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NHC 23 Program – subject to change

Tuesday 10 October

7.30am	Sunrise session: Measuring what Matters: Demonstrating the value created by well-designed social and affordable housing					
	Presenters:					
	Wendy Hayhurst, Community Housing Industry Association					
	A/Prof Christian Nygaard, Swinburne University of Technology					
	 Min Seto, Australian Social Value Bank Hugh Hartigan, National Housing Finance and Investment Corporation Peter Colacino, Avista Strategy 					
	Sunrise session: Showcasing modern methods of construction by Office of the Queensland Government					
	Architect					
	Presenters:					
	 Leah Lang Queensland Government Architect Peter Nelson 					
	Opening Plenary Session					
9.00am	Welcome to the Conference					
3.00am	Includes Welcome to Country, Introduction from AHURI and Ministerial address.					
	Presenters:					
	The Hon Julie Collins MP					
	Dr Michael Fotheringham, AHURI					
9.30am	Plenary 1: National Agenda Conversation					
	Australia is experiencing genuine challenges in our housing systems – insufficient and slowing					
	supply, extremely low rental vacancy levels resulting in a lack of available housing for many households, rising					
	rents, high home purchase prices not dampened by increasing interest rates, and mortgage stress. These challenges are compounded by changing population distribution putting regional markets into new levels of					
	difficulty, as well as climate change and sustainability challenges in need of urgent response. This session					
	explores how we are responding to myriad housing challenges as a nation.					
	Presenter:					
	Susan Lloyd-Hurwitz, Australian National Housing Supply & Affordability Council					
	John Engler, National Shelter Chair					
	Facilitator: Dr Michael Fotheringham, AHURI					
10.30am	Morning tea					
	Major Concurrent Sessions					
11.00am	MC1: Financing and investing in new housing supply					
	Delivering new housing supply requires significant investment. This session explores new ways of					
	financing housing delivery, bringing together diverse perspectives working to address a key housing challenge.					
	Presenters: • Rebecca Oelkers, BHC					
	Carolyn Viney, Super Housing Partnerships					
	Professor Steven Rowley, Curtin University					
	Facilitator: Carrie Hamilton					





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11.00am

MC2: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander home ownership

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Rates of home ownership remain relatively low. This session explores options and innovations to increase ownership rates among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander households, and how well they are working.

Presenters:

- Debbie Avery, Aboriginal Housing Office
- Josephine Hart, Jalbi Jiya Housing Program, Nyamba Buru Yawuru
- Melanie Jones, North-West Aboriginal Housing Fund
- Kirsty Moore, Indigenous Business Australia

Facilitator: Zachariah Matysek, NATSIHA

MC3: State of the Cities

Given Australia's population distribution, the greatest number of people are living in our cities, in both central and suburban locations. Local governments are increasingly engaged in housing affordability issues. This session examines leading responses in metropolitan solutions.

Presenters:

- The Hon Sally Capp, Lord Mayor of Melbourne
- Dr Tim Williams, Practice Leader, Cities for Grimshaw

Facilitator: Matt Collins, Planning Institute of Australia

12.30pm

Lunch

Concurrent Sessions

1.30pm

C1: Cross sector collaboration for better renting

What are the challenges and opportunities when partnerships form between different sectors to support good outcomes for renters?

Presenters:

- Ollie Sutherland, Venture Housing Company
- Paul Tommasini, Tenancy Skills Institute
- Laura Valenti, REIQ McGrath North Lakes & REIQ Board Director

Facilitator: Kirstine Harvie, Department of Housing (Queensland)

C2: Housing and Climate: retrofit and circular economy perspectives

Changing climates and rising energy costs are closely linked to housing quality and sustainability. This session considers sustainable building, retrofit practices and energy efficiency.

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Presenters

- Joe Noone, South Australian Housing Authority
- Dr Trivess Moore, RMIT University
- Rachel Trinder, Kainga Ora Homes and Communities

Facilitator: Dr Trivess Moore, RMIT University

C3: Australian Housing First experiences

This session explores recent programs designed from a Housing First perspective, with particular interest in pandemic era responses.

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Presenters:

- Humair Ahmad, Dept Communities and Justice NSW
- Sherri Bruinhout, Homes Victoria
- Geoff Agnier, Housing ACT
- Anne Kirwan, CatholicCare Canberra & Goulburn

Facilitator: Dr Tom Alves, AHURI



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1.30pm

C4: Housing solutions for young people leaving care

Leaving out of home care for young people is a key transition. Recent changes in policy and practice are creating opportunities for positive outcomes.

