

STEPHANIE BACHMAN TRIBUTE EDITION

Last week Shelter WA and the social and affordable housing and homelessness community lost a truly inspirational member. Stephanie Bachman, Shelter WA Community Development and Policy Officer, friend, partner, daughter, sister and visionary, collapsed while getting ready for work on Tuesday 25 June and immediately fell into a coma. Tests revealed she had suffered an aneurysm to the brain, which was deemed to be inoperable. Stephanie never regained consciousness and passed away on Wednesday 26 June 2013.

The loss has left a void in the lives of all who were touched by this wonderful, caring and loving woman who worked tirelessly to fight for the rights of those unable to do so for themselves. Shelter WA staff and Board are in deep shock. We miss you, Stephanie, and our hearts are with you on the next stage of your journey. Our hearts are also with Stephanie's family and partner in this difficult and sad time.

Stephanie's funeral will be held on Thursday 4 July 2013, 1.30pm, at Karrakatta Cemetery. If you would like to send a message of condolence or remembrance, you can send it to us at exec@shelterwa.org.au or Shelter WA, 33 Moore St., East Perth 6004. We will compile these messages to give to Stephanie's family and partner.

Rest in Peace, dear friend

*Stephanie Bachman
8 July 1969 - 26 June 2013*



COAG Reform Council release 'Homelessness 2011-12: Comparing performance across Australia'

The COAG Reform Council have recently released their ['Homelessness 2011-12: Comparing performance across Australia'](#) report on the 5th June 2013. This report analyses Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) data collected at the 2006 and 2011 census and has used this to draw conclusions into the homelessness problem facing Australia.

Over these years, the number of rough sleepers fell, but overall homelessness went up due to increases in severe overcrowding and temporary accommodation. COAG's benchmark to reduce homelessness by 7% by 2013 will not be met as a result of this.

Other [key findings](#) from this report include

- An increase of 9859 people living in severely overcrowded dwellings
- An increase of 3929 in the number of people living in supported accommodation for the homeless
- A reduction in the rate of Indigenous Australians living in severely crowded dwellings- down 12.3%
- An increase of 17.3% or 15,509 homeless people from 2006-11.

Due to changes in ABS reporting, these figures actually undercount and do not represent the current magnitude of the homelessness problem occurring in Australia. This change in collection of data was actually noted in the COAG report. This means that the 17.3% increase in homelessness could actually be much greater than stated.

The report also makes recommendations which could positively affect homeless people nation-wide. This includes working to improve the performance framework to include measures of sustainable housing outcomes for people who are homeless or are at risk of becoming homeless. Other recommendations include making changes to the National Affordable Housing Agreement (NAHA).

At Shelter WA we find this report highlights some shortfalls in national and state homelessness programs and urges all levels of government to make a stronger commitment to the 2020 goal of halving homelessness.

The full report can be accessed at the COAG Reform Council [website](#).

State Government commits \$48 million to support NRAS

Amid a housing shortage and a growing population, the WA government has committed \$48 million to help build 1000 new rental homes below the market value. The homes will provide more than a 20% subsidy for those looking to find an affordable place to live. They will be developed through the National Rental Affordability Scheme set up by the federal government.

The homes are expected to be completed by June 2016 and are promoted as being located close to public transport, schools, shops and employment hubs.

The Minister for Housing Bill Marmion has said that collaboration between government and the private sector to boost affordable private rentals is a key component of the State's Affordable Housing Strategy. The State government has delivered 7,600 dwellings out of the 20,000 promised through the strategy by 2020.

More information can be found [here](#).

Shelter WA supports Greens pledge to fund homelessness

Shelter WA Executive Officer, Chantal Roberts, was quoted in Perth Now on 21 June 2013. In the article, [Greens Pledge to Build Homes for Homeless](#), Ms. Roberts urged all political parties to make a commitment to fund homelessness service providers and build more affordable housing to meet the needs of people exiting homelessness services into mainstream ongoing housing.

Chantal urged major parties to not use homeless people as a political football, but provide long-term funding contracts to service providers to ensure certainty in the sector in coming years.

"There is no way that anyone can address homelessness in three, five or seven years, it's a long term proposition but things have to be done," she said.

For more detail, the full article can be accessed [here](#).

For more information about the Green's proposal, an article ['Greens propose prefab housing to ease homelessness'](#) is available from their website.

