



Promoting Affordable Housing

# Newsletter

## June 2013

### Shelter WA Report: Disruptive Behaviour Management Strategy 'Three Strikes Policy' Community Forums

Shelter WA conducted a series of community forums in 2012 to determine the impact of the [Department of Housing's Disruptive Behaviour Management Strategy](#) on public housing tenants. Most importantly, the forums were aimed at discerning the impact of this Strategy on vulnerable tenants and those with complex needs, and the manner in which the Strategy is applied by the Department. This was in response to numerous comments by stakeholders that strikes were issued following minor nuisance behaviour by public housing tenants, and families were at risk of eviction leading to homelessness, overcrowding and inability to access appropriate housing.

We look forward to further dialogue about the DBMS and Shelter WA's intention is to lobby the Western Australian Government to dismantle the minor aspects of the Strategy. In our current housing climate, Shelter WA harbours grave concerns that strikes for minor behaviour may lead to housing crises for vulnerable tenants. Shelter WA plans to lobby the Government to employ a supportive stance in relation to public housing tenants demonstrating minor nuisance behaviour, to assist people with complex needs to retain their tenancies in these times of high private rental prices and demand for housing which far exceeds supply in the affordable housing arena.

The Shelter WA report was released on 31 May and is now available [here](#).

### Shelter WA Media Statement 25<sup>th</sup> May: Response to Housing Minister Bill Marmion's statement on the Disruptive Behaviour Management Strategy

Shelter WA acknowledges the State Government's efforts to strengthen the Disruptive Behaviour Management Strategy (DBMS) by recruiting 35 new case management staff to that Department.

As a result of this strategy, the Minister states 26,212 complaints have been received as at 30 April 2013, resulting in 1,705 first strikes. Shelter WA's Executive Officer, Chantal Roberts, says "this indicates that more than 90% of complaints do not result in a strike following investigation. It also points to community attitudes towards public housing tenants and gross inconsistencies between what is tolerated in the private housing sector and the triviality of complaints which may lead to eviction in public housing."

Ms Roberts also stated that Minister Marmion's statement about the Department of Housing's "responsibility to ensure that when ... **tenants step out of line** ..." (emphasis added), quick action is taken, also perpetuates the residual paternalism that has historically been seen in relation to public housing tenancies.

"Another disturbing issue is that a larger percentage of evictions relate to Aboriginal tenants, who only make up about 20% of all public housing tenants", Ms Roberts said. In many cases, those evicted move to other Department of Housing tenancies, causing overcrowding and the issues usually associated with that.

Shelter WA agrees that dangerous behaviour or serious disturbances by any tenant, whether public or private, should result in eviction, to ensure the safety of the community and the rights of neighbours to quiet enjoyment of their property. However, Ms Roberts stated that some of the criteria which define minor disruptive behaviour and may lead to a strike and subsequent eviction is what would constitute normal day to day living, such as children playing at a birthday party, or adults having an argument.

Shelter WA recently held DBMS forums in various suburbs of Perth to identify issues with the Strategy, and found some of the complaints were as trivial as a clock ticking too loudly, or even a sick baby crying during the night. Whilst these particular complaints did not result in strikes, it does point to a disturbing lack of tolerance by the general community for people whose limited income dictates they require public housing.

In other examples, a woman who escaped domestic violence received strikes when her ex-partner found her and caused a disturbance, and a family with young children received an eviction notice as a result of the children disturbing the rubbish for verge collection. These examples illustrate the DBMS as a punitive strategy, rather than a tool which could be designed to support tenants to manage their tenancies successfully. Shelter WA considers tenants in public housing should not be treated more harshly than those in private rentals.

Shelter WA has compiled a report with recommendations for changes to the DBMS, which is detailed above.

Other [investigations](#) are also in progress by the Equal Opportunity Commission and Scales Community Legal Centre into the effects of the Department's Disruptive Behaviour Management Strategy.

## 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 its 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 fill it out [here](#). It will only take 5 minutes.

## 2013 Federal Budget- National Shelter Review

National Shelter has welcomed the Federal Budget 2013-14, but claims that measures implemented by the Labour Government have run their course without future commitment, despite collapsing home ownership, stalled construction and growing housing stress and homelessness.

Chair of National Shelter, Adrian Pisarski said that although seniors have been provided a positive opportunity in the budget, there are crucial gaps in the budget which do not provide for Australians on lower incomes.

