



Shelter WA Update

January 2011

Shelter WA Submission to the Department of Planning & WA Planning Commission - *Directions 2031 and Beyond*

Shelter WA has completed a submission to the WA Government Department of Planning and the WA Planning Commission to comment on the Central Sub-region Strategy draft report and the Outer Metropolitan Perth and Peel Sub-regional Strategy draft report of [Directions 2031 and beyond: metropolitan planning beyond the horizon](#). According to the Department of Planning website, *Directions 2031 and beyond* recognises the benefits of a more consolidated city while working from historic patterns of urban growth. Importantly, the policy sets achievable goals that will promote housing affordability over the longer term. Directions 2031 addresses urban growth needs and also takes into consideration the need to protect our natural ecosystems. The framework provides for different lifestyle choices, vibrant nodes for economic and social activity and a more sustainable urban transport network. The framework will also encourage a long-term approach to the provision of infrastructure in an economically sustainable way. Further information is available at www.planning.wa.gov.au.

A copy of Shelter WA's submission is available [here](#)

Shelter WA Submission to the WA Parliamentary Community Development & Justice Standing Committee

The WA Parliamentary Community Development and Justice Standing Committee of the Legislative Assembly commenced an Inquiry into the adequacy and future directions of social housing in WA in August 2010. The Inquiry builds on the work previously undertaken by the Social Housing Taskforce and other investigations. Shelter WA is invited to present to the hearing of the Standing Committee following our submission. See the Standing Committee website and the list of submissions [here](#)

A copy of Shelter WA's submission is available [here](#)

The Community Housing Coalition WA (CHCWA) has also made a submission a copy of which is available [here](#)

Shelter WA 2011 Newsletter & Update Publications - Contribution Deadlines

Shelter WA publishes a quarterly newsletter and monthly updates and welcomes your input.

We accept articles, reports, new housing related and support services, and are happy to promote events, training etc.

If you would like to contribute to any of our publications our 2011 dates and deadlines are listed below.

Quarterly Newsletter Publication Date

March 24
June 23
September 22
December 19

Deadline for articles

March 21
June 20
September 19
December 14

Monthly Updates Publication Dates

February 17
April 21
May 19
July 21
August 18
October 20
November 17

Deadline for articles

February 14
April 18
May 16
July 18
August 15
October 17
November 14

If you have any questions or require further information contact Stephanie at Shelter on 9325 6660 or email cdpo@shelterwa.org.au .

Older Women's Network (OWN) Report on homeless older women - *It Could Be You:*

This report is the outcome of the research of OWN NSW, Homelessness NSW and St. Vinnies over the past 12 months a copy is available [here](#)

2011 Excellence in Indigenous Health Awards - Submissions Open

The 2nd Annual Excellence in Indigenous Health Awards are given in recognition of the inspirational work from service providers, communities and individuals making a difference in health disadvantage. Initiatives deemed to have made an outstanding contribution will be recognised at the Awards Gala Dinner on 29 March 2011 in Darwin. The award categories are:

1. Outstanding delivery in child & maternal health
2. Environmental health initiatives
3. Improving access to primary health care

For more information, please visit: <http://www.indigenoushealthawards.com/index.html>

Submissions are now open. The final date **for submissions is Friday 4 February 2011**

Expression of Interest: WACSUMH Integrated Care Pathway Working Group – Closes 4 February 2011

The WA Collaboration for Substance Use and Mental Health (WACSUMH) was established in 2009 to progress initiatives aimed at providing better care for people with both substance use and mental health problems throughout Western Australia.

An Executive Group drives the overall, broad direction of WACSUMH and provides support to systems to operate in line with this strategic direction. The Executive Group also provides active support and executive level sign off for working groups which are charged with the task of driving initiatives around identified priority areas.

The Integrated Care Pathway Working Group is currently being established. This group will develop a vision, identify overarching principles, and design a pathway which fosters integrated service responses for people with both substance use and mental health problems. This will clarify the roles of primary care, mental health and AOD service providers and promote shared care planning. This care pathway will also seek to make the most effective use of the specialist skills and resources available across the sectors.

WACSUMH is currently seeking nominations from people interested in becoming a member of this working group, and who can offer experience and insights from the perspective of **Consumer of Mental Health and/or Drug and Alcohol Services**

Members will be selected to participate in the working group based on their knowledge, skills, capacity to influence and ability to progress initiatives. Members will not be considered representatives of specific agencies or sectors.

