 / F: 08 9388 8848 E: info@positiveschools.com.au W: www.parentsday.com.au

Tenants Advice Service – Latest Course and Event Information

Housing Discrimination & Making A Complaint (May)

This two day course will provide participants with skills for assisting private and public housing tenants make complaints about discrimination. The course will look at the various global and domestic legal instruments to do this, including UN Covenants, Federal anti-discrimination law, the WA Equal Opportunity Act and other legal remedies, It also provides updates on two major Inquires into renting discrimination in WA. [View more course information here](#)

Tenancy Law for Community Workers (May)

This very popular two day foundation course will equip community workers with the knowledge and skills to accurately assist clients with tenancy issues. This course is open to those who have clients who have tenancy issues within the private rental market, public housing or community housing. A course registration form is provided on the flyer below. [View more course information here](#)

FREE BOOK FAIR Saturday 7 May 2011 - Ethnic Communities Council WA

The Ethnic Communities Council is holding a **free book fair on Saturday 7th May 2011, 10am – 4pm.**

All books and other items at the book fair will be free, although people will be asked to make a gold coin donation to enter the fair.

The aim is to provide books and other materials to people who need them including migrants, refugees, members of ethnic minority groups and indigenous people. The books being distributed include material on Australian history and society, to provide recent arrivals with materials that will help them to learn about life in Australia.

We are also giving away books about other nations and societies to give 'mainstream' Australians with the opportunity to learn about life in other countries in order to encourage empathy for migrants and refugees. Light refreshments will be provided to give participants the opportunity to mix with people from a variety of cultural backgrounds while enjoying healthy food and drink.

The event is sponsored by Australian Star Properties, Blue Group of Companies, Crystal Eyes Optometrists, Kmart, Mickel Smits Stamps & Coins, Piazza Continental Deli – Gosnells, Polytechnic West, Purslowe Funerals and the Town of Vincent.

Multicultural House, 20 View St, NORTH PERTH WA 6006

Entry by gold coin donation – All books, DVDs and CDs are free.

For more information call Ananda or Patrick on 9227 5322

WA Family Pathways Network 2011 Annual Conference

WA Family Pathways Network 2011 Annual Conference 11 and 12 May 2011 Perth

The conference will focus on mental health issues and families, especially those in the family law system context. This year in addition to including a number of expert key speakers, interactive workshops will be held during the conference on 11 May, followed by a second day of interactive workshops on 12 May 2011. The aim is to inform practice and to equip practitioners to more effectively deal with these issues in their work.

For more information regarding this process, please contact Dr Michelle Rowe, Network Development Officer, WA Family Pathways on (08) 9489 6345 or via michelle.rowe@wa.relationships.com.au

For the next 2 years the Mental Illness Fellowship of WA Inc (MIFWA) together with the Mental Illness Fellowship of Australia (MIFA) will be working towards a **nation-wide awareness campaign** centred on the *'physical health of people with mental illness'*.

This nation-wide campaign is a key initiative of our Schizophrenia Awareness Week (SAW). The campaign will be launched during Schizophrenia Awareness Week Monday 16th May to Sunday 22nd May 2011.

One of the highlights of SAW is the *State & National Panel Webinar Event* which is a web based seminar and discussion that is transmitted live on the internet. This *Webinar Event* is open to consumers and carers of people with mental illness, the general public, community members, academics, university students, those with a keen interest in the area of mental health, people with mental illness, their friends, and family members.

On Saturday 21 May 2011, in Sydney, consumers and carers, a panel of experts from academia, service providers, and our own Master of Ceremonies (MC) Julie McCrossin - journalist and broadcaster, will gather at 11 am and await the rest of Australia to join them.

This event will be followed by a *WA State Panel Discussion*, consisting of a panel of experts from the University of Western Australia and the Mental Health Commission who will continue the debate.

Event: State & National Panel Webinar Event

Topic: Unlocking the Door to Health and Wellbeing: Where do we find the key?

Where: Edith Cowan University, Mt Lawley Campus

Corner of Alexander Drive, Central Avenue & Bradford Street

2 Bradford Street MT Lawley

Lecture Theatre ML 10.131

When: Saturday 21 May 2011

Time: Registration 11 am

Cost: this event is FREE

RSVP by: Friday 13 May 2011

For bookings: Please contact MIFWA Central Office on 9228 0200 or communications@mifwa.org.au.

During SAW, MIFWA will be hosting many physical health activities which will be open to people with mental illness, their families and friends, MIFWA members, and MIFWA Staff. The other events planned for the week include:

- Walk around the Lake & Spirit of the Streets Choir, Sunday 15 May 2011
- Walk along the Beach front, Sunday 15 May 2011
- Lorikeet Centre Open Day, Wednesday 18 May 2011

For further information on these events please visit the Events Page of the MIFWA website at <http://www.mifa.org.au/events-1> or contact MIFWA Central Office on 9228 0200 or you can email communications@mifwa.org.au

National Men's Health Conference ATSI Male Health Convention and Men's Relationships Gathering September 2011

The 2011 National Men's Health Gathering provides a chance for delegates to participate in strengthening the advancement of male health in the Australasian region and beyond through effective strategic planning and knowledge management.