"We welcome the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness for one more year. It has and continues to be a positive measure; however we would like to see it extended as a longer term agreement. Further, although it is encouraging that there is now a slight benefit increase for Australians' on the Newstart allowance, we are disappointed that there has not been a payment increase of the Commonwealth Rent Assistance, despite growing poverty in Australia.

"Over the last 6 Federal Budgets, there has been a failure to lock in a long term plan to improve housing affordability, such as through new investments in the National Rental Affordability Scheme and Commonwealth Rent Assistance.

"There is a significant need to invest in new low cost housing and ensure that there is a long term commitment. Making NRAS permanent would be an example.

"We encourage a long term plan for housing affordability in Australia and look to the election campaign as an opportunity to provide new, much needed, investments in this area."

### For more information:

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- Emma Greenhalgh, National Shelter Project Manager, 0402 927 243
- Kim Zoe Evans, Communications Officer, 0404 429 203

## National Shelter Updates

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

## 12-month transitional agreement signed for National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness

On the 29<sup>th</sup> of May Child Protection Minister Helen Morton announced new funding to support the State's homeless. This included a 12-month transitional agreement signed for the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness, as well as matching of Commonwealth funding.

The State and Federal Governments combined have committed \$29 million to extend support for Western Australians at risk of homelessness.

Under the 12-month extension to the National Partnership Agreement, the State Government will invest a matched \$14.54 million contribution towards specialist services for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

"We want to break the cycle of homelessness and secure a brighter future for all West Australians," Child Protection Minister Helen Morton said.

"This money will ensure 80 specialist homelessness services will continue to support some of our State's most vulnerable people.

"Homelessness is an important social issue that is often caused by complex factors that anybody could experience at some stage in their lives and it is important that we have support in place to help people during this time of need."

For more information about this funding agreement please contact Minister Morton's office on (08) 6552 6900

## St Vinnies CEO Sleepout

Shelter WA's Executive Officer, Chantal Roberts will again be participating in the St Vinnie's CEO Sleepout at the WACA on 20 June 2013.

Please support Chantal by making a donation here [www.ceosleepout.org.au/ceos/wa-ceos/chantal-roberts](http://www.ceosleepout.org.au/ceos/wa-ceos/chantal-roberts).

Chantal raised \$1235 last year and hopes to exceed this amount this year. Another added incentive comes from the Australasian Children's Trust, which support individuals' fundraising tally's as they reach \$2,000, \$10,000, and \$20,000 with their own substantial contribution of \$1,000, \$2,000 and \$10,000 respectively.

For more information about the St Vinnie's CEO Sleepout visit [www.ceosleepout.org.au/events/wa-sleepout/](http://www.ceosleepout.org.au/events/wa-sleepout/)



## Shelter WA on RTR FM

Shelter WA Executive Officer, Chantal Roberts, was recently interviewed on 'Perth Indymedia Radio Show', which was broadcast on RTR FM on 27<sup>th</sup> May.

The interview focused on the ever-worsening housing crisis in Western Australia. It provides an insight into the challenges people are facing in finding and maintaining affordable housing in the current economic climate.

This interview can be found on the Perth Indymedia Radio Show [website](#).

## Shelter WA Membership Renewals

Shelter WA Membership Renewals are due and will be sent out soon via email. You can also fill out a membership form online at [shelterwa.org.au/shelter-wa-membership/](http://shelterwa.org.au/shelter-wa-membership/) or contact Corinne at Shelter WA on 9325 6660 or email [shelterwa@shelterwa.org.au](mailto: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

## New Shelter WA website

If you haven't seen it yet, check out Shelter WA's new website at [www.shelterwa.org.au](http://www.shelterwa.org.au). The website is designed to make it easy for users to access information, and provide feedback, on a range of housing issues. The Shelter WA team are pleased in what we have achieved with the new design and ask our members and subscribers to send their feedback to [shelterwa@shelterwa.org.au](mailto:shelterwa@shelterwa.org.au).

## 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

## 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 August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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.

Information sessions will be held on 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of June, in Perth, explaining these changes. An information session will also be held in Bunbury on 17<sup>th</sup> of June.

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

## The Housing we'd Choose- WA Study

At a presentation on 31<sup>st</sup> May, the Department of Planning and the Department of Housing unveiled results from their study into '[The Housing We'd Choose: a study for Perth and Peel](#)'. Shelter WA attended the presentation, which revealed what is important to people when choosing housing. The study identifies the trade-offs people are willing to make when their preferences are constrained by affordability or geographical factors. The study included a survey of a representative sample of people residing in the metropolitan regions of Perth and Peel.

