



NATIONAL BULLETIN

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Community Housing in the media spotlight

Housing has certainly been getting a lot of airplay these last few months and it is heartening to see stories that showcase our sector.

This week a story on ABC Radio National's "AM" program featured Affordable Community Housing, one of the newly-selected growth providers in NSW. You can listen to the program or read the transcript here:

<http://www.abc.net.au/am/content/2008/s2174789.htm>

In Victoria, Lodden Mallee Housing Services, Port Phillip Housing Association and Disability Housing Trust have collaborated on a project to turn former Commonwealth Games athletes' accommodation into affordable housing. Read an interview with LMHS's Ken Marchingo on how the project will bring quality affordable housing into regional areas in Victoria:

<http://bendigo.yourguide.com.au/news/local/general/bonus-for-public-housing/1190839.html>

Australian Government's boost to investment in affordable housing

Housing Minister Tanya Plibersek outlined the Government's plans to provide tax-based incentives to stimulate private investment in the affordable housing market.

In an interview with the Australian Financial Review, Minister Plibersek discussed details about the Government's National Rental Affordability Scheme and the impact the Scheme will have on increasing the supply of affordable housing for low and moderate income households, especially 'key workers'. You can download the full article from here:

http://www.afr.com/home/viewer.aspx?EDP://20080229000020362401&magsection=news-news&title=Tax+credits+to+boost+housing+investment&source=/_xmlfeed/s/news/feed.xml

New housing research from AHURI and AIHW

There's a bumper crop of new housing research reports released recently by the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute and the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.

Housing assistance and employment, AHURI

Housing assistance is expensive, and arguments to increase or sustain such funding are helped when it can be shown housing assistance also improves health, education and/or employment outcomes. (This is an audio briefing)

http://www.ahuri.edu.au/publications/download/nrv1_ab

Public housing rent policy in Australia and overseas, AHURI

This research presents the first comprehensive and comparative review of public housing rent policies in Australia and seven overseas countries, New Zealand, the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Germany, Sweden and the Netherlands. (This is an audio briefing)

http://www.ahuri.edu.au/publications/download/50226_ab

Sustaining fair shares: the Australian housing system and intergenerational sustainability AHURI

This report examines the intergenerational sustainability of Australia's system of housing assistance over the next 40 years and looks more broadly at the intergenerational sustainability of Australia's housing system.

http://www.ahuri.edu.au/publications/download/60314_fr

Housing assistance in Australia 2008, AIHW

This report provides an overview of the types, extent and benefits of government assistance available to homeowners and renters as well as to people experiencing homelessness, and to specific population groups.

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10563>

NSW Registrar of Community Housing recruitment

With a new emphasis on community housing, the NSW State Government established a statutory position of the Registrar of Community Housing and introduced a new Regulatory Code.

The NSW Office of Community Housing (OCH) is now recruiting for the position of the Registrar of Community Housing, as well as developing the Regulatory Code, and establishing a new Office of the Registrar of Community Housing.

The position will be advertised this week-end with applications closing 14 March 2008. An article written by NSW Department of Housing and the recruitment advertisement are available on CHFA's website: <http://www.chfa.com.au>

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Contributions

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