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Presenters:

- Andrew Kazim, Anglicare WA
- Marcia Gerrard, MG Corporation
- Emily Dewar, Broome Youth & Families Hub

Facilitator: Dan Jefferson, KPMG

C5: Housing co-operatives

Co-operative housing models are less common in Australia than similar countries. This session considers what are the benefits of this approach and how we can build this sector.

Presenters:

- Sarah Anderson, Northcote Co-operative Housing
- Associate Professor Louise Crabtree-Hayes, Western Sydney University
- Claire Mackenzie, Phoenix Housing Co-operation
- Stephanie Miller, Common Equity Housing SA

Facilitator: Chantal Raine, Department of Housing (Queensland)

C6: Boosting home ownership through shared equity

A range of innovative shared equity programs are seeking to support home ownership – This session considers how these programs are different to earlier state government programs and their prospects.

Presenters:

- Tim Buskens, HOPE Housing
- Professor Rachel Ong ViforJ, Curtin University
- Mike Myers, National Affordable Housing & Buy Assist Australia

Facilitator: Geoff Slack, Your Place Housing

Think Tank 1: Innovative practices in Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander housing

How are providers, government agencies and partners innovating in delivery of positive housing outcomes for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander households and communities?

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Presenters:

- Natalie Clark and Melanie Goldstein, Department Communities and Justice NSW
- Danielle Gentles, Department Communities and Justice NSW
- Clive Rosewarne and Maxine Carlton, Community Housing Central Australia
- Heather MacRae, The Fulcrum Agency

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3.00pm

Afternoon tea

Plenary Session

3.30pm

Plenary 2: Rental Systems – international perspectives

What can we learn from the management and regulation of private rental markets in other countries? This plenary panel session draws on experience in Canada and the US, along with Australian experiences.

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Presenters:

- Dr. James R. Dunn, McMaster University, Canada
- Hayden Groves, Real Estate Institute of Australia
- Trina Jones, NSW Rental Commissioner
- Steve Lucas, US Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD)

Facilitator: Eleri Morgan-Thomas, Homes Tasmania



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5.00pm – 6.30pm

Community Housing Limited Welcome Reception

Exhibition precinct at BCEC



Wednesday 11 October

7.30am

Sunrise session - From Across the Ditch

Lessons from programs and services in New Zealand with presentations from:

- Dr Lucy Telfar Barnard, University of Otago
- Dr Amber Logan, University of Otago
- Dr Natalie Allen, The Urban Advisory, Auckland

Sunrise session - Lessons learned on urban regeneration in London - the Elephant Park project

Lendlease's urban regeneration of Elephant Park in London, due for completion in 2027, offers one of the best examples of our expertise and experience to deliver large scale estate renewal projects. The 10 hectare precinct, a partnership between Lendlease and Southwark Council, will deliver 3,208 apartments (including 25% affordable) as well as new retail and public spaces.

- Ed Mayes, Development Director for Silvertown
- Jessie Lenson GM Social Impact Australia, Lendlease

Facilitator: Scott Langford, Group CEO, SGCH

Sunrise session - Sticking the Landing: Lessons learned on how to get the Capital to Stack

ANZ's current housing target is to fund and facilitate \$10 billion in investment by 2030 for more affordable, secure and sustainable homes to buy and rent. Our target is focused on delivering more new housing supply to market. Specifically, how financial institutions can play their part in changing the market to deliver more of the right housing, in the right locations at the right price point for both rental and purchase.

Presenters:

- Ryan Slocombe, Tetris Capital Team
- Kris Daff, Assemble & Make Ventures
- Hanna Ebeling, Social Enterprise Finance Australia
- Bill Callaghan, ANZ



Facilitator: Caryn Kakas, ANZ

Welcome to Day Two & Plenary 3

8.45am

Plenary 3: States of the Nation

This panel session draws together leaders from a range of segments of Australia's housing systems, covering housing policy, research and advocacy, private rentals, social housing, and homeownership. Discussion will focus on current challenges and opportunities to improve housing outcomes across the nation, and how we can work together to find a way forward.