The study will inform the State Government, the real estate market and the development industry on how to tailor homes and communities to meet the future needs of Perth's growing population. The report summary can be found [here](#), or the full report [here](#).

In the near future, Shelter WA will provide an analysis of the report's findings and its implications for the provision of affordable housing in WA.

## Australians for Affordable Housing Media Release: Housing Crisis to Deepen Following Federal Budget



Australia's housing and rental crisis is likely to worsen in coming years and the Government has missed the opportunity to use the Federal budget to provide relief, say housing campaigners.

'All signs indicate that people's ability to afford a home will deteriorate further in coming years, so it is a disappointment that the Government has failed to include budget measures to ameliorate the crisis.' said Joel Pringle, Campaign Manager for Australians for Affordable Housing.

'Investment in education and the DisabilityCare are important steps; however housing affordability seems a blind spot for this Government.'

'There is no bigger stress on the household budget. Many full-time workers are spending between 30 and 50 per cent of their income on housing, and rents have increased by an average of 32% nationally over five years.'

'For many Australians, housing has been the fastest increase expense. In Sydney, for example, average rents in 2012 were around \$6900 higher than they were in 2007. No other cost is hitting the family budget as much as housing.'

'We'll continue working with the community to build the Australians for Affordable Housing campaign and make sure that housing affordability is on the agenda for the upcoming Federal election.'

'We'll be seeking commitments from both the Government and the Opposition on how they intend to address the declining rates of first home buyers, out-of-reach house prices and skyrocketing rents around the country.'

'There are legitimate questions about the ongoing commitment of this Government to housing affordability.'

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 [roofsyouth.eventbrite.com.au](#)

## Building Great Communities Fact Sheet

The Housing Advisory Round Table (HART) has released a fact sheet entitled [Building Great Communities: Public and Community Housing](#). It outlines how public and community housing can build a “safe, secure, and welcoming community”. The fact sheet also works to dispel the myths about social housing, explaining that the diversity created through this type of housing is integral to a vibrant and successful community.

## 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](mailto:majja@wacoss.org.au)

## Discussion Papers, Submissions, Surveys, Petitions

### Mission Australia – Young Western Australians Wanted for National Survey

Mission Australia is calling on young West Australians to help highlight important issues in their lives by taking part in the charity's 2013 Youth Survey - the nation's largest annual stock take of the views, concerns and values of young people between the ages of 15-19.

Mission Australia's 2013 Youth Survey can be completed online: [missionaustralia.com.au/youthsurvey](http://missionaustralia.com.au/youthsurvey)

**The survey closes on Friday 28 June** with the results to be published later this year.

### Call for contributions for July joint edition of HousingWorks and Parity

Once again the **Australasian Housing Institute** and the **Council to Homelessness Persons** are combining their resources to publish a joint edition of their two publications. This will be the July 2013 '**Surviving and Sustaining Public and Social Housing**' joint edition of *HousingWorks* and *Parity*. The publication will have two main themes.

#### Part One: The Future of Public and Social Housing

This section of the publication will examine and discuss the main issues confronting the future of public and social housing in Australia. It will look at the policy mix and the public policy imperatives working to shape and structure the provision of public and social housing. In particular it will look at the policies of both state and national governments in public and social housing provision and ask whether public and social housing has a future other than as the residual “housing of last resort” for the most disadvantaged and marginalised in our community. There will be a particular focus on the role of community housing in the public and social housing mix. Examples and models from comparable international examples will be featured.

#### Part Two: Sustaining Public and Social Housing

This section will look at all those programs and services designed to assist and support people in social and public housing maintain their tenancies and avoid homelessness. What is the evidence for the effectiveness of these programs and services? What are some of examples of “best practice” in supporting social and public housing tenants?

Remember, you do not need to be a professional writer to publish interesting and valuable work - please read the [Contribution Guide](#). All suggestions, final articles and images can be sent to [admin@housinginstitute.org](mailto:admin@housinginstitute.org)

**The deadline for the July 2013 edition is Sunday 16th June 2013.**

### 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](#).

**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](#)

## Invitation to register for the Homelessness Community of Practice (CoP)

The Australian Homelessness Clearinghouse's (AHC) **Homelessness Community of Practice (CoP)** has been launched and we are very keen to hear what you have to say in this two-way discussion forum. We also think this is something you will want to participate in because the majority of AHC subscribers are working in the homelessness services sector.

