



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

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*A man travels the world in search of what he needs and returns home to find it*  
*George Moore*

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**Don't miss the Business Breakfast**

*Delivering economic and social objectives through housing: new opportunities, new challenges and new partnerships for the private sector*

Share breakfast with private sector colleagues, conference speakers and delegates.

At this time of unprecedented focus on affordable housing development and homelessness as part of the Australian Government's Nation Building Program, hear perspectives on the opportunities and challenges for the private and not-for-profit sectors from the Victorian Treasurer, John Lenders MP, and a panel comprising:

- Rod Fehring, Chief Executive Officer, Lend Lease PrimeLife
- Rebecca Oelkers, Special Projects Manager, Brisbane Housing Company
- Pru Sanderson, Chief Executive Officer, VicUrban
- Dr Ron Silberberg, Managing Director, Housing Industry Association

This special event is being sponsored by VicUrban and will be facilitated by Jenny Brockie from SBS Television.

[Register now!](#)

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## What's in the program for a private sector delegate?

There are many sessions in the conference program that will have appeal and relevance to those working in the private sector. Here is just a sample:

[Housing affordability: challenges and opportunities for local government](#) (Wednesday 25 November at 2pm)

[Supplying the demand](#) (Wednesday 25 November at 2pm)

[Housing policy and planning policy in a new era](#) (Thursday 26 November at 11.10am)

[Financing affordable housing](#) (Thursday, 26 November at 2pm)

[Housing the future: aspirations and expectations](#) (Thursday 26 November at 4pm)

[Building the nation](#) (Friday 27 November at 9.15am following the Business Breakfast)

[Housing the future - a Q & A with ABC's Tony Jones](#) (Friday 27 November at 11.15am)

View the interactive program guide [here](#).

Register for the whole conference, or just for a particular day, [here](#).

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## Have your say in a Melbourne Conversation

*Houses, homes and hope: creating neighbourhoods that are better places to live*

Appropriate and affordable housing gives hope for individuals and families with children trying to create safe homes. Overseas and local commentators discuss the challenges of better designed neighbourhoods, health improvement and wellbeing, our young people's future and the changing nature of 'home'.

Come along and have your say.

This **free** public event hosted by the City of Melbourne will be held on Thursday 26 November, 6pm - 7.30pm in the Supper Room, Melbourne Town Hall, Corner Swanston and Collins Streets, Melbourne

Find out more [here](#).

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## Interactive program for smartphones

A fabulous new addition to this year's conference is an interactive program guide that can be used on most smartphones (Blackberry, iPhones etc). See [here](#) for the link. Use this to access interactive session, speaker and event information in a quick and easy format.

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## Women's Housing Limited to launch research report

Women's Housing Limited will be launching the research report *Women in the Community Sector: Building a Workforce for the 21st Century* at an event on Tuesday 24 November. Report author, Dr Selina Tually, Research Fellow, Flinders University will present on the report's key findings.

Join Women's Housing Limited, the Community Housing Federation of Victoria and the Victorian Department of Human Services Housing Division at this event on the Tuesday afternoon of the conference, and then stay with us to network with other conference delegates over a drink at the conference welcome reception. The event is aimed at generating and exploring ideas and strategies towards a *National Conference - Women and Housing*.

*Towards a National Conference - Women and Housing*

**Date:** Tuesday 24 November

**Time:** 4.30pm - 5.30pm (followed by welcome reception from 5.30pm-7pm)

**Where:** Room 212, Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, 1 Convention Centre Place, South Wharf

Registration essential as limited places available. Please RSVP to [NHC09info@icmsaust.com.au](mailto:NHC09info@icmsaust.com.au).

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## Building connections is also the theme for Victoria's Housing Week 2009

Housing Week is an annual, state-wide celebration of neighbourhood connections particularly for tenants and

residents of public, community-managed and social housing.

It will be held from Thursday 26 November to Saturday 5 December with the theme: *Know your neighbour: building the connections*.

It provides an opportunity for people to come together to build more connections and positive links, through local events, community-builder awards and creative arts projects.

See [here](#) for more information including a full calendar of events.

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## Supportive Housing Seminar

The 1st National Supportive Housing Seminar, hosted by Australian Common Ground Alliance, will be held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre on Tuesday 24 November from 9am to 3pm ... just prior to the start of the Housing Conference.

To find out more, including how to register, see [here](#).

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