Presenters:

- Mark Cridland, Department Housing (Queensland)
- Trudi Ray, Haven Home Safe
- Emma Slape, REISA
- Tanya Steinbeck, UDIA WA

Facilitator: Dr Michael Fotheringham, AHURI



10.15am

Morning tea





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	Concurrent Sessions
10.45am	C7: Embedding the voices of lived experience in policy making, program design and quality improvements This session will examine the critical role of people with lived experience of housing need, homelessness and of being a tenant in social and affordable housing. What will it take to embed the knowledge and perspective of people with lived experience in every aspect of housing system design and delivery? Presenters: Linda Hahn, Housing Older Women Movement Daniel Robertson, Neighbourly Robert Perrier, Tenant advocate
	Facilitator: Mark Francis, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Queensland
10.45am	C8: Better access to housing for people living with mental health issues - the intersection of the NDIS and
	housing This cossion will present models and partnerships designed to increase access to and knowledge of the NDIS
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	Presenters:
	Mark Heeney, The Haven Foundation
	Tracey Hocking, Mind Australia
	Matthew Jackson, Link Wentworth Housing
	Facilitator: Dr Nicola Brackertz, AHURI
	C9: Towards better renting experiences
	Australia's rental markets are under enormous strain – how are emerging tools and programs
	amplifying the voice and supporting the needs of renters.
	Presenters:
	Alyce Holmes, Common Equity Housing Limited (CEHL) Commonths Western Residential Tononnias Authority
	 Samantha Watson, Residential Tenancies Authority Jennifer Beveridge, Tenants Victoria
	Facilitator: Emma Greenhalgh, National Shelter
	C10: New models for youth housing
	This session discusses new collaborations and programs offering housing with support for young people at risk of homelessness and how these lead to better outcomes both short- and long-term.
	Presenters:
	Pam Barker, Brisbane Youth
	Ryan Bullivant, St John's Youth Services
	Shorna Moore, MCM
	Facilitator: Kate Colvin, Homelessness Australia
	C11: Escaping Violence
	What factors contribute to better long-term safety and housing outcomes for women, and how
	are programs responding to need?
	Presenters:
	Dorothee Crawley, Catholic Care Wilcannia-Forbes
	Amanda Dalton, Protea Place Inc Carelyn Curpy, VES Ltd.
	• Carolyn Curry, YFS Ltd
	Facilitator: Louise Simms, Safe and Equal
	C12: Designing better homes for older Australians living in social housing How are emerging programs and service offerings housing vulnerable older Australians VIRTUAL
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considering built form and community building factors?

Luke Garswood, Connect Victoria Park Inc

Sophie Dyring, Schored Projects

Presenters:











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	Facilitator: Fiona York, Housing for the Aged Action Group			
	Think Tank 2: Collaboration in a time of crisis This session will explore how collaboration and service coordination are being used to design programs to meet complex and specific needs. Presenters:			
	 Annie Taylor, NT Shelter and James Cameron, Office of the Children's Commissioner Northern Territory Michelle Coats, Roseberry Qld, Dave Grenfell, ATQLD and Adam Klaproth, AnglicareCQ 			
	Dean Sullivan, CatholicCare Tasmania CIVICA			
12.15pm	Lunch			
	Ministerial address			
1.15pm	Presenter The Hon Meaghan Scanlon MP, Minister of Housing			
	Plenary Session			
1.45pm	Plenary Session 4: A way forward for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander housing How can Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander housing specialists address a legacy of government policy and intervention on present day housing challenges? What are the opportunities and how can we maximise them across urban, regional and remote settings? Presenters: • Rob Macfarlane, National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Association (NATSIHA) • Lisa Sampson, Aboriginal Community Housing Industry Association (ACHIA) • Neil Willmet, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Queensland • Skye Thompson, CEO Aboriginal Housing Northern Territory			
3.15pm	Afternoon tea			
	Plenary Session			
3.45pm	Plenary 5: Decarbonising Australia's housing sector – lessons from Europe This plenary session seeks to expose our audience to leading international policies and ideas. Climate change and its impacts present fundamental challenges for housing. In this session we hear from an international policy leader about responding to these challenges through a program of decarbonisation, and discuss the opportunities for change and innovation this presents in Australia.			
	 Presenters: Sorcha Edwards - Secretary General, Housing Europe Ralph Horne, RMIT University Alison Scotland, Australian Sustainable Built Council 			
	Facilitator: Dr Tom Alves, AHURI			
5.15pm	Close of day 2			
7.00pm	Indigenous Business Australia Official Conference Dinner at the Howard Smith Wharves			











