



Shelter WA Update

November 2008

Shelter WA Annual Report now available

The Shelter WA AGM was held on 30th October and the Annual Report received and accepted. Thank you to those who attended and heard the presentation from Keiko Miyazaki who spoke to the report 'A Street Survey Exploring Experience, Perceptions and Opinions about Homelessness and Government Response in WA'. Shelter WA is pleased to welcome some new members to our Management Committee, and to continue the relationship with those MC members who have stayed on. The Annual Report, staff and Management Committee Membership is available in electronic form on our website here: http://www.shelterwa.org.au/about_us.html - scroll to the bottom of the page for all details. The report of the street survey can also be viewed or downloaded from: http://www.shelterwa.org.au/papers_reports.html.

Australasian Housing Institute AGM and Perth Events 12-13 November

The Australasian Housing Institute (AHI) is holding it's AGM in Perth on Wednesday 12th November. The day will commence with a breakfast from 8am including a panel forum exploring 'Challenges for Professional Education in Human Services' speakers will include Graham Searle, Director General, Department of Housing and Works, Russel Crawford Dean Faculty of Life and Social Sciences Swinburne University and Brendan Moran Housing SA. Shane Edmonds, Director Housing Services and re-elected President of AHI will Chair. The AGM will commence at 1:00 pm followed by a joint policy forum from 2:30 with Professor Terry Burke, Swinburne University around 'Failing Markets and Housing Interventions'. On Thursday 13th November the Institute will host a workshop "Aboriginal Housing – Developing a Vision for the Future" in recognition that at a national level there is no framework for indigenous housing, and a set of principles is needed to underpin a vision for the future. Registrations can be made by visiting the AHI website: www.housinginstitute.org

Homeless Connect Day 26th November – GET CONNECTED!

Homeless Connect – a one day one-stop-shop service model aimed to bring agencies together for people who are homeless or without secure accommodation is planned for Wednesday 26th November 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at Citiplace Community Centre Upper Level City Railway Station Complex Wellington Street Perth. Volunteering WA together with the City of Perth is supporting this initiative and hopes to make it an annual event. For more details about this event and to offer your service to people who may visit see the Volunteering WA website: <http://www.volunteeringwa.org.au/For-Volunteers/Homeless-Connect.aspx>

National Rental Affordability Scheme Round 2 Information Sessions

Information sessions being held in WA for round two of the call for funding to community organizations through Commonwealth and State subsidies to encourage the supply of new affordable rental housing has been announced by FHaCSIA. The first will be held in Perth on **26 November 2008, 10am – 12. Art Gallery of WA, Perth Cultural Centre, 47 James Street Mall, Perth**. The second will be held in **Karratha on 27 November 2008, 10am – 12 noon at the All Seasons Karratha, Lot 1079 Searipple Rd, Karratha**. See the FHaCSIA website for more

Community Housing Provider Location Map Web Resource

The Community Housing Coalition of WA has developed a map showing the location of all Community Housing Providers in Western Australia. This Google map can be accessed from the CHCWA website: <http://www.communityhousing.com.au/>. The maps are a useful resource and by clicking on the blue banners – postal contact details are shown for each provider which will make it easier to seek information from local community housing organizations about their housing availability and any waitlist for housing applications.

East Metropolitan Housing Forum

Gosnells Community Legal Centre is hosting an East Metropolitan Housing Forum on Friday 28th November from 1:30 – 3:30 pm in the downstairs Training Room Gosnells Community Lotteries House, 2232C Albany Hwy Gosnells – next to the Post Office. For further information contact GCLC on 93981455 and RSVP to admin@gosclc.com.au by Wednesday 24th November. Information sharing and brainstorming regional needs.

Editors' note: following the September Newsletter, Ben Harvey (OMI DfC) queried the authors' depiction of the Westminster System as it was discussed in the Australian context. The writer is seeking expert opinion about this query and will report in a future edition.