Learning from each other we can really make a difference by sharing best-practice solutions and inviting input from the actual academics who conducted the studies. The CoP will help everyone better understand the strategies that work best, and why. Leveraging the latest research findings and implementing them on the ground can be exciting but at the same time challenging, so again, we are inviting you to communicate directly with the researchers to gain their insights, via the CoP.

This is your forum and as the research projects are being finalised and published, it is timely to activate the CoP to consult with you. We really want to know what you think about the research findings, how you have used them, whether you can suggest improvements, fill any gaps or identify issues that still need to be addressed. This discussion will help to make policy and programs more efficient and target homeless people and those at risk of homelessness, more effectively.

The Australian Homelessness Clearinghouse's plan is to post a question each week over a three-month period. Each week, a question will be drawn from one of the National Homelessness Research Agenda's project reports. All of the reports have been released on the clearinghouse over the last 12-months and are available by searching on the report's title. If this three-month trial proves to be a success, we hope the energy you bring to the forum will sustain ongoing activity.

The AHC has a global audience and it has grown into a credible source of world-class information on homelessness. Many research releases are re-posted on high profile websites in other countries in recognition of their merit; and their governments' commitment to tackling homelessness. [Join the CoP now](#)

## Awards, Grants, Tenders and Funding Opportunities

### Australia Awards Fellowships Announced

More than 700 senior officials and mid-career professionals from developing countries will have the opportunity to work with Australian organisations to receive training and professional development in a range of industries under the latest round of Australia Awards Fellowships.

The latest round of the Awards, funded by AusAID, will see 37 Australian organisations selected to provide 733 Australia Awards Fellows from 51 developing countries with training and professional development.

The Australia Awards Fellowships provide recipients with the opportunity to undertake short-term study, research and professional development within Australian organisations which focus on health, education, leadership, government, economic growth and disability and development.

Foreign Minister Bob Carr said Australia Awards Fellowships help Australia's closest neighbours respond to development issues.

"Australia Awards Fellowships provide education and training to professionals who are in a position to advance the development of their countries when they return home," he said.

Senator Carr said the programs also strengthened links between organisations in Australia and developing countries in the region.

"The latest round of Fellowships aimed to build capacity in a variety of sectors including border management and people movement in Indonesia, avoidable blindness in Myanmar and Laos, health in Timor Leste; blood transfusion services in the Pacific, and dispute resolution in Cambodia."

Almost 75 per cent of the latest round of Fellows are from Asia. The first of the 733 Fellows will arrive in July.

**The next round, for programs beginning in 2014, is now open and will close on June 19.**

The successful Australia Awards Fellowships funded through the latest round is available [here](#) or visit <http://www.ausaid.gov.au/Publications/Pages/aus-awards-fellowships-round-13.aspx>

### 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. [Download application forms and guidelines](#)

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](mailto: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."

More information about these awards can be found at [mentalhealth.wa.gov.au/about\\_mentalhealthcommission.aspx](http://mentalhealth.wa.gov.au/about_mentalhealthcommission.aspx)

**Nominations close 19 July 2013**

## 2013-14 Regional Events Scheme

The Regional Events Scheme (RES) is an annual funding round administered by Tourism WA, through its Eventscorp division. RES is jointly funded by Tourism WA and the Department of Regional Development and Lands through its Royalties for Regions program. The scheme is designed to assist with the development of events as tourist attractions within regional Western Australia.

The scheme is administered through a competitive application process. Applications are reviewed and assessed against RES criteria and compared against each other. Those criteria include:

- bringing additional tourism income to regional communities by increasing visitor expenditure in the host community (economic impact);
- attracting media coverage that will help raise the profile of the region as a tourist destination (media impact);
- extending the length of the traditional tourist seasons and better utilise tourism facilities and services during off-peak or shoulder periods;
- involving and inspire the local community (social benefits); and
- improving the vibrancy and vitality of the State.



Achieving a representation of diverse areas across regional WA is also considered as part of the assessment process.

RES is jointly funded by Royalties for Regions, a funding program delivered by the State Government to reinvest 25 per cent of mining and offshore petroleum royalties into regional WA. Royalties for Regions is a long-term vision that recognises that the sustainable development of regional Western Australia is vital to the State's future. It is a plan for the whole of Western Australia, with a focus on building communities in regional areas through six policy objectives:

- building capacity in regional communities
- retaining benefits in regional communities
- improving services to regional communities
- attaining sustainability
- expanding opportunity
- growing prosperity

The 2013-14 RES will provide up to \$750,000 of funding for 55 regional events. These events will occur between July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2014.