Shelter WA echoes the view by National Shelter, who also urge a multi-party approach. This is detailed in National Shelter's media statement 'Call for parties to address homelessness challenge' below.

National Shelter Media Release: Call for parties to address homelessness challenge

National Shelter has called for a multi-party approach to solving homelessness and addressing affordable housing in conjunction with the release of the Greens' proposal to end homelessness by 2020.

The Greens recommend the Homelessness Action Plan include an emergency package to build new homes, building modular housing and aim to provide specialist homelessness services double the current funding.

National Shelter Chairperson, Adrian Pisarski welcomed the Greens' proposal and said that it provided the basis to pursue a multi-party approach to homelessness and affordable housing.

"We applaud the promising proposal from the Greens in addressing homelessness and we call for the major parties to pick up on that challenge," said Mr Pisarski.

"Manufactured housing can work if it is well designed, located and fits with the community.

"Increasing funding to double the services also requires an overall rethink of the homelessness system because we have had Supported Accommodation Assistance Program (SAAP) and The Road Home, but most states have not integrated new and old funding. This must be based on input from the sector to complete the Road Home journey.

"Further, we must ensure complementarity between community and public housing providers and wrap around supports."

For more information:

- Adrian Pisarski, Chairperson PH: 0417 975 270

National Shelter Updates

- [Housing supply: media releases](#)
- [Meeting housing needs: media releases](#)
- [Making liveable environments: media releases](#)

Shelter WA partake in St Vinnies CEO Sleepout

The 2013 Vinnies CEO Sleepout was held on 20th of June at the WACA ground. This event raised over \$1.1 million dollars to support Vinnies homeless services in WA.

Shelter WA's Executive Officer, Chantal Roberts again participated in this event, as she did last year. Chantal raised \$1,375, exceeding her total of \$1235 last year.

For more information about the St Vinnie's CEO Sleepout, to donate to this year's efforts or register for next year's event visit the website at: www.ceosleepout.org.au/events/wa-sleepout/. For more information about St Vinnie's work in Western Australia, visit their website at <http://www.vinnies.org.au/homeless-services-national?link=470>

Shelter WA Media Release: DoH Reverse Decision about Bedbugs

Following a story by Lloyd Gorman in the Subiaco Post on 26 January 2013, and approaches by concerned tenants of the Department of Housing's Wandana complex, Shelter WA has held negotiations with the Department of Housing to review its approach to the treatment of bedbugs.

"Shelter WA examined the Department's policy relating to pest control, and undertook extensive research of the impact of bedbugs in other states and overseas", Chantal Roberts, the Executive Officer of Shelter WA said.

"Through our research, we found there are bedbug epidemics in many areas outside of Western Australia, and these pests are extremely difficult to treat. What's more, finding out the source of the infestation is not straightforward because the pests are very easily transferred from one place to another" Ms Roberts added.

"Shelter WA is pleased to announce that through our discussions, the Department of Housing has revisited the policy and made substantial changes which will have a positive impact on tenants of unit complexes." says Ms. Roberts.

Shelter WA received confirmation from the Department of Housing that all current cases of bedbug infestation at Wandana have now been treated by the Department at no charge to tenants. Tenants who were charged for pest treatment as a result of bedbugs have had these charges reversed.

Shelter WA would urge any tenants of unit complexes concerned about bedbugs to contact the Department. The Department of Housing is working with the local council in order to place an article in the Wandana Newsletter regarding bedbugs and for tenants to contact the Department with any concerns about these pests.

"Shelter WA commends the Department of Housing for revising its approach to the treatment of bedbugs once presented with relevant and up to date information. We support their efforts to make the necessary changes to improve the health and well-being of tenants", said Ms. Roberts.

Media contact: Chantal Roberts, 0400 070 082, eo@shelterwa.org.au

Have your say about the future direction of Shelter WA

Shelter WA is conducting a [survey](#). We're seeking information from individuals and organisations about our future as the peak body for affordable housing and homelessness in WA. We're interested in hearing your views.

If you haven't filled out the survey yet, you can complete it [here](#). It will only take 5 minutes.