Working Group Members are expected to:

- Attend meetings (every 6 weeks) prepared to transact the set agenda;
- Do all reading and monitoring;
- Lead and contribute to discussion;
- Participate in decision making;
- Progress agreed action items; and
- Communicate and consult with relevant stakeholders, networks and working group members.

To submit an Expression of Interest (EOI), please provide a written application of no more than 2 pages addressing the following:

- personal details, background and interest in the area of mental health and/or substance use;
- what you can bring to this group in regards to knowledge and experience.

Applications and requests for further information can be forwarded to the Executive Officer at the details below. **Applications are to be made by 5.00pm on Friday 4 February 2011.**

Email: .evans@mentalhealth.wa.gov.au or Phone: (08) 6272 1226

Post: Michele Evans, A/ Senior Program Officer, Mental Health Commission, Level 5, 81 St Georges Terrace, PERTH WA 6000

2011 WA Youth Awards - Closes 18 February 2011

The WA Youth Awards were established in 1999 to recognise outstanding young Western Australians aged 12 to 25 years. They honour the hard work and dedication of young people, youth workers and youth-led groups throughout WA.

Entries close at 5.00pm on Friday 18 February 2011. Judging will take place in Perth on Friday 4 March 2011.

Winners will be announced at the WA Youth Awards gala ceremony on Saturday 9 April 2011 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

Information and entry forms are available on the Department for Communities website www.communities.wa.gov.au under 'Awards and Events'.

Telephone: (08) 6217 8700. Facsimile: (08) 9324 2408. Email: @communities.wa.gov.au

Department of Housing Update Newsletter - Celebrations as Department meets Stimulus targets.

The Department celebrated Christmas early in 2010 with the advanced completion of its Stage Two targets under the Nation Building Economic Stimulus Program.

On 23 December the Department hit the target of 1,055 dwellings constructed ahead of the 31 December deadline, at which point the figures were reported to the Commonwealth.

Since that time a number of additional 44 dwellings have been completed.

It is believed that WA may be one of only three States to reach their Stage Two Stimulus target, but with final reporting and formal documentation to be submitted to the Commonwealth by 28 January, the final number of States that were able to meet their goals will not be known until then.

"This is a remarkable achievement in WA with the targets met a week ahead of schedule by a relatively small team," Stimulus Program Manager, Laurie McGill said.

"When further figures become available, I anticipate that we will be able to report the completion of approximately 75 - 100 dwellings over the target of 1,055 dwellings.

"The Department has been able to complete over 1,418 new homes in WA to date as a result of the Federal Stimulus funding."

Mr McGill said the team consistently worked through 18 months of planning from when the bid was approved to meet their project milestones, working under tight construction deadlines, that in some cases were as short as six months.

"We also implemented a number of strategies incorporating back up plans for projects that were in danger of not meeting the set timeframes, but communication and essential planning has enabled us to get across the line so effectively.

"Ultimately, our achievement comes down to the efforts of the project managers, superintendents, support staff and builders, who have helped to complete this project so successfully."

Dwellings have been built as far north as Geraldton and as far south as Busselton, with the majority being constructed in the metropolitan area where there is the greatest need for homes.

A full copy of the Dept. of Housing Update Newsletter is available [here](#)

Issues paper: A Sustainable Population Strategy for Australia – Open for Comment

Australian Government, Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (SEWPaC)

The issues paper and its appendices, reports provided by the three Sustainable Population Advisory Panels, identify and explore issues around Australia's changing population. The paper is intended to facilitate the expression of community views about the challenges and opportunities created by changes in Australia's population.

The strategy will consider the policies and programs required to ensure that we can shape and respond to changes in our population to build a sustainable Australia. The ultimate goal of the strategy is to improve the wellbeing of current and future generations through more effective recognition and management of the impacts of population changes, including the size, composition and location.

Submissions to the issues paper are invited. Submissions will help to inform the government as it develops a *Sustainable Population Strategy* in 2011.

[Have your say](#) - submissions close **Tuesday 1 March 2011**. For more information visit the [SEWPaC Website](#)

New Respite Facility in Marangaroo

Sunflower Care Services have opened a new respite facility in Marangaroo (located in Perth's northern suburbs). The facility provides short to long term low to high care accommodation and is open 24 hours 7 days per week. Services are provided to young and older people who have an intellectual disability, physical disability and other health conditions to enable carers to have a break from their caring role.

