



# Homeless Persons Week

## 1st - 7th August 2011

There are currently over 50 activities scheduled in WA during Homeless Persons Week, 1-7 August, 2011.

For further details on these events visit <http://www.homelesspersonsweekwa.com.au/>

### Red Cross - Homeless Persons Week Event

Red Cross is opening its doors to people who have become homeless to help them reconnect with family and friends they might have otherwise lost touch with.

By providing access to social media, Red Cross wants to assist people who have become homeless to re-establish connections to friends and family that may have been lost due to their living situation.

Address: Australian Red Cross, 110 Goderich Street East Perth (access from the side entrance on Bishops Row)

Dates & Times: **Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> Aug – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Aug; 6:00-8:00pm**

Services available include Internet access, food, information & more. Support services will include;

- save-a-mate program
- Soup Patrol
- First Aid
- Lynks Counselling
- StreetsYde
- Anglicare Step 1 and;
- Passages Resource Centre

The original round table in 2010 grew out of National Shelter's recognition of the need for a national conversation involving State/Territory Shelters and Indigenous housing organisations and workers. This roundtable arrived at a number of key points:



encourage development of a national peak

unmet need

transfer of responsibility of urban housing from Commonwealth to States was not going well and needed to be monitored and improved

The purpose of the meeting in May 2011 was to sharpen this message for dialogue with the Commonwealth, beginning with a meeting with senior FaHCSIA representatives on the second day of the meeting.

A full copy of the report *National Shelter: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Round Table Report, 17-18 May 2011* is available [here](#)

## Shelter WA Submissions and Projects

Shelter WA is currently working on a variety of comments and 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](mailto:research@shelterwa.org.au) or phone 9325 6660.

## Awards, Grants and Funding Opportunities

### Call for nominations for Mental Health Good Outcomes Awards 2011

Nominations are now open for the 2011 Mental Health Good Outcomes Awards.

Winners will be announced at a gala ceremony on October 11 at the University Club, Hackett Drive Crawley.

Each category winner will receive a \$1,000 cash prize and an art trophy individually created by consumers at DADAA.

Travel and accommodation will be provided for rural finalists.

For an entry form, click [here](#). **Entries close at 5pm on 15 August 2011.**

For further information contact Marsha Dale on 6272 1248 or [events@mentalhealth.wa.gov.au](mailto:events@mentalhealth.wa.gov.au)

### CTK Foundation Heart & Soul Australia & NZ Grants

**Your mission inspires us. How does it inspire you?**

The CTK Foundation is partnering with Connecting Up Australia to offer major grants of funds and technology to not for profits and voluntary organisations in Australia and New Zealand. For this unique grant opportunity, organisations of all sizes and types are invited to channel their creativity and dedication into a short poem about their respective missions. Staff, volunteers, trustees, clients and donors are all welcome to participate.

To apply for over \$15,000 in grant opportunities, simply complete the [online application](#) and submit your poem.

All not for profit and voluntary organisations in Australia and New Zealand are invited to **apply before August 15, 2011.**

For more information visit the website: <http://communitytech.net/foundation/australia>

### Company Directors Course Scholarships for Women 2012

The Western Australian Government is committed to increasing the number of women on Government Boards and Committees. The Department for Communities, Women's Interests Unit, is providing scholarships for a number of women in Western Australia to undertake the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD) Company Directors Course (CDC).

Further information relating to the program can be found on the Department for Communities web page or contact Vicki Kelly on (08) 6217 8323.

Nomination forms are available from the Department for Communities by telephoning (08) 6217 8230, free call 1800 199 174 or via download from [www.communities.wa.gov.au](http://www.communities.wa.gov.au).

Alternatively you can request a nomination form by emailing your name, address and phone number to [wis@communities.wa.gov.au](mailto:wis@communities.wa.gov.au)

**Applications close 5.00pm 15 August 2011.**

## 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, economic and 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.

Application Forms and Guidelines are available [here](#) .

If you need help with your application, please contact [nilda.eisen@omi.wa.gov.au](mailto:nilda.eisen@omi.wa.gov.au) OMI Grants Officer or on 9217 1619

**Closing round dates:** *4pm, Thursday 18 August 2011* and  
*4pm Thursday 10 November 2011*

## Social Innovation Grants Program – Second Round Open

Nine not-for-profit organisations will share in \$2.5million from the State Government to create innovative ways to benefit the community under the Social Innovation Grants Program.