Shelter WA Membership Renewals

Shelter WA Membership Renewals are now due. You can fill out a membership form online at shelterwa.org.au/shelter-wa-membership/ or contact Corinne at Shelter WA on 9325 6660 or email shelterwa@shelterwa.org.au

Full membership includes:

- Voting rights at General Meetings
- Option to nominate for positions on the Board
- Monthly newsletters via email
- Notice of new reports and fact sheets on the website
- Updates of changes to housing policy and research via email

Shelter WA reports and submissions

Shelter WA recently published the following reports and submissions:

- [Shelter WA Report on DBMS Community Forums](#)
- [Shelter WA Policy Platform 2013-2015 Housing in WA: Affordability & Sustainability for the Future](#)
- [Shelter WA & YACWA Young People Housing & Homelessness Report](#)
- [Shelter WA Housing Options Kit](#)
- [Shelter WA Submission on the Department of Planning State Planning Strategy \(Draft\)](#)

News and Updates

UDIA cite WAPC listed fees as working against affordable housing goals

The UDIA on 24 June 2013 noted a blow to housing affordability with some WAPC fees set to rise 89% from 1 July 2013, the smaller the development the bigger the per lot impact. The WAPC assess changes to residential lots when a property owner makes an application for example a subdivision.

- A two lot subdivision will now cost \$1522.50 per lot, up \$720 per lot
- A 100 lot subdivision will now cost \$95.59 per lot, up \$45.26
- The "average rise" will be \$146.39 per lot to \$309.13 per lot (Based on the average number of lots per development for the December quarter (12)

WAPC states that they operate on a cost recovery basis for their services and they, in conjunction with the Department of Planning, have recently implemented a more rigorous costing model which demonstrated that specific services had not been fully cost recovered in previous years. This necessitated a significant adjustment in fees in order to rectify the under-recovery.

Although they aren't extensive they do add an extra cost to the final development, and works against small affordable housing developments at a time when they are needed most.

As stated previously, the new fees will be effective from 1 July 2013.

More information from the Department of Planning can be found [here](#).

State Planning Residential Design Code Change for Affordable Housing

The State Government has announced significant planning reforms to the R-Codes, which will come into effect on 2 August 2013.

One of the major changes is the removal of the requirement for the occupants of ancillary dwellings, i.e. 'granny flats', to be a relative of the main householder and an increase in the floor space allowed for such developments. This will provide greater housing choice especially for students, which will be a growing part of the housing market according to the State Planning Strategy (2013).

Some of the other main changes to the R-Codes include lowering of the lot size which requires planning approval for single houses; greater emphasis on the use and format of local development plans (formerly known as detailed area plans) and local planning policies; amendments to provisions relating to overshadowing, privacy and parking requirements; and changes to terminology and clarification on how to use the provisions.

More information about these changes can be found at the Department of Planning [website](#).

Australians for Affordable Housing Media Release: Advocates welcome election focus on housing



Australians for Affordable Housing have welcomed the release of the Greens homelessness policies ahead of the Federal election, and have challenged the major parties to do likewise.

'Whilst the election campaign may not have formally started, a date has been announced and voters are waiting to hear what the different parties have to offer. Labor and the Coalition cannot keep ducking when asked what they will do to solve the housing crisis.' said Joel Pringle, Campaign Manager for Australians for Affordable Housing.

'Addressing housing affordability is a key plank to bringing down the rates of homelessness. There are simply not enough affordable rental properties available, and this is leading to over-crowding, hardship, insecure housing and homelessness.'

'The measures announced by The Greens today, including building new homes targeted to people who are currently experiencing homelessness, and doubling the level of support to maintain their housing, would go a long way to help the most vulnerable people in our communities.'

'Homelessness is increasingly an issue for families, the face of homelessness is changing. The housing crisis hurts ordinary Australians and their families and is holding back the nation as a whole.'

'The onus is now on the major parties to explain to the community what they would do in the next period of government to address the housing crisis. Voters deserve to know.'

The full release can be access through the Australians for Affordable Housing [website](#). Further information about the campaign can be downloaded [here](#).