To discuss accommodation and care at Sunflower Care Services please contact (08) 9343 1986 or (08) 93256886. Alternatively, visit www.sunflowercareservices.com.au or email respite@sunflowercare.com.au.

Private Tenancy Support Service - Australian Red Cross

The Australian Red Cross Private Tenancy Support Service assists people who are in private rentals and are at risk of eviction and homelessness in the North West metropolitan area of Perth. For more information call 9241 0650 or email watenancysupport@redcross.org.au



Settlement Grants Programm and Rental Ready Course

The [Mercy Settlement Grants Programme](#) (SGP) provides information, referral, advocacy and casework services for refugees and humanitarian entrants in the Perth metropolitan region with a focus on Adult Migrant Education Program (AMEP). This is a joint initiative of Mercy Community Programmes and Polytechnic West

The [Rental Ready Course](#) is a Mercy Employment and Community Programmes and Tenants Advice Service (TAS) course funded by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship. This free 5 day programme is for those eligible through the Mercy Settlement Grants Program. The course is recognised by the Real Estate Institute of WA (REIWA).

For more information on either of these programmes contact Afsoun at Mercy Care Settlements Program on 9344 2468 or 0417 220 16 or visit www.mercycare.com.au.

Starlight Hotel Choir CD “Shelter Me” Out Now \$25

St Patrick’s Community Support Centre is proud to announce that their Starlight Hotel Choir has produced its first CD “Shelter Me”.

A number of the songs were actually written by members of the Choir during song writing workshops.

To purchase a CD or arrange distribution on behalf of the Starlight Hotel Choir, please contact Dave Johnson, Choir Director on 0419 190 725 or JOHNSON1964@OPTUSNET.COM.AU

www.myspace.com/thestarlighthotelchoir

Social Innovation Program Grants – Applications to open 21 January 2011

In May 2010, the Premier of Western Australia, Hon Colin Barnett MLA, announced the establishment of a Social Innovation Grants Program to promote innovation in the delivery of social and community services. Funding of \$2 million in 2010-11 and \$4 million thereafter for each year of the program would be available for prospective organisations.

Social innovation is all about developing new ideas, such as products, services or models, that will better meet social needs and bring social benefits to the community. To be socially innovative, an organisation must understand the needs of the community it serves and be willing to try new strategies to meet those needs in a more tailored and targeted way. It is widely acknowledged that not-for-profit community sector organisations are best placed to understand and meet the needs of local communities.

The program aims to make effective changes to community services by:

- helping establish effective action to better meet the needs of the Western Australian community
- helping community sector organisations develop and trial new ways of delivering services to produce better outcomes
- applying the most effective ideas to other service delivery areas facing similar challenges
- promoting the development of strategic partnerships between community sector organisations
- demonstrating collaboration and partnership between the public and community sectors.

Applicants must be an incorporated, not-for-profit sector community sector organisation. However unincorporated, not-for-profit community sector organisations may apply for funding under the auspice of an incorporated body or a local government authority.

More information, including the application guidelines and criteria for priority selection, will be available on the Department for Communities' website on 21 January 2011 - www.communities.wa.gov.au

Modernising Youth and Homelessness services

The Department of Disability, Housing and Community Services has released a Discussion Paper on Modernising Youth Homelessness and Homelessness Services in the ACT, and **invites feedback until 28 February 2011**. [Community Engagement](#).

MIFWA Mental Health Carers Peer Education and Support Programs – 2011 Calendar

The Mental Illness Fellowship of WA (MIFWA) Carers program provides information and support throughout all of the Perth Metropolitan and regional WA (south west, bunbury, wheatbelt) through the Well Ways suite of peer education programs. These include Building a Future, Snapshot and Duo (mental health & substance use)

For more information on these programs and their calendar of events for 2011 contact them by phone on 6365 2999 or 9250 2448 or email careradmin@mifwa.org.au or visit their website www.mifwa.org.au



Wellness Recovery Action Planning (WRAP) Courses

Do you experience stress, anxiety, depression or other mental health issues? Would you like to learn simple safe skills and strategies to improve your mental health & wellbeing? Then WRAP is for you.

The WRAP course teaches you practical and simple skills and strategies to improve your physical, emotional and mental health and wellbeing. It is held over 8 weeks for 2.5 hours per week.

