



## 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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*"What is the use of a house if you haven't got a tolerable planet to put it on?"  
Henry Thoreau*

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### More speakers confirmed

We are very pleased that a number of overseas speakers have recently confirmed their participation in the conference.

[Professor Peter Ambrose](#) taught housing courses in the Geography, Urban Studies and Social Policy degrees at Sussex University from 1965 until his retirement in 1998. He undertook comparative housing research in a number of European countries in the 1980s, and the leadership of a Foreign and Commonwealth Office Housing Advisory Team to the Bulgarian Government in 1992-94. He has been especially concerned with assessing the health changes associated with these improvements. His most recent research has focused on the multi-faceted relationship between poor housing and poor health and on the general impact of high housing costs on poverty and debt. Since 1998 he has been Visiting Professor in Housing Studies in the Social Science Policy and Research Centre at Brighton University and is an Associate of the Zacchaeus 2000 Trust. He has published seven books and over 160 other works.

Following a career in local government, the voluntary and private sectors, [Kate Davies](#) is currently Chief Executive of Notting Hill Housing in the UK. Notting Hill Housing owns and manages around 26,000 homes, mainly in London. It is a major provider of low cost home ownership flats and continues to buy land and develop sites during the current property downturn. Kate is particularly interested in housing policy and has worked with Government departments,

Housing Ministers and London Mayor Boris Johnson. She is currently leading a project on improving customer satisfaction at Notting Hill.

[Hal Pawson](#) is a Professorial Fellow at the School of the Built Environment at Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh. Hal's special interests are in housing and urban policy, especially homelessness, social housing management and area regeneration. As well as leading numerous national research studies for central government departments and other bodies Hal has published widely in academic journals. He is also a member of expert panels for both the Westminster government and the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute.

**Keep an eye on the next issue of our e-Newsletter for a special report on the excellent Australian speakers who have also confirmed their involvement.**

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## Updated draft program now available

Work has been continuing by the co-hosts of the conference, together with the Program Advisory Group, on the conference program and it's developing into a dynamic and informative two and half day schedule.

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

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## Regenerating local communities with Neighbourhood Renewal: a country drive to see it in action

There are four optional site visits available for conference delegates on Tuesday 24 November.

One of these is a visit to the regional area of Wendouree West, near Ballarat to visit the Victorian Government's Neighbourhood Renewal program which is helping reverse trends of severe disadvantage.

Wendouree West is Victoria's first Neighbourhood Renewal site. Since the program began in 2001, new jobs have been created with many people now working for the first time, education has become a priority and houses have been turned into homes.

The rejuvenated area now features renewed streetscapes, a tenant-operated grocery store, a state-of-the-art Community Learning Hub and improved fencing and landscaping updated by tenants who are learning trade skills by working on new homes.

If you would like to take part in the tour to Wendouree West on Tuesday 24 November please view online [here](#) for further details.

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## Exhibition space filling fast

If you would like to be part of the exciting exhibition which will take place in conjunction with the conference, you will need to move fairly quickly as space is booking up. By having a strong, active presence at this important event, your company or organisation will benefit significantly from exposure to an interested, relevant and influential audience.

For further details visit the website [here](#)

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## Register now

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

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