Roofs for Youth training by YACWA

The Youth Affairs Council of Western Australia (YACWA) has recently announced they are bringing back their successful 'Roofs for Youth' training program. This program was developed in response to the ongoing difficulties experienced by young people in securing private tenancies. Roofs for Youth covers the necessary skills and knowledge needed to get and keep a tenancy in the private market. More information about this training can be found at roofsfor youth.eventbrite.com.au

WACOSS Social Innovation Community Platform

WACOSS is seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI) from individuals and organisations in the Not for Profit Sector to participate and contribute to an advisory group to pilot and establish an online community platform. The project will encourage dialogue and information sharing across the sector enabling organisations to connect and make meaningful contributions to the issues which they are attempting to address. The platform presents an innovative approach to assisting the sector to collaborate and connect in a virtual online environment. This is a unique opportunity to become part of an advisory network to provide discussion and input of ideas in the development of the platform for the sector. The work is currently being scoped, and WACOSS is keen to identify those working on similar projects or who have an interest in the development of new technology.

Please send your EOI via email to majja@wacoss.org.au

Discussion Papers, Submissions, Surveys, Petitions

2013-14 Residential Property Investor Sentiment Survey

The 2013-14 Property Observer Residential Investor Sentiment Survey seeks to capture the real sentiment of the property market. They want to know what astute buyers and sellers believe will happen next in the property market.

Simply fill in this [short survey](#) and enter the competition for your chance to win the first prize of an iPad valued at \$539, or the second prize of a \$500 Westfield gift voucher.

Living together survey

Do you have adult children living at home? Do you live at home with your parents? Do you have adult children and elderly parents living with you? The City Futures research team at the University of New South Wales is conducting a research project on why there has been an increase in the number of multi-generation households in Australian cities. By participating in the survey you could win one of three \$100 Coles Myer gift cards. Your opinions will inform governments and the housing industry about the changing needs of Australian families. Take the [survey](#) here or visit the website for more information [City Futures website](#). Survey is open till the 30 July 2013.

If you would like to take part in any of Shelter WA's surveys, please click on the links below:

[Future Directions Survey](#)

[Affordable Housing Survey](#)

[Renting in WA Survey](#)

Awards, Grants, Tenders and Funding Opportunities

ACNC Awards for Young NFP Researchers

Australia's charity regulator, the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC), in partnership with Australia New Zealand Third Sector Researchers (ANZTSR), is offering two awards for early career researchers in third sector studies.

The awards are open to anyone in the first five years of a research career based in an Australian University or Not for Profit organisation. The winner will receive:

- 1,500 to be used toward the project (including travel to Melbourne if required),
- Support and guidance from the ACNC research team in completing the project,
- A 1-year membership to ANZTSR, and;
- Will have their work published in Third Sector Review and on the ACNC website.

Applications are open from 20 June 2013 and close on the 16 August 2013. More information can be found [here](#).

2014 Fulbright Scholarship in Non-Profit Leadership: Applications Open

The 2014 Fulbright Scholarship in Non-Profit Leadership, sponsored by the Origin Foundation and supported by the Australian Scholarship Foundation is now open for applications. The scholarship provides an opportunity for an emerging leader in the NFP space to undertake a 3-4 month professional development program or research in United States.

Applicants will delve into research or professional development that addresses contemporary issues of relevance, innovation, knowledge development, and impact on policy and practice in the NFP space across any discipline or service area.

Applications close 12 August 2013.

For further information please visit the [Australian Scholarship Foundation](#) website.

The Our Neighbourhood Community Grants Program

The Our Neighbourhood Community Grants Program encourages organisations to apply for funding for projects that will help to build healthier, more vibrant and more inclusive communities across Australia.

Funding of one-off cash grant payments **between \$1,000 and \$25,000** is available for community projects or initiatives, based on how strongly they meet the theme of 'inclusion' and support disadvantaged audience groups within Australia.

Applications close 28 June 2013.

For further information please visit the [Our Neighbourhood](#) website.

Office of Multicultural Interests 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, cultural 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.

Application for these grants close intermittently on 15 July 2013, and then on the 21 October 2013.

You can [download application forms and guidelines](#) here. For more information about the CGP Grant Writing Workshop or assistance with your application contact the Grants Officer at OMI on (08) 6552 1463 or by email on grants@omi.wa.gov.au.

Good Outcomes Awards 2013

Calls for nominations for the 2013 Mental Health Good Outcomes Awards have started.

Mrs Morton, Mental Health Minister, said: "People in the mental health sector who work hard and are faced with many challenges on a daily basis deserve to be recognised."

"The awards acknowledge their ongoing commitment, dedication and excellence in the mental health sector.

"They also provide an opportunity to reflect positively on what all of us have done and are doing to improve the lives of people living with mental illness."

