



Housing in a new era: building the connections
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The reality of any place is what its people remember of it.
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Conference program now available

You will find the full conference program [here](#).

We have developed a range of diverse session styles so that you will have the opportunity to participate with panel discussions, long Q & A sessions, a mix of workshops and nice long lunch breaks for informal discussions and debates. The Spotlight stream runs throughout each day with an exciting mix of papers and workshops in a more informal, drop-in, style.

The program maintains a strong interest in public housing and housing affordability but recognising the diversity of housing issues we face in contemporary Australia and the new National Affordable Housing Agreement, it also focuses on homelessness, housing associations, planning and place making, economic efficiency of the housing system and matters of social and environmental wellbeing.

This e-Newsletter helps you plan your conference experience to ensure that you get to the sessions that most interest you. Note that session codes starting with W are on the Wednesday, those starting with T are on Thursday and so on.

Focus on homelessness

Homelessness issues will be a key focus in sessions W2, W15, T3, T8, T11, T12, and the workshop on homelessness workforce development.

Indigenous housing issues

If you have an interest in Indigenous housing issues then you will find various aspects discussed in sessions W4, W8, T4, T5, T9, and the community land trusts workshop.

Interested in planning and place making?

Issues around planning and place-making will feature in sessions W3, W6, W7, W9, W14, W15, T1, T2, T15, and at the Business Breakfast.

Affordable housing, social housing and not-for-profit housing associations

The wide range of matters associated with affordable housing and not-for-profit housing associations will be discussed at W4, W7, W10, W16, T1, T6, T10, T15, the Business Breakfast, F1, the NRAS workshop, and the community land trusts workshop.

If your interest is in social housing you might like to take a close look at these sessions: W4, W5, W6, W16, T1, T6, T11, T15, the Business Breakfast, and F1.

Take an environmental perspective

An environmental perspective will be brought to bear on housing issues in sessions W2, W3, W13, T13, T14, and the Business Breakfast.

The housing market

For those of you with a particular interest in matters to do with the housing market at large you may wish to consider sessions W4, W7, W8, W9, W12, W15, T10, the Business breakfast, F1, the NRAS workshop, and the community land trusts workshop.

The private sector role in housing

Don't miss the opportunity to hear Victorian Treasurer, John Lenders MP, and a panel of experts debate the opportunities and challenges in housing investment and delivery for the private and not-for-profit sectors.

The Business Breakfast on Friday 27 November will be led by our guest facilitator and leading SBS journalist, Jenny Brockie.

The morning will focus on *Delivering economic and social objectives through housing: new opportunities, new challenges and new partnerships for the private sector*, with an interactive panel discussion and audience Q&A.

This is a special opportunity for the private, government and not-for-profit sectors to share views and ideas on housing investment and delivery.

This special event is being sponsored by [VicUrban](#) and promises to be a lively and informative start to the final day of the conference. [Register now!](#)

A big thank you to our sponsors and exhibitors

The conference organisers are extremely grateful to the large number of government, not-for-profit and private sector organisations who are conference sponsors or exhibitors.

The 6th National Housing Conference is a major event which means that the support of these organisations will be recognised by over 1100 delegates.

The 'exhibition village' will be a vibrant part of the event and delegates are encouraged to visit all the booths.

Without this significant support a major conference like this would be difficult to stage.

See [here](#) for a full list of conference supporters.

Calling all women who are working in social housing and homelessness!

Building on the success of the 2009 inaugural Women and Community Housing Conference, Women's Housing Limited, the Community Housing Federation of Victoria and the Victorian Department of Human Services Housing Division, invite all women who are attending the conference and have an interest in social housing and homelessness to be part of a conversation to generate and explore ideas and strategies towards a National Conference - Women and Community Housing.

Join us 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 welcome reception.

Towards a National Conference - Women and Community 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 by Tuesday 17 November.

Tour to run twice due to popular demand

Due to overwhelming demand for Tour 2 *Working in partnership to deliver affordable housing solutions*, we are running a shorter version of the tour on the Friday afternoon. See [here](#) for further details.

Walk This Way - a series of curated walks by some of our most interesting Melburnians

When you really want to know a place, to be privy to a city's secrets and its unexpected gems, wouldn't it be great to have a map designed by locals, complete with hand drawn directions to the places that matter to them?

Walk This Way, developed for the recent Melbourne International Arts Festival, unveils eight very diverse personal experiences of Melbourne from a selection of Melburnian artists and icons including Rob Adams (Director of Design and Urban Environment, City of Melbourne), Kate Ceberano and Matt Preston.

See [here](#) for further details.

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