West Perth Course

Ruah Training Room, 67/102 Railway Parade, West Perth
Start 10th February 2011, Thursdays 10am - 12.30pm

Maddington Course

Ruah Meeting Room, 1917 Albany Hwy, Maddington
Starts 11th February 2011, Fridays 10am – 12.30pm

Cost: \$25.00 per person. To book your place ☎ Ruah Community Services on 9485 3939 or wrap@ruah.com.au

Million Dollar Partnership to Address Homeless Families

A new strategic partnership between Westpac and Mission Australia is set to address family homelessness and help deliver more affordable housing across Australia over the next decade. In the first stage of the partnership, Westpac has agreed to provide \$1 million over three years to Mission Australia for specific projects to address homelessness. In addition Westpac and Mission Australia will work together to launch a social innovation fund, targeting capital funds to be used to develop more affordable housing nationally.

The partnership was launched at an event in Sydney, by Peter Hanlon, Westpac's Group Executive, People & Transformation. Toby Hall, Mission Australia's Chief Executive Officer, and Tanya Plibersek, Federal Minister for Social Inclusion.

Other aspects of the partnership include:

- in-kind and pro bono support from Westpac to Mission Australia.
- engagement of Westpac's 40,000 staff on the issue of homelessness and through a range of activities (eg: volunteering).
- strategic advice from Mission Australia to Westpac on how best to leverage its activities and harness innovation to address homelessness.

The Federal Minister for Social Inclusion, Tanya Plibersek spoke strongly in support of the partnership saying that government cannot tackle homelessness alone and that community organisations and businesses need to come together to pursue opportunities and complement the government's work. A copy of the media release is available [here](#)

New Shelter WA Fact Sheets

Shelter WA added two new fact sheets to its website:

The [Community Land Trust Fact Sheet](#) provides a brief overview of community land trusts and their potential to deliver affordable housing in WA.

The [Social Housing Fact Sheet](#) contains key statistics on public and community housing, and links to community resources.

Celebrate 100 years of International Women's Day! 2011 marks the 100th year of International Women's Day!

Friday 11 March 2011, 7am to 9am, Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, Mounts Bay Road, Perth

To celebrate this milestone there will be a host of events during the week of International Women's Day, culminating in the UNIFEM IWD Centenary Breakfast 'grand finale' on Friday 11 March.

Bookings for the event may be made NOW on line at UNIFEM's special web site [://www.internationalwomensday.org.au](http://www.internationalwomensday.org.au)

Individual tickets \$55 inc GST, Corporate sponsorship from \$1500

United States of America - Hunger and homelessness survey

This report presents the results of a survey of 27 of the cities which comprise The U.S. Conference of Mayors' Task Force on Hunger and Homelessness. Respondents were asked to provide information on emergency food assistance and homeless services provided between September 1, 2009 and August 31, 2010. [Released Dec 2010.](#)

Australia's first comprehensive youth sector resource

The Australian Clearinghouse for Youth Studies (ACYS) has launched a new website, www.acys.info, with an integrated information system and state-of-the-art website navigation design.

ACYS director Professor Rob White says the new website will provide users with easy and direct access to useful information relating to key topics and the overall sector.

'It's a one-stop-shop packed with resources and information. Anyone working with youth, or in the youth sector, can find what they are looking for on a single website.'

At www.acys.info there are close to 50 topics on youth-related issues such as mental health; care and protection; crime and justice; drugs and alcohol; and participation and social inclusion. Under each topic you will find news, research and reports, sector contacts, publications and relevant programs. The research has been done, the contacts found and reports, journals and articles collated – now it's all just a click away.

The new website also incorporates daily news, listings of announcements, a Hot Topic focus, Twitter feed and improved access for subscribers and anyone wanting to list events on the ACYS events calendar.

Funded by the Australian Government through the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR), ACYS was able to develop the website as a part of a new national youth clearinghouse funding agreement, which was generated after sector consultation.

- Please distribute to colleagues/friends in the youth work sector, and feel free to place information about www.acys.info in upcoming newsletters or notices.
- If you have any questions, suggestions or feedback on the website, please feel free to contact us.

For more information contact: [Rebecca Livermore](mailto:Rebecca.Livermore@utas.edu.au), ACYS marketing/communications officer

Email: Rebecca.livermore@utas.edu.au Phone: (03) 6226 6617 Web: www.acys.info

Shelter WA Affordable Housing Online Survey

What housing issues are you most concerned about? Shelter WA is conducting a survey about affordable housing needs, the impact of housing stress, and recommendations to the government.

