



## Housing in a new era: building the connections

# 6th National Housing Conference

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Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre

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### Introducing NHC09

#### Housing in a new era: building the connections

The housing landscape is changing and impacting on all Australians.

Housing affordability, climate change, the global financial crisis, and the resulting significant level of government investment in social housing and homelessness, are now leading the political agenda.

A house is more than just a place to live. A home is central to social, economic, spiritual and physical well-being.

This year's National Housing Conference will explore the essential connections between housing, people, place, community and nation and will propose innovative solutions and partnerships to lead Australia's approach to housing policy reform into the future.

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### Hosts

NHC09 will be hosted by the [Victorian Office of Housing](#) and [the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute](#).

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### Who should attend

The Conference is a must for everyone involved in Australia's housing and homelessness policy and practice, including policy makers, housing and allied service providers, residents, planners, researchers and not-for-profit housing and homelessness organisations, together with the private sector.

Registrations will be open soon. Keep checking the [conference website](#) for details or [register your interest here](#).

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## The venue

The Conference will be one of the first to be held in the exciting and cutting edge Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre. This new Centre is the first convention venue in the world to achieve a 6 Star Green Star environmental rating. It is located in the central business district of Melbourne, close to hotels, restaurants and public transport hubs; and just 30 minutes by car from Melbourne Airport.

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## The program

NHC09 will be held over 2 1/2 days from Wednesday 25 November until lunchtime on Friday 27 November, and will include plenary, semi plenary and concurrent sessions.

The Conference will be preceded on Tuesday 24 November with a series of full and half day optional site tours, followed by the official conference welcome reception in the late afternoon.

The Conference theme - Housing in a new era: building the connections - will provide a platform for exploring the essential connections between housing, people, place, community and nation. Recent events in Victoria, as well as nationally and internationally, have underlined the importance of a home to people's social, economic, spiritual and physical well-being.

The Conference will also propose innovative solutions and partnerships to lead Australia's approach to housing policy reform into the future. A number of international guests will provide insights on how similar challenges are being addressed overseas.

Keep checking the [Conference website](#) for updates on program details and key speakers.

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## Program Advisory Group

A Program Advisory Group has been established as an advisory body to the co-hosts of the Conference - the Victorian office of Housing and the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute - on the development and delivery of NHC09.

The Group is providing advice to assist with the development of the theme and session topics, as well as with identifying speakers.

The Group comprises people with a broad range of housing related expertise and knowledge that can draw on this experience to actively and positively contribute ideas and information to assist in the development of the conference.

You can find a list of members of the [Program Advisory Group](#) here.

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## Spreading the word

A poster has been designed to assist you in spreading the word about the 6th National Housing Conference. Pin one on your noticeboard, or email a copy to your colleagues. Download an A4 or A3 poster from the [website](#).

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## Conference updates

To allow you to receive Conference updates between these e-newsletters, the National Housing Conference has joined [Twitter](#). If you are signed up, start following the Conference today.

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