Community Services Minister Robyn McSweeney said the unique program offered incentives to community groups to 'think outside the box' to better meet a broad range of social needs.

The first nine recipients are Anglicare WA; Association for the Blind WA; Brightwater Care Group; Enterprise Learning Projects; Good Samaritans; Growing Towards Wellness; Public Health Advocacy Institute; Ruah Community Services; and WA Association for Toy Libraries.

'The Government allocated \$2million in funding for 2010-11, increasing to \$4million in future years', she said.

**Applications for the second round of funding close in August 2011.** Guidelines and application forms can be downloaded from the Department for Communities website: <http://www.communities.wa.gov.au>.

## Suicide Prevention Australia is pleased to announce the opening of the nomination period for the 2011 LIFE Awards

The LIFE Awards occur each year with the aim of recognising the outstanding and exciting work being done within the suicide prevention sector by individuals, communities and business. This year the number of categories has grown to reflect the changing nature of suicide prevention and the means in which it is undertaken.

The awards this year will be presented on World Suicide Prevention Day, September 10th at The Dome in Melbourne, with each winner receiving an expense paid trip to receive their award in person.

The judging panel consists of government representatives, community leaders, various SPA Board members and specialist in most categories.

The nomination form can be found at: <http://suicidepreventionaust.org/nominations>.

**Entries close at Midnight, Friday the 26th of August**

## Human Rights Awards 2011 – Nominations are now open

More than 400 people come together every year at the Australian Human Rights Commission's annual Human Rights Awards to celebrate the amazing contributions people have been making all around the country to protect and promote human rights. This year will be their 24th celebration and they're once again expecting a stand-out field of nominations.

Nominees for the Awards compete in 10 categories including the Human Rights Medal and the Young People's Medal. The remaining categories include Law, Business, Community (Individual), Community (Organisation), Literature (Non-Fiction), Print Media, Television and Radio Awards.

**Nominations close on Friday 9 September** for judging, with the winners to be presented with their awards at a luncheon ceremony taking place on Friday 9 December at the Sydney Sofitel Wentworth.

[Nominate your human rights hero today! Simply download your nomination form to enter.](#)

[http://www.humanrights.gov.au/hr\\_awards/index.html](http://www.humanrights.gov.au/hr_awards/index.html)



## Nominations open for 2011 Children's Week Awards

The proud achievements of Western Australian children will be celebrated at the 2011 Children's Week Awards on Wednesday 26 October.

Organised by [Meerilinga](#), the awards program celebrates children's art work and identifies groups of children across WA who have shown generosity, compassion and a strong sense of spirit.

The awards also recognise adults and services or projects that have made an outstanding contribution to improving opportunities for WA children, families or the community.

**Nominations close on Monday 19 September** and can be made [online](#). For more information about Children's Week, see the [website](#) or call (08) 9489 4022.

## Nominations open for Count Me In Awards

Designing and building homes for people of all ages and abilities is a key focus of this year's Count Me In Awards, aimed at contributing to more welcoming communities. Disability Services Minister Helen Morton said award nominations had opened and would reward outstanding efforts of Western Australian individuals; State and local governments; businesses; and education and training organisations.

The awards recognised initiatives to make communities more inclusive for people with disability.

Mrs Morton said in 2011 the focus was 'liveable' homes, acknowledged by the Disability Future Directions Award, in making homes more comfortable to live in for people of all ages and abilities.

"Developers, builders, architects, planners and others involved in building WA homes vie for this award, which was presented for the first time last year," she said.

"The award recognises outstanding long-term initiatives that ensure inclusion for all West Australians with disability."

Winners of each category in the Count Me In Awards will be considered for the overall Dr Louisa Alessandri Award for Excellence.

**Entries are welcome until Friday September 30.** The Minister will announce the winners at an event on Thursday, 1 December, during Disability Awareness Week.

For more information and nomination forms, visit <http://www.count-me-in.com.au>, email [cmiawards@dsc.wa.gov.au](mailto:cmiawards@dsc.wa.gov.au) or phone 6104 9546. Minister's office - 9213 7250 [Click here for link to Minister's full media statement](#)

## Children's Week Awards

Children's Week is a yearly event held around the fourth week of October to coincide with Australia's celebration of the United Nations' Universal Children's Day.

Children's Week aims to recognise the talents, skills, achievements and rights of children and young people. The celebration is based on the articles expressed in the United Nations convention of the rights of the child, emphasising play, wellbeing and protection.

