



Housing in a new era: building the connections
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*"A house is not a home unless it contains food and fire for the mind as well as the body."
Benjamin Franklin*

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Early Bird registration deadline extended - save up to 20%!

Due to numerous requests, the closing date for Early Bird registrations has been extended to **Friday 17 July**.

Don't miss out on this chance to register early and secure big savings!

Registration on-line [here](#)

Out and about: optional site tours enhance conference program

There is an opportunity for conference delegates to join colleagues on a series of site tours on Tuesday 24 November.

Four optional site tours will feature Victorian Office of Housing partnerships with community housing providers, residents, the private sector and non-government organisations. Tours will include lunch and other refreshments, plus user friendly hand-outs and information.

A brief outline of each tour is listed below. Please go to the [site tours](#) section of the website for further details.

Tour 1: Creating strong communities in high-density areas

Visit some of Melbourne's inner-city high-rise public housing estates to see how strong communities are growing from areas that have been characterised by adversity and disadvantage.

Tour 2: Working in partnership to deliver affordable housing solutions

Visit innovative housing projects that demonstrate what can be achieved when government, community and corporate sectors work together for the benefit of people in need.

Tour 3: Connecting people with housing and the right support

On any given night in Victoria, it is estimated that 20,500 people are homeless. This tour features some of Melbourne's redeveloped rooming houses and other innovative projects designed to accommodate homeless people, single people, older people and those with a disability or special needs.

Tour 4: Regenerating local communities with Neighbourhood Renewal

Visit the regional area of Wendouree West, near Ballarat, where the government's Neighbourhood Renewal program has helped reverse trends of severe disadvantage.

More speakers confirmed

A number of international experts have recently confirmed their participation in the conference. They include:

[Professor Philippa Howden-Chapman](#) is a social scientist and Professor of Public Health at the University of Otago, Wellington New Zealand. She is Director of He Kainga Oranga/Community Housing Intervention Research Programme and the New Zealand Centre for Sustainable Cities. She has won a number of national awards for her research into housing, energy efficiency and health, as well as for mentoring students. She is currently a member of the WHO Bonn Working Housing Group which is establishing the attributable burden of disease from housing.

[Professor Duncan MacLennan](#) is an applied economist with interests in cities, neighbourhoods and housing. He is Director of the Centre for Housing Research at the University of St Andrews in Scotland. He spent the period 2004-2009 working in Australia, as a Chief Economist in the Government of Victoria, and then Canada, at the University of Ottawa and as Chief Economist in the Federal Department for Infrastructure and Cities. Previously he held Chairs in Economics and Urban Studies at the University of Glasgow, Directed the UK's national research centre on housing (1985 -1997), was Economic Adviser to the Joseph Rowntree Foundation (1989 to 2004) and Principal Consultant to OECD (1985-99) and served on the Board of Scottish Homes (1989-99). He was Special Adviser to Donald Dewar and his successor from 1999 to 2003.

Go to the [confirmed speakers](#) section of the website for further details.

Accommodation

If you need to book accommodation during NHC09, a selection of hotels has been secured by the Conference Secretariat at very competitive rates. To view the properties available please [click here](#).

To make a booking at one of the properties please complete the [delegate registration form](#).

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