Further information can be found at [tourism.wa.gov.au/events/pages/regional\\_events.aspx](http://tourism.wa.gov.au/events/pages/regional_events.aspx) or at via email on [regionalevents@westernaustralia.com](mailto:regionalevents@westernaustralia.com)

## 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.

Nominations for the 2013 WA Seniors Awards opened on Tuesday 4 June and will close at 5.00pm on Monday 12 August, 2013. The awards ceremony will take place on Sunday 10 November.

### 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.

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. Nominations are open **from 1 June until midnight on 31 August 2013**. 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 the 1st October 2013. Finalists from each jurisdiction will automatically be entered in the Australasian Awards. The National Award Winners will then be announced on the [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.

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](#).



## WA Innovator of the Year Awards 2013

The WA Innovator of the Year Awards, run by Department of Commerce, is a valuable initiative which provides support to innovators and entrepreneurs across our State. The 2013 Innovator of the Year Awards are now open for applicants with a total prize pool of \$190,000 awarded to winning innovations.

The Awards is comprised of two categories: the Emerging Innovation Category (pre-revenue) and the Growth Category (post-revenue). A category winner will be chosen from each of these two categories. The Mitsubishi Corporation WA Innovator of the Year Award will be presented to the overall winner chosen from both categories. In total there are five prizes on offer.

The closing date for submitting the written applications is Wednesday 3 July 2013 at 3pm (WST). For more information about the 2013 WA Innovator of the Year Awards, [click here](#).

To find out about some of the inventors and innovators who have gone on to bigger and better things since entering the WA Innovator of the Year Awards, [click here](#).

## Research, Resources, Reports and Publications

### CREATE Foundation Report Card 2013

CREATE Foundation has released its report *Experiencing Out-of-Home Care in Australia: The Views of Children and Young People*, By Dr Joseph J. McDowall. The report is the culmination of a survey designed to provide a benchmark or reference point for how the out-of-home care system is faring in 2013 from the point of view of the children and young people living in it. Click on the following link for a copy of the report [Experiencing Out-of-Home Care in Australia: The Views of Children and Young People](#)

### Homelessness Clearing House

[www.homelessnessclearinghouse.govspace.au](http://www.homelessnessclearinghouse.govspace.au)

[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 \(UK\)](#)

[What effect does housing assistance have on social inclusion for people with disabilities? 2013 \(Aust\)](#)

[Innovating alongside Designers. 2013 \(Aust\)](#)

### DesignBuildSource:

[www.designbuildsource.com.au](http://www.designbuildsource.com.au)

[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](#)

[Building a harmonised planning act](#)

[Design for an Aging Population](#)

[Reconnecting young people to break the cycle of homelessness](#)

### Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW)

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

[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

### Accessible events – a guide for organisers

Disability Discrimination Commissioner, Graeme Innes, has congratulated Meetings & Events Australia on the release of an updated edition of *Accessible events – a guide for organisers*.

“Events such as conferences, festivals, annual meetings, award ceremonies, fundraisers and seminars are big business and an important part of the lives of many people,” said Commissioner Innes. “Ensuring they are accessible for people with disability - whether they are presenters, sponsors or participants is a legal requirement.”

The Guide was first developed in 2006 by Meetings Events Australia in partnership with the Australian Human Rights Commission.

“Since then new access requirements have been introduced and MEA and its members have gained experience in using the Guide, so it is timely that this updated version has been released,” said Commissioner Innes.

The Guide aims to help organisers think about access and participation when planning an event and understand what can be done to ensure the best possible access. It includes sections on the venue, promotional material, booking systems, information and the overall organisation of an event whether it is an open air festival, large conference or community consultation. The Guide is available here: [www.mea.org.au](http://www.mea.org.au) under section titled ‘Downloads of Interest’. [www.meetingsevents.com.au/downloads/Accessible\\_Events\\_Guide.pdf](http://www.meetingsevents.com.au/downloads/Accessible_Events_Guide.pdf)

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### 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, the Saturday 13 April, across the whole of Australia. The nationwide assessment done by the Anglicare network, surveyed 56,414 rental properties across of Australia.

A review of properties listed on [www.domain.com.au](http://www.domain.com.au), [www.gumtree.com.au](http://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](http://www.anglicare.asn.au).