Shelter WA recognises emerging challenges for men in relation to housing security and has submitted an abstract for consideration and possible inclusion in the final Conference program.

Earlybird registrations close on 17 June 2011. Abstracts for presentations / workshops to be submitted by May 1, 2011

Conference Dates: 19 - 22 September, 2011. Pan Pacific Hotel, Perth, 207 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, WA 6000

For details: www.workingwithmen.org.au. **Organisations may sponsor this event with excellent opportunities to promote products and services and take advantage of an event that will have strong community interest and media coverage.**

The Gathering will incorporate:

- 9th National Men's Health Conference
- 6th National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Male Health Convention
- 5th National Men and Family Relationships Forum



COMMUNITY HOUSING IN BRITISH COLUMBIA - THE WAY FORWARD FOR WA?

Hosted by Southern Cross Housing Ltd and the Community Housing Coalition of WA, this all day event features two social housing experts from British Columbia.

Shayne Ramsay, CEO of BC Housing and Janice Abbott, CEO of Atira Women's Resource Society will provide an overview of their organisations, including implementation of many of the kinds of reforms contemplated by the WA Government, making it highly relevant to the WA sector.

When: 9.00am – 4.30pm, Tuesday 17th May 2011

Where: Seminar Rooms 1 & 2, Technology Park Function Centre, Brodie Hall Drive, Bentley WA

Free accessible parking

Register your attendance online by visiting: https://www.ors.net.au/CommunityHousingBC_TheWayForwardWA.html

Places are limited so register now to avoid disappointment

A Workshop on "WOMEN AND THE LAW"

30th June 2011, 10am-11.30am. Minter and Ellison Board Room, Level 49, Central Park 152-158 St George's Terrace, Perth

This hands-on workshop, based on the book *Women and the Law in Australia*, is being presented by ACT Australian of the Year 2010 and editor of the book, Patricia Easteal AM.

Professor Easteal will engage participants in looking at the unique issues women in Australia face in obtaining access to justice due to gender roles and inequality. Participants will read extracts from the chapters on Indigenous Women, Domestic Violence, and Women in Prison and discuss their own experiences.

This workshop is excellent for legal practitioners, community workers, policy makers and members of the general public interested in practical steps they can take to redress the often invisible biases that permeate the legal system.

CPD Points can be earned through this Workshop. If you would like to earn CPD points please choose the correct ticket type at the time of booking. Copies of *Women and the Law in Australia* will also be for sale at a discounted price on the day.

To purchase tickets go to: <http://www.trybooking.com/Booking/BookingEventSummary.aspx?eid=9259>

For more information contact: Emma at the Women's Law Centre: projects@wlcwa.org.au

Working with young people and the law

Tuesday 17 May & Wednesday 18 May - 9-00am to 4-00pm each day

This two day programme is for youth workers and professionals focusing on emerging youth justice issues. Places are limited so be sure to book early.

Costs: \$220 per head for NFP agencies, \$250 per head for government agencies. Includes light lunch, consumables and resource materials.

For bookings contact sharon@youthlegalserviceinc.com.au



National Disability and Carer [Congress](#) (Melbourne) 2-3 May

National Council of Women WA (NCWWA) Centenary [Exhibition](#) Free (Perth Town Hall) 2-8 May

AHURI [Free Housing Seminar](#) *Indigenous Housing: the latest evidence* (Darwin) 11 May

Housing Industry Association (HIA) [Summit](#) *Building Better Cities - Australia's Density Challenge* (Gold Coast) 12 May

Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) 2011 [Conference](#) (Melbourne) 12-13 May

Families [Week](#) (WA) 15-21 May

WACOSS InterActions Emergency Relief [Conference](#) (Perth) 17-18 May

National Indigenous Domestic Violence [Conference 2011](#) (Gold Coast) 17-19 May

Building partnerships between Government and Not-for-profits [Conference](#) *Fostering collaboration for improved service delivery* (Canberra) 19-20 May

3rd National Research Officers' [Forum](#) (Melbourne) 24-25 May

Reconciliation Week 27 May – 3 June. For more info visit [Reconciliation Australia](#).

Communities in Control [Conference](#) (Melbourne) 30-31 May

Australian Youth Affairs Coalition (AYAC) [Conference](#) *Interrupting Transmission: youth, change, policy, practice* (Sydney) 30 May – 1 June

Australasian Therapeutic Communities Association (ATCA) Annual [International Conference: Therapeutic Communities Today - No Closed Doors](#) (Fremantle) 30 May - 3 June.

