



Housing in a new era: building the connections
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WHAT A WEEK IT WAS!

The 6th National Housing Conference is over and the organising team hope that you found the event informative and enjoyable. Those involved in the organisation certainly found the experience challenging and satisfying!

The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive and the organisers appreciate the constructive feedback and generous compliments from so many delegates. The evaluation forms and [online survey](#) will be very helpful in forward planning and we encourage you to provide your feedback.

A big thank you to the nearly 1300 delegates, including the 220 speakers who participated in the 65 sessions, for their enthusiastic and committed contributions. A conference is only as good as the people who choose to participate. The fact that most sessions over nearly four days were extremely well attended, and that the 'satellite' activities like the tours, choirs, jazz bands, theatre performances and art shows were also well supported is an indication that the conference offered something for everyone.



An excellent finish

The closing session of the conference - "*Housing the future - A Q&A with Tony Jones*" - was keenly anticipated and delivered a most fitting finale to the conference. The jousting by the panellists was offset by



some poignant moments and thoughtful exchanges - all craftily managed by a real professional.

Thank you to our supporting partners

A conference of the size and nature of this year's National Housing Conference wouldn't have been possible without the support of our sponsors and exhibitors ... and we thank them!

The [Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs](#) was the major sponsor of the conference and we thank them for their ongoing support of this important event.

We were also very pleased that the [Victorian Department of Justice](#) came on board as a Gold Sponsor. The Department of Justice covers a wide diversity of government programs across its five systems of criminal justice, civil justice, regulation and enforcement, emergency services and corporate and strategic support. Current government policy outlines a number of areas of importance to the Justice portfolio. Improving residential accommodation is a priority area for the Victorian Government, and the Department of Justice has a strong commitment to the regulation and improvement of Victoria's residential accommodation sector to help the vulnerable and disadvantaged.

We also acknowledge the support received from the [ACT Department of Disability, Housing and Community Services](#), [Housing NSW](#), the [QLD Department of Communities](#), the [Victorian Department of Planning and Community Development](#) and the [Victorian Department of Health](#).

From the commercial sector, [mecu](#) and [KPMG](#) committed to an investment in an event reflective of their commitment to working in the housing field.

The Business Breakfast was generously sponsored by [VicUrban](#).

We thank all of these organisations and departments for their support and commitment.

Where to find the presentations

We are now in the process of uploading presentations from the conference to the conference website. See the interactive program [here](#). Click on each day and then the session and you'll see links to each of the presentations.

We also filmed some of the major sessions and we look forward to uploading footage from these in the next few weeks.

Online survey

We're keen to know whether your expectations of the conference were met and also what ideas you have to inform the next conference in Queensland in 2011. We invite you to complete this **short** online survey available [here](#). The link will remain live until the end of Friday 11 December. We appreciate your time and welcome your comments.

From trams to bananas

It was a very fitting end that Victoria's Minister for Housing, Richard Wynne was able to present the conference "key" to Queensland - the host of the 7th National Housing Conference in 2011. The symbolic tram and banana so artistically attached to the key perhaps trivialises the huge task that now rests with the QLD Department of Communities and AHURI. We look forward to the conference and wish the organisers all the best.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the organisation of the conference, and to everyone who participated. See you in 2011.



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