Click here to fill out the [Affordable Housing Survey](#) .

Shelter WA is offering a one year complimentary membership for anyone who completes the survey.

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) Reports

[New Director for AIHW](#)

[Disability support services 2008-09](#)

[Residential aged care in Australia 2008-09](#)

[Aged care packages in the community 2008-09: a statistical overview](#)

[Australian health expenditure by remoteness: a comparison of rural, regional and city health expenditure](#)

[Juvenile justice in Australia 2008-09: Interim report - main tables](#)

[Young people and children in social housing](#)

[Shelter: development of a Children's Headline Indicator](#)

WHO: Mental Health and Development Report

The World Health Organization has released its report into people with mental and psychosocial disabilities in the context of development aid and government attention.

['Mental health and development: targeting people with mental health conditions as a vulnerable](#)

Commonwealth Ombudsman: Falling Through the Cracks Report

The Commonwealth Ombudsman has released its report into providing social services to people with a mental illness including four key areas where procedures and policy could be further developed to reduce distress and disadvantage.

['Falling through the cracks' - Centrelink, DEEWR and FaHCSIA'](#)



Australian Policy Online (APO)

[Competitive and sustainable banking system](#) This report outlines the federal government's proposed banking reforms to promote competition and assist consumers

[Asset rich, but income poor: Australian housing wealth and retirement in an international context](#) This paper looks at patterns of own-home wealth across the life cycle in Australia and in several North American and Western European countries and finds that Australia is out of step with comparable countries.

[Top Economics reports 2010](#) The five most read reports and commentary pieces in the Economics area in 2010 include items about: the GFC, intergenerational progress, poverty and social exclusion, superannuation and more

[Top Indigenous reports 2010](#) The five most read reports, websites and commentary pieces in the Indigenous issues area in 2010 include items concerning: Aboriginal spirituality and ways of learning, closing the gap, Indigenous education and more

[Top Social Policy reports 2010](#) The five most read reports and commentary pieces in the Social Policy area in 2010 include items concerning: families and tax cuts; asylum seekers and refugee facts; poverty and inequality; welfare quarantining and more.

[Top Justice reports 2010](#) The five most read reports and commentary pieces in the Justice area in 2010 include items concerning: immigration detention policies and laws, family violence and other crimes, staying silent and more.

[Top Politics reports 2010](#) The five most read reports and commentary pieces in the Politics area in 2010 include items concerning: an audit of government services; Julia Gillard; government assistance to refugees; evidence based policy and more.

Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS)

[Housing Finance, Australia, Nov 2010](#)

[Lending Finance, Australia, Nov 2010](#)

[Australian Economic Indicators, Jan 2011](#)

[Western Australian Statistical Indicators, 2010 \(Replacement Content\)](#)

[Stats Talk WA, Dec 2010](#)

[Production of Selected Construction Materials, Nov 2010](#)

[Dwelling approvals fall in November 2010 \(Media Release\), Nov 2010](#)

[Building Approvals, Australia, Nov 2010](#)

[Australian Social Trends, Dec 2010](#)

[Life Tables, Western Australia, 2007-2009](#)

[Dwelling Unit Commencements, Australia, Preliminary, Sep 2010](#)

AHURI Publications and Update

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

[Positioning Paper No. 136: The role of 'assertive outreach' in addressing primary homelessness](#)

[Research and Policy Bulletin, Issue 134: Indigenous homelessness](#)

[Research and Policy Bulletin, Issue 133: Australia's changing patterns of home ownership](#)

[Final Report, No. 159: The environmental sustainability of Australia's private rental housing stock](#)

[Final Report, No. 158: Housing, inequality and the role of population mobility](#)

New AHURI research projects for 2011 announced

The National Housing Research Program is the core of AHURI's research activities with research projects funded through an annual competitive funding round which opens each year in July and closes at the end of September. The research projects to be funded through the Funding Round 2011 have just been announced. [Further details...](#)

Conferences and Workshops

Australian Government, Department of Immigration & Citizenship, [Community Round-Table Meetings on Expansion of Residence Determination](#) (Perth) 20 January 2011

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders Leadership: *Building leadership capability to Close the Gap on disadvantage* [Conference](#) (Brisbane) 15-16 February 2011