Connecting Up [Conference](#) *Reboot Your Nonprofit* (Melbourne) 1-3 June

St Vinnie's [CEO Sleepout](#) (National) 16 June

Drug and Alcohol Nurses of Australia (DANA) [Conference](#) (Melbourne) 15-17 June

Australasian Housing Institute (AHI) 2nd Annual Leadership [Retreat](#) *New Perspectives* (Townsville, QLD) 20-23 June

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander [Housing & Community-Centred Planning](#) *Closing the Gap by building stronger communities* (Brisbane) 21-22 June

2nd Biennial National Homelessness [Summit](#) (Sydney) 23-24 June

6th Annual Housing [Congress](#), (Brisbane) 28-29 June

NAIDOC [Week](#) (National) 3-10 July

Australian Social Policy [Conference](#) *Social Policy in a Complex World* (Sydney) 6-8 July

Primary Health Care Research [Conference](#) (Brisbane) 13-15 July

The Household, Income and Labour Dynamics in Australia (HILDA) Survey 10th Anniversary Research [Conference](#) (Melbourne) 14-15 July

5th Annual Australian Women's Leadership [Symposium](#) (Perth) 20-21 July

WA Family Therapy Association [Symposium: Family Therapy in the Tapestry of Clinical Practice](#) (Bentley, Perth) 29 July

National Homeless Persons' [Week](#), *My Address: diversity in homelessness* 1-7 August

WA Rural and Remote Mental Health [Conference](#) (Newman, WA) 9-11 August

[Garma Festival](#) (Gulkula, NT) 5-8 August. Info is also available at www.yyf.com.au. Deadline for bookings 22 July.

International Unity in Diversity [Conference](#) *Media, Marginality & Diversity* (Townsville, QLD) 18-19 August

ConnectGroups, *Self Help & Support Groups Awareness Day* (WA) 8 September

2011 State Regional Arts *Conference Open Your Eyes* (Geraldton) 13–16 September

National Men's Health *Gathering* (Perth), 19 - 22 September

AHURI 7th National Housing *Conference* (Brisbane) 20-23 September

Public Health Association Australia (PHAA) 41st Annual *Conference* (Brisbane) 26-28 September

Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting *CHOGM* (Perth) 28-30 October

World Homeless Day (International) 10 October

Youth Health 2011: *It's totally important, 8th Australian & NZ Adolescent Health Conference* (Sydney) 9-11 November

The Australasian Professional Society on Alcohol and other Drugs (APSAD) *Conference* (Hobart) 13–16 November. Abstract submissions close 15 May.

Social Inclusion Week (National) 19-27 November [Website](#)

Yfoundations Annual *Conference Creating a future without youth homelessness* (Sydney) 22-24 November

Media Statements/Releases

WA State Government

[Opportunity for medium-density development in Karratha](#)

[Royalties for Regions funding applications to be assessed for regional communities](#)

[Rangelands Reform Discussion Paper released](#)

[Royalties for Regions funds building of Coral Bay seasonal workers accommodation](#)

[Warmun evacuees one step closer to home](#)

[Work begins on Whiteman Edge development](#)

[New City of Greater Geraldton to be formed](#)

['Young People and Alcohol' - an important guide for parents](#)

[New land release to give buyers more choice in Kununurra](#)

[Mental health facility for young people set for redevelopment](#)

[Students to benefit from 1,000 new affordable dwellings](#)

['Know Your Neighbour Day' - a chance to connect with the people next door](#)

[New facility a centrepiece for training precinct](#)

[Henri Nouwen House receives extra support at start of National Youth Week](#)

[Grants to support self directed disability services](#)

[LandCorp and Civil Contractors Federation join forces to close the gap](#)

[Fairness assured with transitional arrangements for energy-efficiency rated new homes](#)

[Youth homelessness day matters in marking 2011 National Youth Week](#)

[Public housing tenants face tougher 'three strikes' policy](#)

[Hakea Prison gets new accommodation units](#)

[Work to deliver Karratha industrial land begins](#)

WA Greens Party

At the time of publication the WA Greens site was unavailable.



WA Labour Party

[Palace architect and interior design to cost \\$768,900](#)

[Verve Energy's massive profit add to calls for tariff freeze](#)

[Western Power profit strengthens case for tariff freeze](#)

[Homeless take their plight to Parliament](#)

[Home energy efficiency 6-star rating on its way at last](#)

Australian Government

[Extension of income management trial in Western Australia - The Hon Jenny Macklin MP](#)

[Helping families in the Kimberley balance their budgets - The Hon Jenny Macklin MP](#)

[Attorney General's Department - 21 April 2011 - Commonwealth Assistance for Warmun in Western Australia](#)

[Further funding support for Warmun - The Hon Jenny Macklin MP](#)

[Attorney General's Department - 31 March 2011 - 500th Indigenous Land Use Agreement registered today](#)

[Attorney General's Department - 15 April 2011 - 20th Anniversary of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody](#)

[Third report into Remote Indigenous Service Delivery - The Hon Jenny Macklin MP](#)

[Minister shows support for homeless youth](#)

Useful links

Homelessness Australia [Newsletter](#)

[Community Housing Federation Australia](#)

[Tenants Advice Service WA](#)

[Housing Industry Association Ltd](#)

[Real Estate Institute of Australia \(REIA\)](#)

[Homeless Information Clearing House](#)

[Community Housing Coalition WA \(CHCWA\)](#)

[WACOSS](#)

[Australasian Housing Institute](#)

[Real Estate Institute of WA \(REIWA\)](#)

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