



Housing in a new era: building the connections
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"The strength of a nation derives from the integrity of the home." Confucius

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Save money with an Early Bird registration

Not long to go now! Early Bird registration closes on 30 June. In order to take advantage of the special Early Bird rates and save up to \$330 register now [here](#)

Are you a policy maker, housing or allied service provider, tenant, researcher, planner, developer, builder, or a member of a not-for-profit housing and homelessness organisation? If yes, this conference is a must for you. Get in early - now!

The conference program takes shape

The co-hosts of the conference, together with the Program Advisory Group, have been hard at work on the program, with the result that an innovative, interesting and substantive two and half day schedule is taking shape.

With an overarching theme of *Housing in a new era: building the connections*, the plenary and concurrent sessions, together with panels and Q & A sessions will explore the essential connections between housing, people, place, community and nation, and will propose innovative solutions and partnerships to guide Australia's approach to housing policy reform.

A [draft version](#) is now available to view online.

Stay tuned for an announcement soon regarding a limited call for abstracts.

Leaders in housing and homelessness invited to speak

The 'gallery' of speakers at NHC09 is becoming more impressive - day by day. The following are some of the experts who have accepted invitations to join us in Melbourne in November.

- **Rosanne Haggerty** is the founder of Common Ground Community, a not-for-profit housing development and management organisation in New York City, which provides innovative housing opportunities for homeless adults. The organisation's work has been widely imitated both in the US and abroad, including Australia.
- **Ric Battellino** is the Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of Australia and a member of the Reserve Bank Board. He has had over 30 years' experience in central banking.
- **Sir Peter Dixon** is the former Chair of the Housing Corporation, UK. He has recently retired after overseeing the closure of the Housing Corporation late in 2008 and the creation of two new entities - the Tenants Services Authority and the Housing and Communities Agencies.
- **Dr Rebecca Huntley** is director of Ipsos Mackay research, a leading international research company. She is the author of *The World According to Y: Inside the New Adult Generation*, and has contributed to numerous essay collections, newspapers and online publications and is a regular feature writer for *Australian Vogue*.
- **Michael Newey** from the UK is Chief Executive of Broadland Housing Association and Director of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. He is a member and former Chair of the European Housing Forum.
- **Professor Peter Newman** is Professor of Sustainability at Curtin University and is on the Board of Infrastructure Australia that is funding infrastructure for the long term sustainability of Australian cities. He is also Chair of Habitat for Humanity in Western Australia.

Obama's Secretary of Housing invited to speak

- **Shaun Donovan** is the US Secretary of Housing and Urban Development in the Obama Administration has been invited to present the opening keynote address. He is a former New York Housing Commissioner and Clinton administration aide with a reputation for developing affordable housing.

A special Q&A style session with the ABC's Tony Jones

ABC's Tony Jones is one of Australia's most experienced and respected journalists. He has worked on *AM*, *PM* and *The World Today*, and is currently host of *Lateline*. He also hosts Q&A - the program that 'puts punters, polities and pundits together in the studio to thrash out the hot issues of the week'.

We are very pleased to announce that he will facilitate a Q&A style session as part of the closing plenary at the conference. The panel is currently being assembled and Tony's brief is to 'finish the conference on energising (and slightly humorous) note!' Stay tuned for more in upcoming e-Newsletters.

Private and public sectors exchange ideas at Business Breakfast

A special Business Breakfast will be held on the final morning of the conference with an emphasis on providing private and social housing sectors with an opportunity to meet each other and share ideas. The breakfast will be facilitated by Jenny Brockie - a multi-award winning journalist and documentary maker with more than 20 years experience in quality broadcasting. Jenny currently hosts *Insight* on SBS each week. Stay tuned for more in upcoming e-Newsletters.

Supporting partners are engaging with the event

We are very pleased to advise that the ACT's [Department of Disability, Housing & Community Services](#) - together with the Victorian Department of Human Service's [Disability Services Division](#) and [Mental Health and Drugs Division](#) - have become early supporters of the conference.

Many thanks to all those involved.

Take advantage of the sponsorship and exhibition opportunities available at NHC09. As well as the conference itself, there is an opportunity for corporate sponsorship of the Business Breakfast.

By having a strong, active presence at this important conference, your company or organisation will benefit significantly from exposure to an interested, relevant and influential audience.

Download [Sponsorship and Exhibition Prospectus](#)

Conference exhibitions proving popular at this early stage

Already a number of organisations have expressed interest in becoming a conference exhibitor because of the benefits that can be derived by exposure to such a large and diverse audience.

Take advantage of the sponsorship and exhibition opportunities available at the NHC09.

If you would like to discuss an exhibition package to help meet your organisation's objectives, download the [Sponsorship and Exhibition Prospectus](#) or contact the:

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