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### Events

[Social Housing: What Future? \(Melbourne\)](#)

Housing Choices Australia and RMIT University will be presenting the 17th Annual Oswald Barnett Oration 'Social Housing: what future?' in Melbourne on the 28 July. The 2011 Oration will be delivered by Duncan MacLennan, Professor of Economic Geography and Director of the Centre for Housing Research at the University of St Andrews, Scotland.

[Improving housing affordability through tax reform: Australia and the UK in comparison \(Sydney\)](#)

The Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute (AHURI) will be hosting this one day forum in Sydney on the 15th of September 2011 in the lead up to the Australian Government's Tax Forum in October. As part of AHURI's commitment to international collaborative research, this event is being organised in partnership with the Joseph Rowntree Foundation to compare and contrast the case for tax reform to drive housing affordability in Australia and the UK. The forum will consider the latest AHURI research findings on the implications of current tax structures for housing

### Housing Reform for Tasmania Announced at Shelter TAS Forum

CHFA member organisation Shelter Tasmania have recently held their forum 'Bringing Housing Together' in Hobart, which aimed to provide the opportunity for the community sector to find out what is happening in other states in terms of affordable housing approaches, hear about best practice in the community housing sector, and develop an understanding for a way forward for affordable housing in Tasmania. CHFA Executive Director Carol Croce and Policy Officer Eddy Bourke both spoke at the forum, and noted that it was a very successful event.

The forum was also venue for an announcement from Tasmanian Minister for Human Services Cassy O'Connor of a new commitment to housing reform by the Tasmanian government that would see up to 4000 public housing properties transferred to the community housing sector. Minister O'Connor also announced changes to rent setting policy, and a soon to be released Residential Development Strategy that would aim to improve the liveability and environmental efficiency of future social and affordable housing developments.

A full media release from Minister Cassy O'Connor regarding the Tasmanian housing reforms can be found via the [Tasmanian Government website](#).

More information on the Forum, including information on speakers and copies of their presentations can be found via the [Shelter TAS website](#).

affordability, including new findings that model the impact of the Henry Tax Review recommendations on Australia's housing market.

## Resources

[Towards NAHA Mark II](#)

'Towards NAHA Mark II: National Shelter dialogue ahead of the next National Affordable Housing Agreement and associated National Partnership Agreements' is a paper which provides key messages drawn from a series of rountable discussions held by National Shelter between March and June 2011. These roundtable discussions brought together key stakeholders in housing assistance and homelessness to encourage early engagement on the next National Affordable Housing Agreement (NAHA).

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## 2010–11 Community housing data collection to conclude soon

The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) would like to notify all community housing organisations that the 2010–11 community housing data collection will be concluded shortly. AIHW wish to thank all organisations who have participated so far, and are reminding those that have not yet completed their data collection pack that there is still time to submit your data before the end of July deadline. AIHW and the relevant state and territory offices appreciate the hard work put in to complete this process. Without the participation of community housing organisations AIHW are unable to get a complete picture of what is happening in the sector. High quality information translates into useful and meaningful results.

Data collected from each community housing organisation will be compiled by each state and territory and then forwarded onto the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW). Representatives from the state/territory housing authorities may be in contact with participating organisations to discuss any issues that may arise with the data submitted.

Results from the data collection will be published on the [AIHW website](#) in early 2012.

If you have any feedback or queries regarding AIHW's data collection please [email AIHW with your feedback](#).

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