Children's Week this year is from 22 October to 29 October 2011. The Children's Week Awards celebrates children and adults who have worked with children. Services and Projects are recognised for their commitment to excellence and their dedication to enhancing the lives of children and families within this community.

Nominating is easy and can be done online at [www.childrensweekwa.org.au](http://www.childrensweekwa.org.au). **Nominations close 19 September 2011** and just by nominating, you automatically enter the draw to win a fantastic family holiday

## WA Young Member Applications Now Open for National Planning Group, National Youth Week 2012

National Youth Week is the single largest celebration of young people on the Australian youth calendar. It provides an opportunity for young people to express their ideas, views, raise important youth issues and celebrate the positive contributions made by young people in our community.

The Office for Youth is seeking nominations from young people aged 18 – 25 interested in being WA's Young Member on the National Planning Group for National Youth Week 2012. If you would like to take a lead role in representing WA nationally, travel interstate and make National Youth Week 2012 unforgettable, then we would like to hear from you!

To apply you will need to forward: the WA Young Member Application Form, and a brief resume or CV. If you would like more information or to apply to be WA's National Youth Week Young Member please visit [www.youth.wa.gov.au](http://www.youth.wa.gov.au) and click on National Youth Week 2012 or contact Mackenzie Bensch on (08) 6217 8315.

## Discussion Papers, Submissions, Issues Papers and Surveys

### Women & Housing Affordability Survey

Swinburne is currently seeking the views of single women, aged 40 and over (with or without children) who do not expect to own their home outright before they retire.

The survey is being conducted by the Institute for Social Research at Swinburne University of Technology in conjunction with the Salvation Army. More information is available at <http://www.sisr.net/Flagships/SC/Projects/WAHS.htm>

Data obtained from the survey will assist in developing a housing model to fit the needs of women in these circumstances. The survey is *anonymous, all data is treated confidentially* and it takes about 20-35 minutes to complete.

Survey respondents can enter for one of 20 \$50 gift vouchers. Details are collected separately. Prizes drawn 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 2011 and winners are notified by correspondence. **The survey closes 10pm Sunday 14th August 2011.** [Click here for link to survey](#)

Swinburne Social Researchers encourage interested women to go to their Facebook page and leave comments <http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Women-and-Housing-Affordability-Survey/217710001588704>

### Volunteering WA: State of Volunteering Survey

In 2011 the world celebrates the International Year of Volunteers + 10 (IYV+10). In recognition of this Volunteering WA is undertaking the State of Volunteering in WA in 2011 Report. Volunteering WA invites the community to participate in this project by completing a survey.

The Volunteers & Non-volunteers survey is for all members of the general public to complete, including current volunteers, non-volunteers and those who provide informal unpaid assistance directly to others in the community.

The Volunteering-involving organisations survey is for completion by paid employees and volunteers associated with a volunteer-involving organisation.

By participating in the survey you have the opportunity to win a double pass to The Bell Tower, valid until 1 January 2012, or a double pass to a preview of the film 'Zookeeper'. Seventy-five double passes for each prize are available. The film preview will be in Perth.

The surveys can be accessed via the Volunteering WA website [www.volunteeringwa.org.au](http://www.volunteeringwa.org.au). Hard copies of the surveys can be obtained by contacting Denise at Volunteering WA on 9482 4317 or [denise@volunteeringwa.org.au](mailto:denise@volunteeringwa.org.au)

The State of Volunteering in WA in 2011 Report will be available in December 2011 on the Volunteering WA website.

**The survey closing date is mid-August 2011.**

## Research, Resources, Reports and Publications

### Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute (AHURI)

[Final Report: No. 171: Towards a new development model for housing regeneration in greyfield precincts \(Investigative Panel\)](#)

[Final Report: No. 170: Secure occupancy in rental housing: conceptual foundations and comparative perspectives](#)

[Final Report: No. 169: Investigative Panel on a socially sustainable housing system for Australia](#)

[Research Synthesis Report: No. 44: Addressing locational disadvantage effectively](#)

### The Joseph Rowntree Foundation (UK)

The [Joseph Rowntree Foundation](#) is a UK-based charity that funds research and development programmes in the UK. The foundation focuses upon research and programmes that address the causes of social problems, the methods for overcoming them and how to meet social needs in practice. The Foundation disseminates [publications](#) on a range of topics including: income and poverty; housing and communities; and equality, diversity and inclusion. Each publication is provided in full, along with a user-friendly summary of key points.