The Good Outcomes Awards, presented by the Mental Health Commission, celebrate individuals, groups and organisations across the government, private and community sectors that have made an outstanding contribution to mental health in Western Australia.

There are 12 categories recognising excellence in areas such as early intervention and prevention, excellence in outcomes for older adults, human rights, equity and diversity and improved outcomes in Aboriginal social and emotional wellbeing.

Arafmi WA President Tony Fowke OAM, who won two awards last year said: "As a mental health carer recipient of two awards in 2012, I consider this was not only an honour and encouragement to myself, but more importantly recognition of the important role all family members and other carers play in the community."

Nominations for these award close on the 19 July 2013.

More information about these awards can be found at mentalhealth.wa.gov.au/about_mentalhealthcommission.aspx

2013 WA Seniors Awards

The WA Seniors Awards recognise outstanding achievement and work undertaken by and for seniors in Western Australia.

Now in their 28th year, the WA Seniors Awards recognise individuals and organisations for their contribution to seniors in a variety of fields including volunteering, working with children and young people, mental health and services to seniors.

The five categories are:

Community Award for individuals working in a voluntary capacity who make an outstanding contribution to seniors through their leadership, working with services organisations or serving on committees

Intergenerational Award for outstanding contributions by a senior working with children and young people under 25, such as coaches, grandcarers and volunteers

beyondblue Inspiration Award for Wellbeing for individuals of any age who work to promote the mental health and wellbeing of seniors

COTA WA Champion for Seniors Award is for individuals of any age who work in a paid capacity to improve the quality of life for seniors and retirees

Bendigo Bank Active Ageing Leadership Award recognises not-for-profit groups or organisations, local and state government agencies or businesses for innovative planning in their response to the ageing population, including enhancing opportunities for seniors to lead full and satisfying lives.

The **Juniper 2013 WA Senior of the Year** will be a senior chosen from the winners of the Community Award, the Intergenerational Award and the beyondblue Inspiration Award for Wellbeing.

Nominations for the 2013 WA Seniors Awards close on the 12 August, 2013.

Nomination Kits are available by phoning the Department for Communities on 6551 8700 or COTA WA on 9321 2133. [Online copies are available here.](#)

AHI Excellence in Housing Awards Nominations Now Open

We are excited to announce that nominations for the 2013 Australasian Excellence in Housing Awards are now open for all Australian jurisdictions and New Zealand.

The 2013 AHI Awards feature eight categories:

Individual Awards:

- Inspirational Colleague
- Outstanding Achievement

Team Awards

- Excellence in Social Housing
- Leading Innovation
- Leading Housing Project
- Leading Asset Management
- Leading Tenants Engagement Practice

Tenant Award

- Tenant Led Initiative

A category winner will be selected in each Australian jurisdiction and in New Zealand and announced on-line on 1st October 2013. Finalists from each jurisdiction will automatically be entered in the Australasian Awards. The National Award Winners will then be announced on [30th October 2013 at the Awards Presentation Dinner](#) which will be held during the [8th National Housing Conference](#) in Adelaide. Don't delay the registration for the dinner as the exclusive 25% Early Bird discount is only available until 31 July 2013.

The Institute has run an awards program since 2004. This program has become increasingly popular with members and other housing professionals. Awards will go to housing professionals who are judged to have made a significant and

lasting difference: to tenants or service users, to their community, to their colleagues and to their profession. The Awards recognise the contributions and achievements of our colleagues in the many disciplines which make up the housing profession.

Nominations are open until [31 August 2013](#).

Full information about the awards, selection criteria and conditions of entry are contained in the [brochure](#) and the [nomination form](#). They are also available on the [website](#).

You can also download the brochure for sponsors [here](#).