[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](#)

[Australian Social Trends April 2013](#)

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

[Building Activity, Australia, Dec 2012](#)

[Where and how do Australia's older people live?](#)

## **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?](#)

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[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?](#)

[Final Report No. 205: The cost of homelessness and the net benefit of homelessness programs: a national study](#)

[Final Report No. 204: Understanding leadership, strategy and organisational dynamics in the not-for-profit housing sector](#)

[Final Report No. 203: Bridging the divide: the experiences of low-income households excluded from the private rental sector in Australia](#)

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[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](#)

[Positioning Paper No. 151: Cost-effective methods for evaluation of neighbourhood renewal programs](#)

[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**

[Federal Budget Lacks Focus on Housing Australians](#) 14 May 2013

[HIA Welcomes Stronger New Home Lending Figures](#) 13 May 2013

[Housing Industry Welcomes Launch of AtoB Program](#) 13 May 2013

[House Price Growth Fizzles Out in Early 2013](#) 7 May 2013

[Construction Sector at Seven Month Low](#) 7 May 2013

## Anglicare WA Homelessness Award Recipient

Anglicare WA has recently received an award from the 2013 National Homelessness Services Achievement Awards. Their Making Ends Meet program won the 'Outstanding business or philanthropic commitment to addressing homelessness' award. The program offers assistance to those experiencing significant 'housing stress' including couples, sole parent families and families that are employed either part or full time. In addition to helping families avoid homelessness, they also provide support to build resilience against future crises.

Shelter WA congratulates Anglicare WA on the development of this much needed program, and on winning the award. We also hope Anglicare WA continue to achieve success with this program and other innovative programs in the future. More information is available through [www.anglicarewa.org.au](http://www.anglicarewa.org.au).

## Property Observer

[www.propertyobserver.com.au/](http://www.propertyobserver.com.au/)

[There are no quick fixes to the housing affordability conundrum](#) 27 May

[Australia's best 20-year period in residential property markets](#) 30 May

[Diversity is the key to residential property investment success](#) 30 May

[Value of construction work done falls by unexpected 2 in March quarter led by engineering slump](#) 29 May

[Victoria, WA and NSW lead April new home sales rise to highest level since December](#) 29 May

[Housing market sentiment improving but still favouring buyers](#) 29 May

[Perth leads nation in annual price growth](#) 28 May

[Chance of a sharp fall in house prices "remote"](#) 27 May

[It's a great time to re-finance but consider the true cost of doing so](#) 24 May

## Homelessness Solutions Database (US Interagency Council on Homelessness)

Do you struggle to find the time to keep up-to-date with homelessness research? Ever wondered about the evidence base behind coordinated entry or rapid re-housing approaches?

The United States Interagency Council on Homelessness ([USICH](#)) has created the [Solutions Database](#), a searchable source of information about emerging and established responses to homelessness. The database contains short profiles of important practices and programs such as permanent supportive housing, motivational interviewing and funder collaboratives. Although it is compiled from North American evidence, the database includes tips for replicating these approaches, as well as links to help you find more information or resources that you can use.

## New Australian Human Rights Commission website

The Commission has launched a new website to provide a more modern platform for the web audience. The site has a lot of features that weren't available previously. It's now mobile and tablet friendly and more geared to social media. It's also more interactive, with places to comment such as on the news stories on the home page. Accessibility has been greatly improved, with a range of enhancements such as better contrast for the visually impaired. There will be more video content across the site, and a new video section in news.

[All publications are also now in one place.](#) The new website uses a content management system, which will help us update content more quickly.

As part of the changes, we'll be using Mailchimp to send out emails to people [subscribing to e-lists](#).

View it at [humanrights.gov.au](http://humanrights.gov.au) Please send any comments and feedback to [webfeedback@humanrights.gov.au](mailto:webfeedback@humanrights.gov.au)

## Conferences, Events and Workshops 2013

### Equal Opportunity Commission Training June 2013

Equal Opportunity Law and Workplace Culture – Full day	Tuesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> June 2013	Cost \$350.00
Contact Officer Role – Full day - pre-requisite applies	Wednesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2013	Cost \$350.00
Grievance Officer Role & Complaint Handling (Two day course) – pre-requisite applies	Tuesday/Wednesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2013	Cost \$621.00

For further details on these workshops and the pre-requisite requirements please refer to the website [www.eoc.wa.gov.au](http://www.eoc.wa.gov.au) under Community Education & Training or you are welcome to call 9216 3900 for further assistance.

If you would like to attend please register online at [www.eoc.wa.gov.au](http://www.eoc.wa.gov.au) under Community Education & Training – Courses by Calendar and select the relevant event or alternatively phone 9216 3900 for assistance in registering for the workshop.

### WACOSS Partnership Forum Event Past, Present and Future

The Partnership Forum is hosting a one day interactive forum for community service organisations to have input into the Partnership Forum, Past, Present and Future on Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> June 2013

The event will be facilitated by [Andrew Horabin](#) and opened by the Premier Colin Barnett.

*What is working? What is not?*

*Where to next? How should we get there?*

The best people to answer these questions are those that design, deliver, use, fund, contract and advocate for services in our communities.

The Partnership Forum is entering its fourth year of working to improve outcomes for all Western Australians through a genuine partnership in the policy, planning and delivery of community services in Western Australia.

The Forum needs your guidance on where we should be focusing our efforts into the future.

Whether you have a bunch of ideas or just a heap of questions, this event will provide you with an opportunity to come along and listen, learn, contribute, debate, raise issues and recommend approaches to forging more collaborative and effective partnerships.

The community services sector is under pressure from a range of reforms, making it even more critical that we come together to honestly reflect on our partnership. We believe your time will be well spent and your input influential.

This will be a highly interactive event, not a series of presentations, so we would like a mix of representatives from a wide range of service areas and organisations participating. If you think you should be at this event, click the following link [http://www.finance.oneit.com.au/df/ViewEvent.jsp?Tag=WA\\_EVENT&ID=438101](http://www.finance.oneit.com.au/df/ViewEvent.jsp?Tag=WA_EVENT&ID=438101)

**Registrations close on 17 June 2013.**

Please contact Marika Gare on 6552 6142 with any queries or special requirements. [Click here](#) for more information.

### PIA WA State Conference Call for 'Shout it Out' Abstracts!

The Planning Institute of Australia (WA Division) invites you to submit an abstract for the **"Shout It Out"** sessions at the 2013 State Planning Conference ["Towards Smart, Global, Connected Communities"](#).

The Shout It Out sessions are short to the point presentations to allow delegates to gain more understanding and knowledge in a short period of time. This year we will offer two Shout it Out streams - 10 minutes and 20 minutes.

The 2013 State Conference will focus on exploring effectual planning strategies for a sustainable and smart future and exploring the use of smart technologies to create more efficient planning systems and better informed communities.

The Conference Committee is seeking speakers who want to "Shout It Out" and share their experience about an Idea, a Plan, a Challenge or an Achievement.

The Abstracts should be 250 words and provide an indication of the topic to be "Shouted Out" and why it would be of interest to the profession. Thought provoking, creative abstracts will be highly encouraged to stimulate delegates' interest. Please also nominate your preference to speak for 10 or 20 minutes. We will try to accommodate your preference as much as possible.

For more information or to submit your idea please email [wa@planning.org.au](mailto:wa@planning.org.au)

The deadline for abstract submissions is **14 June 2013**.

### Wesley LifeForce Suicide Prevention Workshop 26 June 2013

Suicide is a profound tragedy which affects our communities especially those people we come in contact with in our day to day lives. As a result it is so important to learn about the complexities of suicide and what we can do to support someone who is at risk.

Wesley LifeForce invites you to attend a **Suicide Prevention Workshop** to be held at Aboriginal Drug & Alcohol Centre – 211 Royal St, East Perth WA 6004 on **26th June 2013** from **9.15am – 4pm**. This is a free event.

This program not only provides education on what to do in the crisis of suicide but also how to intervene on a daily basis. [For those who are interested in attending please click here for a registration form](#)

Wesley LifeForce Suicide Prevention Program | Phone: 1800 100 024 | Fax 02 8922 9096 |

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### 2013 National NAIDOC Poster now available for order!

Congratulations to Gail Naden from Gilgandra in NSW who has won the 2013 National NAIDOC Poster Competition with her artwork, Claiming our Ground. To order your free copy of the poster online through the [NAIDOC website](#) or visit your local Indigenous Coordination Centre. For a full list of Indigenous Coordination Centre's please visit the [National Network page](#) on the [indigenous.gov.au](http://indigenous.gov.au) website

### Butler Falcons AFL Team for Young Women from CaLD Backgrounds

Butler Falcons, a recently formed AFL team of young women from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CaLD) Backgrounds between 12 - 20 years of age.

It is hoped that this team will inspire young women from CaLD backgrounds to play AFL and provide strong role models within the community, as well as promoting multiculturalism through embracing Australia's game by this group of girls.

The team has been training for several weeks and has a core group of players; now is the time to promote on a wider scale.

The team trains on Friday nights at Butler Community Centre, cnr Kingsbridge Blvd and Connolly Drive, Butler at 7pm

Please forward to anyone who could benefit or may be interested. For more information please contact Edmund Rice centre, Mirrabooka on 9349 9660

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**Ms Irina Cattalini, WACOSS**

**Mr Tony Pietropiccolo, Centrecare**

**Ms Tammy Solonec & Mr Suresh Rajan, Community Leaders**

**Who**

**Non-government & community service providers, State Government Senior  
Contract Managers & SE Officers and other community or public sector  
professionals**

**When**

**Morning Tea - 9.30am**

**Hypothetical - 10am-noon**

**Thursday 20 June 2013**

**Where**

**Department of Health Theatre**

**189 Royal Street East Perth**

To R.S.V.P. to this free event please go to the Try Booking website at

**<http://www.trybooking.com/51858>**

For further details contact Diana MacTiernan on 9216 3905 or  
[diana.mactiernan@eoc.wa.gov.au](mailto:diana.mactiernan@eoc.wa.gov.au).

## Conferences, Events and Workshops 2013

International Homelessness Research [Conference](#): Advancing the Policy and Practice of Crisis Response Systems, (Philadelphia, USA) 3-4 June

Australasian Housing Institute (AHI) [Master Class Series People and Places](#) (Sydney) 5-6 June

COTA WA [Conference](#) WA Active Ageing Conference (Perth) 5-6 June

Queensland Shelter Housing in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century [Conference](#) (Brisbane) 12-13 June

Planning Institute Australia Public Open Space [Forum](#) (Perth) 12-19 June

Australian Health Promotion Association (APHA) 21<sup>st</sup> National [Conference](#) (Sydney) 17-19 June

4<sup>th</sup> Annual Affordable Housing Projects [Conference](#) (Kuala Lumpur Hilton, Malaysia) 17-19 June

The Chartered Institute of Housing (CIH) Housing 2013 [Conference & Exhibition](#) (Manchester, UK) 25-27 June

NAIDOC [Week](#) (National) 7-14 July

5<sup>th</sup> International Community, Work & Family [Conference](#) *Changes & Challenges in a Globalizing World* (Sydney) 17-19 July

Centre for Social Impact [Measuring Social Outcomes and Impact Forum](#) (Perth) 21-22 August

Annual National Suicide Prevention [Conference](#) *Collective Impact: Partners in Prevention* (Melbourne) 24th-26th July

The Property [Congress](#) (Sydney) 26-28 August

Not-for-Profit People [Conference](#) (Melbourne) 27-28 August

Anti-Poverty [Week](#) (National) 13-19 October

8<sup>th</sup> National Housing [Conference](#) (Adelaide) 30 October – 1 November

4th WA Transcultural Mental Health & 2nd Australasian Refugee Health [Conference](#) 2013 (Perth) 31 October – 1 November

World Town Planning [Day](#) (International) 8 November

11th Australasian Injury Prevention & Safety Promotion [Conference](#) (Fremantle, WA) 11-13 November

LSAC and LSIC Research [Conference](#) *Growing Up in Australia and Footprints in Time* (Melbourne) 13-14 November

2013 National Indigenous Health [Conference](#) (Cairns) 25-27 November

## Media Releases

[Public housing waiting list blows out in Goldfields](#) ABC News 29 May

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[Aged care can't meet growing demands of the population](#) SMH 23 May

[Salvation Army survey finds many families going without basic necessities](#) ABC News 22 May

[More than a quarter said they could not afford one main meal a day](#) The Australian 22 May

[Many families and individuals desperately trying to hold on](#) The Australian 22 May

[Australian women living in poverty](#) Daily Life 22 May

[Lotterywest Funds Study to Send Rough Sleepers Back to Country](#) The Australian 20 May

[Homeless face future of frightening despair](#) Daily Telegraph 20 May

[Budget upside for family home downsizers](#) SMH 15 May

[Overcrowding on the rise as more crammed into homes](#) The Age 13 May



## WA Government Media Releases

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[Port Hedland housing boost](#)

[Victim support funding for Aboriginal people in remote areas](#)

[\\$200 payment to help seniors with energy bills](#)

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[Carers get free off-peak public transport](#)

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**Liberal Party Australia:** <http://www.liberal.org.au/Latest-News.aspx>

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[New streamlined service in the Pilbara to help people get work and strengthen communities](#)

[Attorney-General visits Sussex Street Community Law Service](#)

[Exploring homelessness responses at national summit](#)

## Useful links

[National Shelter](#)

[Federation of Housing Collectives WA](#)

[Homelessness Australia](#)

[Homelessness Clearing House](#)

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