



**Housing in a new era: building the connections**  
**6th National Housing Conference**  
24-27 November 2009  
Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre

**e-Newsletter 8**

*A home is not a mere transient shelter: its essence lies in the personalities of the people who live in it.*  
*Henry Mencken*

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**First and foremost: If you haven't done so, REGISTER NOW**

Delegate numbers continue to grow. Don't leave it to the last minute to register - do it now. The **Registration Brochure** is available to download [here](#).

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**A diverse, engaging and challenging program**

Over 50 different sessions; over 170 presenters and panellists; lots of different session formats and a diverse range of topics make for an exciting and challenging program. A newly updated program has just been uploaded to the conference website. See [www.nationalhousingconference.org.au/melbourne2009/program](http://www.nationalhousingconference.org.au/melbourne2009/program)

And here is a little sample to whet your appetite:

*Responding to housing demand*

Australia faces major challenges in accommodating the projected growth in the number of households over the next few decades. This session will focus on the practical applications of these challenges and look at emerging and innovative solutions in Australian settings.

Presenters and topics in this submitted abstract session include:

- Dr Nick McTurk, Charles Darwin University, NT - *Darwin's growth: the connections between demand for dwellings and social, demographic and spatial change in the region.*
- Helen King, Department of Planning and Community Development, VIC - *Housing Growth Requirements: Planning for the established areas of Melbourne*
- John Macdonald, DesignInc Melbourne Pty Ltd, VIC - *Freeway housing*
- Nancy Rogers, Department for Families and Communities, SA - *Caravan Parks: an affordable housing choice supporting place and community - or sub-standard housing?*

#### *My future home: the challenges for future housing provision*

This panel discussion will consider what 'home' will mean in the future and the role it will play in the lives of individuals and families. What will this mean for future forms of housing, for tenure, for the way housing is funded and delivered, and for where it is located?

Panel members include Kate Davies (Chief Executive, Notting Hill Housing, UK), Jeff Fiedler (Tenancy Advice/Policy Worker, Housing for the Aged Action Group, VIC), Rosanne Haggerty (Founder, Common Ground, New York, US) and Tone Wheeler (Principal Architect, Enviroa Studio, NSW).

#### *A sustainable future for growth providers*

This workshop will be facilitated by PowerHousing Australia and will focus on the vision of a housing provider to build a sustainable housing company, starting with the CEO, staff, tenants and expanding to the built form. Focusing on the long term strategy and funding strategies to achieve a sustainable future. It will include a step by step guide on how to plan and implement the "sustainable vision and strategy for your organisation" based on the principles of social inclusion, community based asset management and environmental and social sustainability.

#### *New frontiers for housing policy: health, employment and social inclusion*

This session will consider: the roles of housing, neighbourhoods and urban planning in contributing to health outcomes and effective human capital development, and thereby economic efficiency; the links between housing assistance and economic participation; and more broadly how our housing system helps or hinders social inclusion

Participants will include:

- Professor Duncan MacLennan, Director, Centre for Housing Research, University of St Andrews, Scotland
- Professor Philippa Howden-Chapman, Director, Housing and Health Research Programme, University of Otago, Wellington, New Zealand
- Professor Gavin Wood, Director, AHURI RMIT Research Centre, RMIT University, VIC
- Tony Nicholson, Chief Executive, Brotherhood of St Laurence, VIC (and Member, Australian Social Inclusion Board, and Chair, Prime Minister's Council on Homelessness)

#### *Housing affordability: challenges and opportunities for local government*

This session will examine the role for local government in the context of delivering housing affordability, and examine the planning and legislative frameworks in different jurisdictions. The session will include case study examples. Participants will include Cr Geoff Lake (President, Australia Local Government Association, VIC), Gary Spivak (Housing Development Officer, City of Port Phillip, VIC) and Cr Ian Tiley (Mayor, Clarence Valley Council, NSW).

See a full copy of the latest draft program [here](#).

## **STOP PRESS: NRAS workshop to launch conference program**

Sponsored by KPMG this optional pre-conference workshop titled *Delivering the National Rental Affordability Scheme* will be held from 3.30pm on Tuesday 24 November and is open to all delegates with full conference registration.

It will explore the contribution of the National Rental Affordability Scheme to affordable rental housing in Australia. Workshop attendees will learn about the partnerships and models supported under the scheme, and consider the elements that are required to make them successful.

There are only 96 places available, so register your attendance [now](#).

## **Sponsors continue to grow for this major event**

KPMG and PowerHousing Australia have recently become supporting partners of this year's conference. KPMG will

be sponsoring the NRAS Workshop on Tuesday 24 November (see item above), and PowerHousing Australia will be sponsoring lunch on the first day. Keep an eye out for the PowerHousing caps being worn by venue staff!

For details of all conference sponsors go to <http://www.nationalhousingconference.org.au/melbourne2009/sponsors>

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## One of the biggest exhibitions ever

The number of exhibitors this year is one of the largest ever for a National Housing Conference and will add a vibrant 'exhibition village' to the conference venue. Ranging from government departments to peak housing organisations; from private sector finance organisations to housing providers; from software providers to research bodies, exhibitors will be available to talk with delegates and display their wares. We are delighted to have them as part of the conference and appreciate their support.

View our exhibitors at [www.nationalhousingconference.org.au/melbourne2009/exhibitors](http://www.nationalhousingconference.org.au/melbourne2009/exhibitors)

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