Research, Resources, Reports and Publications

Homelessness Clearing House

www.homelessnessclearinghouse.govspace.au

[National Social Housing Survey 2012: A summary of national results 2013](#)

[How to prevent homelessness when a bed is a home? 2013 \(Canada\)](#)

[Youth in Need: The economic challenges 2013 \(Canada\)](#)

[Housing: safety, stability and dignity, for survivors of domestic violence 2013 \(USA\)](#)

[On the Brink? A Pilot Study of the Homelessness Assets and Risks Tool \(HART\) to Identify those at Risk of Becoming Homeless. 2013 \(Canada\)](#)

[A home on the range or a home out of range: How Commonwealth Rent Assistance fails low income Australians.](#)

[Are Boarding Houses Disappearing](#)

[Homelessness and Residential Care, 2013 \(India\)](#)

[Going Home Staying Home. 2013 \(Aust\)](#)

[Women rough sleepers who are the victims of domestic violence: Final report. 2012 \(UK\)](#)

DesignBuildSource:

www.designbuildsource.com.au

[Architects Shift Their Focus to Material Research](#)

[Architectural Abstract: Carey Lyon on Materials, BIM and Density](#)

[Urban Design and Public Space in Contemporary Cities](#)

[Major Australian Cities in Demand](#)

[Building Recovery on the Horizon: Construction Group](#)

[Is a Global Building Code the Answer?](#)

[Big Lessons from the Big Desert](#)

[The Latest in Sustainable Resilience Housing](#)

[Land Prices, Sales Rise in December Quarter](#)

[Property Confidence Hits Record High](#)

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW)

www.aihw.gov.au

[National social housing survey 2012: a summary of national results](#) is the most recent in a series of surveys designed to provide information on social housing tenants and their experiences

[The desire to age in place among older Australians](#) focuses on the premise that many older Australians report a desire to age in place. This bulletin explores the relationship between this desire and the housing circumstances of older Australians of different tenure types; that is, those who own their home outright, those paying a mortgage and those who rent their home either privately or through social housing.

Australian Policy Online

www.apo.org.au

[Developing a label for excellence in design for urban stability](#) Fabrico Ribas Chicca 20 June 2013

[Does high home-ownership impair the labor market?](#) Peterson Institute for International Economics, 27 May 2013

[Community wellbeing indicators: measures for local government](#) Australian Centre of Excellence for Local Government

[Literature review of the interplay between education, employment, health and wellbeing for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in remote areas](#) One Limited, 15 April 2013

[Protected tenancies: history and proposals for reform](#) NSW Parliamentary Library, 13 March 2013

[Housing bubbles and expected returns to homeownership: lessons and policy implications](#) Marius Jurgilas, Kevin Lansing 28 January 2013

Wesley Mission - Living on the streets can be far safer than living at home, new report reveals

For some, homelessness is safer than home. It is difficult to imagine a life where the home is a dangerous place yet 34 per cent of those seeking help for homelessness do so as a result of abuse (Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, 2012). Wesley Mission staff have seen a seismic shift in the face of homelessness—from an experience largely defined by single, older men to one where women, families and children are now a sizeable representation.

Wesley homeless services offer a wide range of accommodation for individuals, families, young people, and the elderly. The services are for people experiencing homeless as well as those at risk of becoming homeless. From July 2011 to June 2012, 100,062 nights of care were provided by Wesley Mission homelessness services through safe and secure, short to medium-term accommodation and support services.

The latest research in The Wesley Report, *Homelessness and the next generation*, reveals the facts about homelessness and how we reach effective and sustainable outcomes. [The Wesley Report May 2013](#).

Anglicare Rental Affordability Snapshot 2013

The 2013 Anglicare Australia [Rental Affordability Snapshot](#) shows a 'snapshot' of rental affordability taken on one specific day, Saturday 13 April, across the whole of Australia. The nationwide assessment done by the Anglicare network, surveyed 56,414 rental properties across Australia.

A review of properties listed on [www.domain.com.au](#), [www.gumtree.com.au](#) and [REIWA](#) (in WA) showed that less than one per cent of the properties listed across Australia were suitable for anyone on Newstart allowance, parenting payment, aged pension or disability support pension.

There was also a marked decrease in affordable properties for working families. In last year's snapshot couples working on the minimum wage with children were able to afford 7.8% of rentals on the market. This year, they could only afford 2.6% of rentals – a drastic drop. The median price of a rental property in Perth was up from \$450 per week in 2012, to \$520 per week in 2013 – a 16% increase.

Many low income earners are buying into an expensive market, and placing themselves in housing stress, because they are accepting a rental price higher than what they can actually afford. The rental snapshot also identifies significant price barriers for young people trying to move out of home, as well as the strain that higher rentals are causing for public housing.