WACOSS [Social Policy Seminar: Community Sector Procurement Reform](#) (Perth) 17 February 2011, 1-4pm

Sustainable Urbanisation: a resilient future [Conference](#) (Melbourne) 16-18 February 2011

AHURI [Symposium](#) *Future Housing for Older Australians* (Sydney) 25 February 2011

Unlocking the Economic and Social Potential of Regional Australia [Conference](#) (Albury Wodonga, NSW) 22-23 February

International Women's Day Centenary [Events Information](#) (Perth) 11 March 2011

11th National Rural Health [Conference](#), (Perth) 13 – 16 March 2011

ACOSS National [Conference](#) (Melbourne) 29-30 March 2011

[Youth Homelessness Matters Day](#), *Hide & Seek: the Hidden Nature of Youth Homelessness*, 6 April 2011

National [Youth Week](#) 1-10 April 2011

Community Housing Federation Australia, [National Affordable Housing Exchange](#) (Sydney) 14-15 April 2011

The Aboriginal Health Council of WA: Annual State Sector [Workshop](#) (Perth) 12 - 13 April 2011

National Disability and Carer [Congress](#) (Melbourne) 2-3 May 2011

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

Australasian Therapeutic Communities Association (ATCA) Annual [International Conference](#): *Therapeutic Communities Today - No Closed Doors* (Fremantle) 30 May - 3 June 2011

Australian Social Policy [Conference](#) *Social Policy in a Complex World* (Sydney) 6-8 July 2011

WA Family Therapy Association [Symposium](#): *Family Therapy in the Tapestry of Clinical Practice* (Bentley, Perth) 29 July 2011, Abstracts close Friday 4 March 2011.

National Homeless Persons [Week](#), 1-7 August 2011

Men's Health [Gathering](#) (Perth), 19 - 22 September 2011

AHURI 7th National Housing [Conference](#) (Brisbane) 20-23 September 2011

Media Statements/Releases

Real Estate Institute of WA (REIWA) www.reiwa.com.au

[Perth's median house price lifts by \\$5,000](#)

[First home buyers down but still active](#)

Real Estate Institute of Australia (REIA) www.reia.com.au

[Rate rises scaring off first homebuyers](#)

[Australian median house price decreases](#)

[Largest annual decrease in housing affordability](#)

WA State Government

[Overwhelming interest shown in developing Karratha into a major city](#)

[Port Hedland Wastewater Treatment Plant relocation announced - clearing way for 2,500 residential dwellings](#)

[Vital release of Stage 2 Land in South Hedland - to provide affordable housing](#)

[New campaign to prevent electrocutions](#)

[More land for residential development in Kununurra](#)

[Mid-West mergers recommended](#)

[WA Community Grants Program rolled out](#)

[Mental Health Advisory Council established in Western Australia - Expressions of Interest open for community members](#)

[Youth Award nominations call for exceptional young people and youth workers](#)

[Premier's New Year message](#)

[New Front Bench Announced](#)

[Stage One of Social Housing NPA completed ten months ahead of schedule](#)

[State Government wants Cottesloe town planning scheme modifications readvertised](#)

[Expansion of financial counselling services under Hardship Utility Grants Scheme \(HUGS\)](#)

[\\$550,000 to promote International Women's Day centenary celebrations](#)

[Memorial unveiled to Western Australia's Forgotten Australians](#)

[Minister announces \\$72,000 boost for 2011 National Youth Week events](#)

[First Broome North land release proves highly popular](#)

[Regional Grants Scheme 2010-11 funding round now open](#)

[New funding for parenting helpline](#)

[Government contract kicks off Joondalup rail line extension](#)

[Nominations sought for prestigious multicultural community service awards](#)

WA Labour Party

[Thousands of households need more time to pay electricity bills](#)

[Barnett Government must support WA families](#)

[Electricity bills put the heat on WA families](#)

[Housing strategy still under wraps as 55,000 wait for a home](#)

WA Greens Party

[Study Welcome, But Action On Homelessness Needed Now](#)

[West Australian householders way ahead of their government on renewable energy](#)

[Greens Leader New Years Message](#)

[Greens Support heritage listing to protect the Kimberley from industrialisation](#)

[Audit report damns Indigenous home ownership program](#)

[New data highlights the scale of emergent aged care crisis](#)

Australian Government

[Joint Communique - Meeting of the Housing Ministers' Conference - Melbourne](#)