Although a small proportion of the Foundation's publications are specifically focused upon the United Kingdom, most would be useful to practitioners and policy-makers in Australia.

View [more spotlights](#) on the CAFCA website [www.aifs.gov.au](http://www.aifs.gov.au) .

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

Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS)

[www.abs.gov.au](http://www.abs.gov.au)

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

[Dwelling approvals continue to weaken in May \(Media Release\), May 2011](#)

[Building Approvals, Australia, May 2011](#)

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

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

[Building Activity, Australia, Mar 2011](#)

[Construction Activity: Chain Volume Measures, Australia, Mar 2011](#)

[Eastern Breakwater Precinct to receive makeover](#)

[Engineering Construction Activity, Australia, Mar 2011](#)

[State and Territory Statistical Indicators, 2011 \(First Issue\)](#)

[Reflecting a Nation: Stories from the 2011 Census, July 2011 \(Additional Information\)](#)

Australian Policy Online (APO)

[www.apo.org.au](http://www.apo.org.au)

[Another employment trap: more disincentives for public housing tenants to work](#) Public housing plays an important role in providing low income and disadvantaged people with a stable and secure environment, says Alice Clark.

[Carbon pricing and household compensation: is it enough?](#) In Inside Story, Peter Whiteford assesses the government's package of compensation measures

For more articles visit [www.apo.org.au](http://www.apo.org.au)

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) Reports

[www.aihw.gov.au](http://www.aihw.gov.au)

[Government-funded specialist homelessness services: SAAP National Data Collection annual report 2009-10: Western Australia.](#) AIHW catalogue number (HOU245) Click on the link to view the [report](#).

[Young Australians: their health and wellbeing 2011](#) AIHW catalogue number (PHE140). Click on the link to view the [media release](#) and [report](#).

[Younger people with disability in residential aged care: update from the 2009-10 Minimum Data Set](#) AIHW catalogue number (AUS135). Click on the link to view the [media release](#) and [report](#).

[New Chair for the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare](#)

Communities and Families Clearing House Australia (CAFCA) now has a bibliography collection!

The [CAFCA bibliography collection](#) provides easy access to materials from the Australian Institute of Family Studies library. Many of these materials are available online.

Search on a range of topics relating to children, families and communities including [child-friendly communities](#), [families with multiple and complex needs](#) and [neighbourhood disadvantage](#).

If you have a bibliography topic you would like to suggest, please [contact the CAFCA team](#).

In the coming months CAFCA will be releasing a range of new publications including:

*CAFCA Practice Sheet: Food insecurity in Australia: What is it, who experiences it and how can child and family services support families experiencing it?*

Every month CAFCA profiles a high quality, freely available research-to-practice resource as part of our monthly 'Spotlight' series.

## Carer complaints about health and disability service providers

If you are unable to resolve a complaint with a health or disability service provider, the Health and Disability Services Complaints Office (HADSCO) can help you. Carers are entitled to make complaints either on behalf of the consumer or as a carer under the *Carers Recognition Act 2004*. Health and disability service providers are obliged by the Carers Charter to treat carers with dignity and respect, to recognise the role of carers, and to take the needs of carers into account. You are invited to visit HADSCO's recently updated website to find out more about making a complaint or to access their online complaints form. [www.hadsko.wa.gov.au](http://www.hadsko.wa.gov.au)

Attorney-General Robert McClelland and Minister for Justice Brendan O'Connor have released a new Australian Institute of Criminology report entitled "Children's exposure to domestic violence in Australia".

[Click here for a full copy of the report](#) For the full media release [click here](#)

## Conferences, Events and Workshops 2011

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](http://www.yyf.com.au).

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

Australasian Housing Institute (AHI) [Leadership Retreat 2011: New Perspectives](#) (Townsville, QLD) 29-31 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 7<sup>th</sup> National Housing [Conference](#) (Brisbane) 20-23 September

Public Health Association Australia (PHAA) 41<sup>st</sup> 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*, 8<sup>th</sup> Australian & NZ Adolescent Health [Conference](#) (Sydney) 9-11 November

The Australasian Professional Society on Alcohol and other Drugs (APSAD) [Conference](#) (Hobart) 13-16 November. .