Thursday 12 October

	Major Concurrent Sessions
9.00am	MC4: Planning and design How can planning and design enhance housing outcomes and the provision of new housing supply? Presenters: • John Brockhoff, Planning Institute of Australia (PIA) • Amy Degenhart, degenhartSHEDD • David Islip, Office of Victorian Government Architect • Llewellyn Reynders, Infrastructure Victoria Facilitator: Dr Tom Alves, AHURI
9.00am	MC5: New thinking in regional housing Since the onset of the pandemic, new challenges have emerged for regional housing markets. How are governments and communities responding to these challenges and ensuring good housing outcomes? Presenters: • Kayla Clanchy, Shelter NSW • Steve Dunn, Regional Housing Victoria • Tess Pickering, Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning Facilitator: Kim Houghton, Regional Institute Australia MC6: Housing systems and structural change
	Australia's housing systems continue to evolve – what are the system level responses we need to ensure more positive outcomes and better coordination among key stakeholders? Presenters: Nicola Foxworthy, Imagine Housing Amy Hains, Homelessness NSW Jennifer Michelmore, Studio Thi Facilitator: Peter Mares
10.30am	Morning tea
	Concurrent Sessions
11.00am	C13: Aboriginal community housing – a specialist sector How are Aboriginal community housing providers responding to community need, developing workforce capacity, and partnering for better outcomes? Presenters: • Dushy Thangiah OAM, Yumba Meta • Alisi Tutila, Aboriginal Housing Company • Tina Ugle, Managing Director, Noongar Mia Mia Facilitator: Paula Coghill
	C14: Placemaking and community building A placemaking perspective puts housing provision in a neighbourhood and community context – what are the implications for service providers and funders? Presenters: Jayden Battey, Servants Community Housing Limited Sarah Buckeridge, Hayball Dr Lee-anne Khor, Monash University Trudi Ray, Haven Home Safe
	Facilitator Rachel Hornsby, Hornsby & Co





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	C15: The building role of local governments Local governments are increasingly engaged in addressing housing affordability and homelessness – what opportunities does this engagement bring, and what are the barriers? Presenters: Humair Ahmad, NSW Department of Communities and Justice Glenn Menner, Brimbank City Council Dr Heather Shearer Cities Research Institute, Griffith University	VIRTUAL
	Facilitator: Liz de Chastel, Australian Local Government Association	
11am	C16: Improving tenant outcomes in social housing Sustaining positive tenancies and supporting the broader wellbeing of tenants is a key concern f landlords. This session explores recent innovations in monitoring and maintaining good tenant of Presenters: • Ellis Blaikie, Bridge Housing • Dr Imran Haider, Homes Victoria • Elizabeth Kelso, BHC • Min Seto, Alliance Social Enterprises - Australian Social Value Bank Facilitator: Fiona Caniglia, Q Shelter	
	C17: Head leasing programs In head leasing programs, private rental property is rented by a community housing provider or a government agency, to then be let to a social tenant. How are these programs being adapted Presenters: • Rebecca Pinkstone, Bridge Housing • Teresa Reed, Mangrove Housing • Shane Smith, Haven Home Safe Facilitator: Mark Wall, Department of Housing (Queensland)	
	Think Tank 3: Repurposing property How can we make more efficient use of property to deliver positive housing outcomes in both the short term and longer term? Presenters: • Dan Cox and Ben Moore, UnitingSA • Simone Parsons, Women's Community Shelters	VIRTUAL
12.30pm	Lunch	
	Closing Plenary	
1.30pm	Plenary 6: A way forward for the housing system At the close of the conference, drawing together the lessons and experiences across the conference program, as well as recent evidence and policy reform agendas, this final session tag question: what is the way forward for housing in Australia?	VIRTUAL ckles the key
	 Presenters: Mary Delahunty, Super Housing Partnerships Debbie McNamara, Economic Development Queensland Darren Mew, Blue CHP Helen Waters Silvia, National Housing & Supply Affordability Council 	
	Facilitator: Dr Michael Fotheringham, AHURI	KPMG
3.00	Wrapping it all up	





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3.10pm – 4.30pm **Networking Closing Drinks**

Plaza Terrace, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre