

Shelter WA Letter To The Editor, West Australian Newspaper

Re: Shelter WA's position on the DBMS

I would like to provide clarification in response to the article 'Public housing evictions grow' by Phoebe Wearne in *The West Australian* on 11 February 2013, page 16. I spoke with Ms. Wearne at length about the Disruptive Behaviour Management Strategy (DBMS) and Shelter WA's position. We have worked with the Department of Housing and the affordable housing and homelessness sector to educate the community about the Strategy and obtain information that highlights some problematic aspects of how it is currently implemented, including questionable criteria of what constitutes minor disruptive behaviour (i.e. children being noisy, loud music). In the article, Ms. Wearne cites Shelter WA as supporting the three strikes policy in that it gave tenants a chance to change. This was an incomplete statement, which was taken out of the context in which it was given. Ms. Wearne omitted the rest of my statement, which was that the Department of Housing provides information and referrals to support tenancies which are at risk of strikes, and if tenants do not engage with this support to address the issues it can lead to eviction. Further, I also stated that the policy needs to be reformulated as an early intervention strategy to identify and address issues rather than as a punitive system, which in some instances will exit tenants into homelessness.

Shelter WA understands that the Department of Housing has received funding for a specialised team to process complaints, investigate claims, and work with tenants to help address disruptive behaviour. In some cases, this may be eviction, particularly in cases of severe or dangerous behaviour. However, in other cases of minor disruptive behaviour, the DBMS team should work with tenants to address the behaviour and alleviate conflict among neighbours. This could be through connecting tenants to support services such as mental health services or providing mediation among relevant parties. Shelter WA is in the process of compiling a report on the DBMS, based on its community forums, which will be available in March 2013. Shelter WA will continue to work collaboratively with the Department of Housing and the affordable housing and homelessness sector to ensure tenants are treated fairly and all public housing tenants and their neighbours can live in safety and security. - Chantal Roberts, Executive Officer, Shelter WA

Shelter WA Submissions, Resources and Projects

Shelter WA is currently working on the following submissions and projects. If you have any issues or concerns you would like us to consider when preparing our submissions or you wish to attend a forum contact Stephanie at cdpo@shelterwa.org.au or phone 9325 6660.

Shelter WA Policy Platform 2013-2015 Housing in WA: Affordability & Sustainability for the Future

Just 0.5% of private rentals are affordable for low-income households, 9,500 people are homeless in WA and of those fortunate enough to have a home in WA, 43% of those on a low income are in housing stress.

"It's a sad reflection in a State as prosperous as WA, and the [Shelter WA Policy Platform 2013-2015 Housing in WA: Affordability and Sustainability for the Future](#) spells out some solid policies to address this," said Shelter WA Executive Officer Chantal Roberts.

The Policy Platform hinges around a central call for one State Minister responsible for Housing, Homelessness and Urban Development.

In short Shelter WA's policies propose that:

- The WA Government appoint a single Minister for Housing, Homelessness and Urban Development;
- Stamp duty is abolished in favour of a more equitable land tax;
- Urban planning amendments are prioritised;
- Reform of the private rental sector is undertaken through an improved investment mix and enhanced rental supports;

- The social housing sector is expanded; and
- Homeless services are restructured and enhanced, and marginal housing improved.

“The WA Government has implemented a number of good initiatives that begin to address this, but to really tackle the issue we as a society – led by government in partnership with the private and non-profit sectors - need to take responsibility for real and lasting change, through reform and expansion.”

Media contact: Chantal Roberts, Executive Officer, eo@shelterwa.org.au

Shelter WA Young People, Housing & Homelessness Final Report

Shelter WA and the Youth Affairs Council of WA (YACWA) have released their final report *Young People, Housing and Homelessness Final Report*. A copy of the report is available [here](#)

Shelter WA Housing Options Kit

With the high cost of housing in WA, it is important that people have useful, accurate information to find the right kind of affordable accommodation. People need to know what to consider and where to go for assistance in seeking crisis or supported accommodation, renting in social housing or the private rental market, and in purchasing a home. The free Housing Option Kit will help them do just that.

There are many valuable services and housing providers in WA aimed at assisting people experiencing homelessness, people on low incomes, or who are otherwise disadvantaged in the housing market. However, it is often difficult for people to know where to go – and for service providers to know where to send their clients. The Housing Options Kit will build awareness of the services available and help connect people to the appropriate service.

The free kit will be particularly useful to service providers working with people in need of housing, or in need of transitioning from one type of tenure to another such as out of crisis accommodation and into social housing, or from a private rental into affordable home ownership.

The paper copy of the guide was mailed to organisations in the housing and homeless services sector. It is also available electronically on the Shelter WA website www.shelterwa.org.au.

[Click here for the Shelter WA Housing Options Kit](#)

State Planning Strategy Shelter WA Submission

Shelter WA is currently compiling a submission in response to the State Planning Strategy (Draft) 2012. The strategy was prepared by the Department of Planning, under the guidance of the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) to meet the future planning challenges and opportunities in relation to: economic development; education; training and knowledge transfer; tourism; environment; agriculture and food; physical and social infrastructure.

The strategy presents a vision for Western Australia to 2050 and beyond based on a framework of planning principles, strategic goals and State strategic directions. The document can be found on WAPC's website at <http://www.planning.wa.gov.au/publications/6561.asp>.

This is a very important document for the future planning of Western Australia, and Shelter WA is committed to providing an extensive response in relation to the issues of Affordable Housing and Homelessness. If you would like to provide feedback to be incorporated into our response, any comments can be forwarded to Robert Gough at Shelter WA at prac@shelterwa.org.au. Feedback must be received by the 22nd March 2013, as we will be finalising our response after this time, to submit to the Department of Planning by the 29th March 2013 deadline.

News and Updates

Mark Butler the new Federal Minister for Housing and Homelessness

Shelter WA welcomes the new Federal Minister for Housing and Homelessness Mark Butler. Mr Butler replaces Brendan O'Connor. Mark Butler will keep his existing portfolio including the ministry for Mental Health and Ageing.

WACOSS WA State Election Website

As part of its election strategy, WACOSS has created a specific election sub site. [Click here](#) to access this sub site.

Beware of Scammers Asking for NDIS Fees

People are being warned to beware of contact from anyone claiming to work for the Government who tries to make them pay an administration fee to access the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

These claims are false.

There is no need for people to pay a fee to join the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

The Gillard Government is investing \$1 billion to launch the first stage of the NDIS in five sites across the country from July this year.

The NDIS Launch Transition Agency will deliver the first stage of the NDIS and in the lead up to launch will communicate with many people with disability in the launch sites.

However, the Agency will not be seeking fees from anyone to participate in the scheme.

People should be very wary of anyone asking for payments for Government schemes, including the NDIS.

If people are concerned that their privacy has been breached or they have provided personal details as a result of one of these calls, they should report it to the police.

People can also report a scam and get further information at the Government's Scamwatch website, www.scamwatch.gov.au, or call the hotline on 1300 795 995.

If you have any further enquiries about this scam email helpdesk.fraud@fahcsia.gov.au

If you want to know more about the facts of the NDIS please go to the Government's official web site at www.ndis.gov.au

[Media release: The Australian Government, Monday, February 11th, 2013](#)

Report Card for Planning

The Department of Planning and WA Planning Commission (WAPC) have commenced a comprehensive and strategic reform to improve the land use planning processes and the approvals system in Western Australia.

[Planning Makes It Happen - a blueprint for planning reform](#) sets out 11 key strategic priorities and a two year forward work program that includes 22 actions for the state. The 11 key priorities are:

- major project facilitation
- establishment of [development assessment panels](#)
- national reform agenda
- urban land supply and infrastructure coordination
- establishment of [regional committees](#) to provide regional leadership and direction for land use planning
- restructure of WAPC committees and governance framework
- a strategic plan for land use in metropolitan Perth and Peel - [Directions 2031](#)
- a development vision for Perth
- review of WAPC state planning policies
- streamlined, simplified and tracked structure planning
- ensuring the majority of single houses are planning approval exempt

At the end of the reform period Western Australia will have a very efficient, flexible and outcome-focused planning system. The system will be national best practice which has the confidence and support of the community.

<http://www.planning.wa.gov.au/653.asp> [Reform cut red tape and streamlined planning](#)

National Shelter Update

Social housing stimulus review

The Social Housing Initiative of the Nation-Building Economic Stimulus Plan delivered economic benefits not only to the social housing sector but also to the wider Australian economy, noted a recent review by KPMG. The report, released by the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs on January 5, also found that the number of dwellings to be delivered exceeded targets by approximately 13 per cent, and that the initiative provided dwellings for approximately 8,400 homeless people. Read the [report](#).

National Shelter policy platform

We need a fairer housing system — and we want this in the spotlight in the lead-up to the federal election on September 14. In our policy platform, 'Meeting housing challenges', we've identified a range of solutions to tackle the four key housing challenges facing low-income Australians, including:

- support for institutional investment in rental housing and long-term rental investment, improved consumer protection for tenants, increased levels of Commonwealth Rent Assistance, and ongoing commitment to the National Rental Affordability Scheme — to reform the private rental market
- ongoing commitments to increase social housing and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander social housing supply, more sustainable funding for social housing providers, increased diversity of social housing provision, and growth of the community housing sector — to revitalise social housing

- adequate funding for support services for people experiencing homelessness with matched housing allocations, and sufficient funding for homelessness services — to combat homelessness
- tax reform, improved urban planning, and reform of assistance for home-purchasers — to make housing more affordable.

A [summary](#) of the policy platform is available, as well as a [long version](#).

New Video about Housing and Homelessness

In October, 2012 attendees of the Shelter SA Homeless Connect Expo, many of them vulnerable South Australians, recorded their housing needs. Shelter SA has released a video of these conversations that you can watch and share [here](#). We encourage you to take the time to watch the video.



Read Shelter SA's [media release](#) and [document](#) that clearly links the video with the lack of a State Housing Strategy in SA.

You can comment on the video on the Shelter SA [facebook page](#).

Views on Homelessness from South Australia

Media release: Shelter South Australia Friday, February 15th, 2013

The new Shelter SA Discussion Paper "Private Voices Public Issues" was released on 15 February. The discussion paper is important because it includes unheard voices and private perspectives on homelessness which are not always included in public policy debates.

Shelter SA events and interviews with people working in the homelessness sector from both government and non-government agencies places findings in the context of a workforce development strategy, to ensure the best outcomes for homeless people. Dr. Alice Clark, Executive Director of Shelter SA said, "We examine the dominant voice of government, the more hidden voices of workers but particularly the deafening silence when it comes to people experiencing homelessness themselves".

Shelter SA advocates for safe, affordable and appropriate housing for all South Australians especially people living on low incomes and aims to encourage public discussion by:

- including unheard and minority voices in discourse around homelessness without privileging one perspective or knowledge base over the other;
- creating a shared understanding of the positives and negatives within the sector;
- shedding light on ways to improve service delivery within the homelessness sector;
- supporting healthy relationships within and between Government and non-Government service providers
- producing a range of possible solutions, emanating from the field, for consideration by Government, individuals and groups.

The discussion paper is available [here](#). Address any comments or questions to Alice Clark, Executive Director of Shelter SA, alice.clark@sheltersa.asn.au

Public feedback will be collated and posted on the Shelter SA website www.sheltersa.asn.au in the near future.

Discussion/Issue Papers, Submissions, Surveys, Petitions

Homelessness Australia (HA) – Homelessness and older Australians policy document calls for contribution

HA is currently seeking input into an evidence -based policy paper they are writing on homelessness and risk of homelessness among older Australians.

The topic being explored is *Aging out of place. What are the main issues and challenges confronting homelessness amongst older Australians?*

HA are hoping to complete a draft of the paper in the first week of April so if you would like to contribute, could you please provide input by Thursday 28 March to Travis Gilbert, Policy and Research Officer, either by [email](#) or by phone on 02 6247 7744, For more information visit www.homelessnessaustralia.org.au

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

[Affordable Housing Survey](#)

[Renting in WA Survey](#)

[Feedback on the Disruptive Behaviour Management Strategy](#)

Submissions sought: Building the 'ultimate model' of employment services

Minister for Employment Participation the Hon Kate Ellis MP has released the [Employment Services – building on success: Issues Paper](#) to review existing employment services and determine delivery of services from July 2015.

Homelessness Australia has developed an [issues paper](#) in response. If you have any issues with Job Services Australia providers you would like to raise, please contact HA via [email](#).

Written submissions should be received by 5 pm AEDST on 15 March 2013.

[Email](#) submissions are preferred (word or RTF format). You can also fax submissions to (02) 6276 7346 or post submissions to Director, Employment Services Beyond June 2015, GPO Box 9880, Canberra ACT 2601, Location Code C50MA4.

Visit [their website](#) for more information.

The 2013 National NAIDOC theme is announced and the poster competition and nominations for the NAIDOC Awards are now open!

The theme for NAIDOC Week 2013 is *We value the vision: Yirrkala Bark Petitions 1963*. For a full [description of this theme](#) please visit the NAIDOC website.

Indigenous artists are invited to submit an artwork to the 2013 [National NAIDOC Poster Competition](#) based on this year's theme. **Entries close Friday 29 March.**

If you know an Indigenous person who deserves recognition for their achievements then nominate them for a 2013 [National NAIDOC Award](#). **Nominations close Friday 26 April.**

Forms are available online at www.naidoc.org.au or from your nearest Indigenous Coordination Centre.

Awards, Grants, Tenders and Funding Opportunities

Office of Multicultural Interests (OMI) 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 \(PDF format\)](#)

KEY DATES for 2013

CGP Grant Writing Workshop, 5.30 – 8.00pm Tuesday 18 June 2013

RSVPs essential to the Grants Officer by 5.00pm Wednesday 12 June 2013

CGP July 2013 round closes 4:00pm, 15 July 2013

CGP Grant Writing Workshop, 5.30 – 8.00pm Tuesday 24 September 2013

RSVPs essential to the Grants Officer by 5.00pm Wednesday 18 September 2013

CGP October 2013 round closes 4:00pm, 21 October 2013

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.

Perth Convention Bureau Aspire Program City of Perth Convention Scholarship

Perth Convention Bureau (PCB) is responsible for marketing Western Australia both nationally and internationally as a destination for conferences. The Aspire Program is a highly successful initiative of PCB which has been operating since 1999. In the 13 years since the Program was established, it has generated conferences worth more than \$95 million to the Western Australian economy.

Application deadline Friday 29 March 2013

The City of Perth Convention Scholarship is a \$10,000 grant awarded annually to an individual representing a non-profit association to assist in their personal and professional development through attendance at a relevant international conference in their chosen field of endeavour. [Visit the website for more information](#)

Simply research an international conference that has the potential to be staged in Western Australia and present a brief case as to why the conference should be held here.

The scholarship covers air travel as well as accommodation and registration to a relevant conference to a maximum of \$10,000. In the event that the successful applicant's organisation is not currently a member of their international body, the \$10,000 scholarship can contribute to the cost of their joining fee.

Applications for 2013 are now open. [Click here for more information and application guidelines](#)

2013 Grants for Women Now Open

The 2013 Grants for Women program has opened, with up to \$5,000 available to eligible organisations for projects and activities that encourage the engagement of Western Australian women in the community. Funding is available for projects that:

- Strengthened the health and wellbeing of women
- Encouraged women's economic wellbeing
- Encouraged women's leadership
- Encouraged women's sense of safety in the home or community

Guidelines and application packs are available at <http://www.communities.wa.gov.au>.

Applications close 8 March 2013

2013 'One Sky, Many Paths' Indigenous Youth Leadership Program

Do you know an Aboriginal young person who would like to participate in a successful leadership program?

If so, then nominate them for the One Sky, Many Paths program. One Sky, Many Paths is an Aboriginal leadership program for young people, developed by Aboriginal people, that has been running for three years.

This program is delivered by Challenger Institute of Technology and receives funding support from the Department for Communities. The program is free to eligible people (however participants must register with Abstudy).

The program consists of:

- two one-week residential conferences in Fremantle
- on-line learning, with support from a local mentor
- a community project that you will plan and run over a 14-week period.

After completing the program they receive a Certificate II in Leadership Development.

The next course will be held from April to July 2013. You can find information about One Sky, Many Paths and an application form below.

<http://www.communities.wa.gov.au/YOUTH/PROGRAMS/OSMP>

If you know someone aged between 18 and 25 years who would like to participate in One Sky, Many Paths, please nominate them, and then make sure they complete an application form and send it in by **22 March 2013**.

Further information about the program can be obtained by phoning Mr Peter Mann on 9599 8757 or emailing peter.mann@challenger.wa.edu.au

Government issues renewable energy challenge

The inaugural [Renewable Energy Technology Challenge](#) is the first of a series of Technology Challenges set by the Department of Commerce to address issues impacting Western Australians. This first challenge is looking for solutions to allow households in the Pilbara to connect domestic renewable energy systems to remote electricity grids in compliance with Horizon Power's technical specifications. The specific focus of this Challenge is the Pilbara so solutions need to be sufficiently robust to operate in the North West of Western Australia.

The inaugural Technology Challenge offers a cash prize of \$50,000 to the winner who can develop the best solution. A runner up will win \$10,000. The call for applications for the [Renewable Energy Technology Challenge \(PDF\)](#) closes on **Friday 22 March 2013**.

National Community Heritage Grants Available

Applications for the Federal Government's 2012-13 Your Community Heritage grants program are now open with funding of up to \$500,000 available for individual projects.

"This program recognises that heritage is about individual communities - in regional Australia, small towns or in multicultural communities, not just the 'big' heritage places such as those on the World Heritage List," Sustainability Minister Tony Burke said.

"The Your Community Heritage program provides funding to help protect and conserve Australia's nationally significant historic sites; assist in the recovery of historic heritage sites affected by recent natural disasters, honour eminent Australians who have made a significant contribution to our nation; assist communities to tell their heritage stories; and enhance community engagement in heritage through celebrations and events."

Last year, 235 community groups, heritage organisations, historical societies, councils, and government bodies received support.

Applications close at 5pm AEDT Thursday 21 March 2013.

Further information about the 2012-13 Your Community Heritage grants program and application form is available at www.environment.gov.au/heritage/programs/ych.

Housing Industry Association (HIA) Training Scholarship

[APPLY NOW](#) for an HIA training scholarship.

The building industry is in demand for skilled tradespeople. HIA is committed to finding and supporting the needs of current and future apprentices to help develop their skills for a brighter future.

HIA and its valued partners will award full and partial training scholarships across Australia to help offset the cost of HIA training fees for Nationally Recognised Training (NRT) courses ranging up to \$7,200.

Each state or territory provides courses covering specific requirements in regards to qualifications needed to gain a required licence. For more information on the courses available in your state or territory [click here](#). (Please note your course preference on the nomination form)

You can apply for a scholarship by:

- submitting an [online scholarship application form](#)
- [downloading](#) a scholarship application form and faxing it to **08 8340 5992**
- contacting your nearest HIA office on **1300 650 620**

Applicants must read and agree to the [terms and conditions](#), in order to submit an application and accept an HIA training scholarship.

If your application is unsuccessful, you may still re-apply for future HIA training scholarships.

HIA Training Scholarships are awarded twice a year. **Closing dates are 30 April and 31 October.**

Research, Resources, Reports and Publications

Articles of Interest

Homelessness Clearing House www.homelessnessclearinghouse.govspace.au

[Agreement on Homelessness in Limbo](#)

[The suburbs we need: establishing a national urban investment fund](#)

[The role of local government in addressing homelessness: a literature review](#)

[Social Housing Initiative Review. 2012 \(Aust\)](#)

[Departmental Review of the Reconnect program. 2013 \(Aust\)](#)

A report from the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness was issued in February 2013 [Framework to End Youth Homelessness: A Resource Text for Dialogue and Action](#) .

Housing Industry Association Economics Group [Residential Building Approvals – still a mixed bag](#)

DesignBuildSource: www.designbuildsource.com.au

[Building a harmonised planning act](#)

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

The Australian Government will invest \$73 million over three years to support more than 100 Reconnect services across Australia until 2016, and help vulnerable young people break the cycle of homelessness. An independent evaluation of the program last year reported it was consistently successful in improving the lives of young people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

The independent evaluation is available [online](#).

[Comparing Australian & US Housing](#) – 4 February 2013, By Philip Soos, Online Opinion

BBC UK Online: [Homeless sign up for Recovery College](#)

Journeys Home is a study in four waves that aims to determine the factors that contribute to homelessness. Managed by the Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research, the study is due to finish in mid-2013.

Journeys Home: Findings from Waves 1 and 2 is available at: [Journeys Home: Longitudinal Study of Factors Affecting Housing Stability](#).

Property Observer <http://www.propertyobserver.com.au/>

[Lend Lease signs deal for \\$1 billion Perth riverside project to feature 600 apartments](#) Larry Schlesinger, 06 February 2013, Property Observer

Free eBook: Australia's allure for Asian residential property investment

There is no doubt that Asian buyers, both overseas and long-standing residents of Asian descent, are a key influence within sectors of the Australian property market, defying the strong Australian dollar and underpinning demand for residential property. The buying preferences of this key demographic are shaping Australian cities and suburbs, as apartment living and high-rise accommodation move outwards beyond inner city.

As we move into the Year of the Snake and celebrate the Chinese New Year, *Property Observer* has written this eBook with insights into the Asian buying trends and their influence in the Australian market.

[In this special edition eBook you will find:](#)

- Key insights from industry experts such as Mark Wizel and Kevin Stanley;
- Snapshots of Australian residential projects by Asia-based developers;
- An in-depth analysis of Australia's new "golden ticket" visa for foreign investors; and
- Tips and helpful advice on how to appeal to Asian property buyers.

[Click here to download](#)

Productivity Commission Report on Government Services 2013

The Productivity Commission's report on Government Services 2013, is now available at <http://www.pc.gov.au/gsp/rogs/2013> See chapter 17 for Homelessness and 16 for Housing services

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.me.org.au under section titled 'Downloads of Interest'. http://www.meetingevents.com.au/downloads/Accessible_Events_Guide.pdf

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[Methodological News, Dec qtr 2012](#)

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

[Australian Demographic Statistics, Jun 2012](#)

[Australian Social Trends, Sep 2012](#)

[What's New in Regional Statistics, 2013?](#)

[Perspectives on Regional Australia: Population Growth and Turnover in Local Government Areas \(LGAs\), 2006-2011](#)

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

[Lending Finance, Australia, Nov 2012](#)

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

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

[Australian Social Trends, Dec 2012 \(Additional Information\)](#)

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

[Building Approvals, Australia \(Media Release\), December 2012](#)

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

[Housing Finance, Australia, Dec 2012](#)

Homelessness Australia Update

Homelessness Australia 2013 Election Platform [Towards 2020: Election Statement 2013](#)

Homelessness Australia is currently updating their fact sheets to reflect the release of the 2011 census data. A full breakdown of statistics from the 2011 census can be found [here](#).

Want a copy of the HA info graphic?

Email media@homelessnessaustralia.org.au to request an e-version or printed copies.

Or visit their website: <http://www.homelessnessaustralia.org.au/site/issues.php>



Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute (AHURI)

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

[Research and Policy Bulletin: Issue 160 How would proposed reforms in the Henry Tax Review affect housing affordability for private renters and property owners?](#)

[Research and Policy Bulletin: Issue 159 What effect does housing assistance have on social inclusion for people with disabilities?](#)

[Final Report: No. 200 Lifetime and intergenerational experiences of homelessness in Australia](#)

[Final Report No.199: The role of informal community resources in supporting independent housing for young people recovering from mental illness: a guide for housing policy-makers and practitioners](#)

[Final Report: No. 198: Cost-effective methods for evaluation of Neighbourhood Renewal programs](#)

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

[Positioning Paper: No. 150 Downsizing amongst older Australians](#)

[Positioning Paper: No. 149 The Australian private rental sector: changes and challenges](#)

[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.

Evidence Review looks at AHURI's research in a new way, and encourages everyone to (re)visit and use our extensive evidence-base.

Select from the following editions:

[001: How long do households suffer mortgage stress?](#)

[002: Households at risk of housing affordability stress rises to 9.9% ...](#)

[003: Affordable housing lifts economic growth for all](#)

[004: 47% of low income households pay unaffordable rent](#)

[005: Does affordable housing help children thrive?](#)

[006: Preventing homelessness saves government money](#)

Conferences, Events and Workshops 2013

Equal Opportunity Commission



How do we stop the violence?

This International Women's Day

Equal Opportunity Commissioner Yvonne Henderson would like you to join her to listen to:

CEO Women's Council For Domestic & Family Violence Services

Angela Hartwig

Relationships WA Manager Domestic Violence Services & counsellor

Robert Andrew

and

Domestic violence survivor

Angela Russo

speak about the critical issue of domestic violence

7.30am - 9am, 8 March 2013

Parmelia Hilton Hotel, Mill Street Perth

To register and pay by credit card go to the Try Booking website at the link below (a 30 cent booking fee per booking will apply).

<http://www.trybooking.com/40097>

Ticket prices are \$40

For cash & cheque payments and further details contact Public Affairs Officer Sarah Johnston on sarah.johnston@eoc.wa.gov.au or (08) 9216 3911

Australasian Housing Institute (AHI) – WA Workshops 2013

The Australasian Housing Institute team has announced the first 2013 workshops which will be held in Western Australia in March 2013.

For more information click on the links below:

[Working with complex and demanding clients](#) Tuesday, 5 March 2013, Perth, WA

[Working with clients who have drug and/or alcohol dependency](#) Wednesday, 6 March 2013, Perth, WA

[Leadership Awareness](#) Monday, 25 March 2013, Perth, WA

[Positive Customer Service](#) Tuesday, 26 March 2013, Perth, WA



On 22 March 2013

Uniting Church Associate General Secretary for Justice and Mission

Rosemary Hudson Miller

Medal of the Order of Australia recipient for service to the Jewish community in the fields of education, culture and interfaith promotion

Rabbi Dovid Freilich

and

International Ambassador for Peace award winner

Imam Afroz Ali

will discuss WA's most important human rights issues in an interfaith harmony event:

Loving your neighbour in a multi-faith society

10am - 11.30am, 22 March 2013 at the Atrium Theatre,

168 St Georges Terrace Perth

To register to go to the Try booking website at: <http://www.trybooking.com/41144>

For further details contact Public Affairs Officer Sarah Johnston at sarah.johnston@eoc.wa.gov.au or (08) 9216 391.

Safe in Oz Perth Workshop 28-28 May

SAFE in Oz will be presenting in partnership with Intework, '**An Introduction To Working With Individuals Who Have Self-Destructive Behaviour**' to be held in Balcatta, Perth on the 28th & 29th May 2013.

SAFE in Oz aims to give workshop participants an insight into the headspace of a person who participates in self-destructive behaviour/s in order to better understand their 'real' world and life experiences.

For more information or to register visit safeinoz@wideband.net.au or email www.safeinoz.com.au

Metropolitan Migrant Resource Centre Training

For those of you who aren't aware, MMRC offers both half day and full day Cultural Diversity/Awareness training workshops for those who work with CALD clients particularly from the new and emerging communities. MMRC is pleased to now initiate a range of specialised trainings for both the government and non-government sector. The following are the Specialised Training areas:

1. Valuing diversity: exploring the Islamic faith and culture
2. The impact of culture on the perception of health and health outcomes
3. Managing cultural diversity
4. Cultural competence
5. Managing conflict in a culturally diverse setting

For more information visit <http://www.mmrcwa.org.au> or email saba.rahi@mmrcwa.org.au

Conferences

Green Cities [Conference](#) (Sydney) 6-7 March

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2013 NSW Community Housing [Conference](#) Making a Difference, Shaping the Future (Sydney) 11-12 March

3rd National Sustainable Food [Summit](#) (Melbourne) 20-21 March

ACOSS National [Conference](#) (Adelaide) 25-26 March

National Planning [Congress](#) (Canberra) 24-27 March

Young Planners National [Congress](#) (Canberra) 23-24 March

National Youth [Week](#) 5-14 April

National Youth Homelessness Matters [Day](#) 10 April

PHAA National Social Inclusion & Complex Needs [Conference](#) (Canberra) 15-16 April

Third Sector [Expo](#) (Melbourne) 15-16 April

Tonkin's Indigenous Economic Development & Employment [Conference](#) (Sydney) 29 April – 1 May

Council to Homeless Persons (CHP) [Conference](#) 2013: A vision for ending homelessness (Melbourne) 2-3 May

Meeting & Events Australia 26th National [Conference](#) (Darwin) 4-7 May

7th Australian Women's [Conference](#) *Gender Matters: Determining Women's Health* (Sydney) 7-10 May

3rd International [Symposium](#) on Motivational Interviewing (Melbourne) 13-14 May

AHURI National Urban Policy [Conference](#) (Sydney) 16-17 May

12th National Rural Health [Conference](#) (Adelaide) 7-10 April [Call for Abstracts](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Greens Party WA: <http://greens.org.au/>

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