Regional areas were also noted to have significant affordability problems. They are far too expensive for people living on a government payment with this group only being able to afford 0.1-5.8% of the market and only marginally less expensive for single people living on a minimum wage, 4.0-6.3%.

This report is a good overall gauge of Australia's residential market and provides some insight into policy changes which can occur to facilitate more affordable housing.

For more information or a copy of the report visit [www.anglicare.asn.au](#).

Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS)

[www.abs.gov.au](#)

[Housing Finance, Australia, Apr 2013](#)

[Australian Social Trends, April 2013 \(Additional Information\)](#)

[Australian Demographic Statistics, December 2012](#)

[Western Australia at a Glance, 2013](#)

[Building Approvals, Australia, April 2013](#)

[Housing Motivations and Intentions, Western Australia, Oct 2012](#)

[House Price Indexes: Eight Capital Cities, Mar 2013](#)

[Reflecting a Nation: Stories from the 2011 Census, 2012–2013](#)

[Selected Living Cost Indexes, Australia, Dec 2012](#)

[Production of Selected Construction Materials, Mar 2013](#)

[Construction Work Done, Australia, Preliminary, Dec 2012](#)

[House Price Indexes: Eight Capital Cities, Dec 2012](#)

[Housing Finance, Australia, Feb 2013](#)

[Lending Finance, Australia, Mar 2013](#)

[Census of Population and Housing: Estimating homelessness, 2011 \(Additional Information\)](#)

[What's New in Regional Statistics, 2013 \(Additional Information\)](#)

[Australian Social Trends - Population boom in mining towns \(Media Release\), April 2013](#)

[Regional Population Growth, Australia, 2011-12](#)

Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute (AHURI)

www.ahuri.edu.au

[Research and Policy Bulletin: Issue 163: How can Community Land Trusts provide accessible and stable tenure options for Indigenous Australians?](#)

[Research and Policy Bulletin: Issue 162 .What influences pathways into and out of social housing and how can mobility support positive housing outcomes?](#)

[Research and Policy Bulletin: Issue 161 What role does assertive outreach play in ending homelessness for people who are sleeping rough?](#)

[Final Report No. 208: Understanding the patterns, characteristics and trends in the housing sector labour force](#)

[Final Report No. 207: Housing and social inclusion: a household and local area analysis](#)

[Final Report No. 206: How integrated are homelessness, mental health and drug and alcohol services in Australia?](#)

[Positioning Paper No. 154: Wellbeing outcomes of lower income renters: a multi-level analysis of area effects](#)

[Positioning paper No. 153: Assets, debt and the drawdown of housing equity by an ageing population](#)

[Positioning paper No. 152: The housing security consequences of underemployment](#)

[AHURI Evidence Review](#) AHURI's *Evidence Review* is a short, weekly online article linking AHURI research findings to contemporary debates, media discussions and community concerns. Focussing on a single theme or issue, each edition of *Evidence Review* connects the findings from different AHURI research projects to help the policy and practice communities, and the interested public, understand what evidence is available on the topic and what it means.

Housing Industry Association (HIA) Media Releases

[Home Lending Up But Not By Enough, says HIA](#) 11 June 2013

[Revealed: Australia's Latest Housing Hotspots](#) 6 June 2013

[No Growth for Residential Construction](#) 5 June 2013

[RBA Rates Decision 'a disappointment'](#) 4 June 2013

Property Observer

www.propertyobserver.com.au/

[Australian housing bubble risk "overblown" with prices to peak in March 2014: Citi](#) 25 June 2013

[Auction market remains strong but colder weather sees fewer listings](#) 25 June 2013

[Pilbara rental market starts to lose some of its sparkle](#) 25 June 2013

[Port Hedland residential market softens](#) 25 June 2013

[No Australian property bubble yet but it's on the cards: Pete Wargent](#) 24 June 2013

[Ageing population poses serious challenges to Australia's future economy: Catherine Cashmore](#) 24 June 2013

[Homeownership sentiment improves as demand for new homes rises: QBE LMI survey](#) 24 June 2013

[Understanding different types of rental expenses and their tax treatment](#) 24 June 2013

[How to find property bargains and not 'lemons' in the current market](#) 21 June 2013

[State by state government property grants and stamp duty concessions: The expiry dates you need to know](#) 20 June 2013

Property Council of Australia

[Perth suburb thinks ahead](#) 7 June 2013, Claire Chaffey, Property Week

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