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Integrating Services to Reduce Homelessness [Conference](#) (Melbourne, VIC) 15-16 November

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

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

Australian Institute of Health & Welfare (AIHW) *Australia's welfare 2011: welfare in a growing economy* [National Conference](#) (Canberra) 24 November

## Media Statements/Releases

### WA Greens Party

For media statements from the WA Greens Party: <http://wa.greens.org.au/>

### WA Labour Party

For media statements from the WA Labour Party: <http://www.wa.alp.org.au/>

## Australian Government

[Government tackling homelessness for older Australians](#)

[Young human rights advocates have a chance to shine](#)

[Indigenous youth mentoring program commended](#)

[Annual supplement to better support carers](#)

[Indexation increases to support Australian families](#)

[More support for families, children, carers and seniors](#)

[Assistance for Nine out of Ten Australian Households](#)

[\\$33.4million due to seniors in Cost of Living Rebate annual payments](#)

[Helping local governments plan for their communities](#)

[Funding boost for Family Court of Western Australia](#)

## WA State Government Media Statements )

### Review of R-Codes under way to keep policy relevant

[Click here for link to full media statement](#)

The State Government is undertaking a review of the Residential Design Codes (R-Codes) to ensure they are relevant for the changing nature of housing.

The R-Codes, prepared by the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC), control all forms of residential development, from single houses to multi-unit developments, and are incorporated, by reference, in local planning schemes across WA.

Planning Minister John Day said the codes were important to set the qualitative standards for acceptable housing development.

“As the population grows and our expectations of housing change, the building industry is being encouraged to find new and better ways to provide a variety of housing options,” Mr Day said.

“The R-Codes need to be relevant and the review will ensure they are updated to suit living choices and changing circumstances with respect to household size, type and composition.”

The Minister said the WAPC had engaged with stakeholders to identify issues for consideration and to clarify the role and content of the codes and their interpretation and application.

All stakeholders involved in residential design and development in WA are invited to provide feedback on the following issues:

- changes to specific provisions, in particular those relating to overshadowing, privacy, ancillary accommodation and minimum parking requirements
- terminology changes and additional clarification of how to use the provisions
- new codes approval flowchart and processes
- renaming detailed area plans as area specific plans and inclusion of these into the codes policy framework, to clarify the relationship of the codes to the subdivision process
- the use, format and accessibility of local planning policies
- proposed changes to the minimum site areas in R20 to R40 codings.

Mr Day said the consultation paper also outlined a suggestion to remove subdivision control from the R-Codes and instead include the controls in a separate WAPC policy. The Minister said comment on this specific proposal was sought, and changes could be made at a later stage of the review if the idea was supported.

A series of workshops would be held in Perth and regional areas to explain the proposed changes and to encourage discussion on the revised codes.

The consultation documents are now available on the Planning WA website <http://www.planning.wa.gov.au> and details of the workshops will be available soon.

**Public comment on the revised R-Codes is invited until August 31, 2011.**



- [Housing project brings new opportunities in the Pilbara](#)
- [Local government rate increases need to be in perspective](#)
- [New opportunity to revitalise Rivervale](#)
- [Increase in affordable housing for Peel region](#)
- [New industrial land release to help Pilbara's growth](#)
- [New plans to manage Greater Bunbury growth](#)
- [300th GROH home completed under Royalties for Regions scheme](#)
- [Minister launches biggest display village in regional WA](#)
- [Premier announces Lotterywest board appointment](#)
- [Review of R-Codes under way to keep policy relevant](#)
- [Light rail, bus rapid transit and railway to Yanchep part of 20-year public transport plan](#)
- [Albany Regional Prison gets new accommodation units](#)
- [A new centre to help seniors make important housing decisions](#)
- [Specialist project management team appointed to waterfront project](#)
- [WA economy grows significantly in March quarter](#)
- [Further development opportunities as more sites offered at Perry Lakes](#)
- [New place to call home for indigenous workers in Halls Creek](#)
- [Stirling seeks public input on its future vision](#)
- [Developers shortlisted for Eglinton residential project](#)
- [Warmun residents return after State Government's three-month rebuild](#)
- [More housing choice available in Kununurra](#)
- [Regional Centres Development Plan \(SuperTowns\) announced](#)

## 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 \(REIWA\)](#)

### Shelter WA 2011 Newsletter & Update Publications

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.

The deadline for contributions for Shelter WA's September Update is **23 August**

If you have any questions or require further information contact Stephanie at Shelter on 9325 6660 or email [cdpo@shelterwa.org.au](mailto:cdpo@shelterwa.org.au)

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