

National Housing Conference 2019

27–30 August | Darwin Convention Centre

PROGRAM

- Impact
- Reform
- Connections
- Community
- Think tank stream

Pre conference Tuesday 27 August 2019

17.00-19.00 Community Housing Limited Official Welcome Reception—Wharf One

After your arrival in Darwin, join us as we launch the NHC 2019 with a cocktail function on the waterfront, enjoying stunning views of the Darwin promenade.

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Day 1 Wednesday 28 August 2019

7.30 Registration opens

Plenary 1

8.30–8.45 Welcome to Country

Larrakia Nation

The Larrakia people are the Aboriginal traditional owners of all land and waters of the greater Darwin area including identified Aboriginal living areas.

8.45–9.10 Official Conference Opening

Hon Gerald McCarthy MP, Minister for Local Government, Housing and Community Development (NT)

To set the scene for the first ever conference in the NT, the Minister will speak to the Territory Labor Government's priorities around jobs, housing and improving economic opportunities for communities in the territory.

9.10–9.50 Opening Keynote Address

Professor Stan Grant, Griffith University

Proud Wiradjuri man Stan Grant is a Walkley award winning journalist, author and professor of global studies at Griffith University. His knowledge and experience render him an ideal contributor on Indigenous housing and many of the broader political and social challenges facing our sector in 2019.

9.50–10.30 Federal Government Address

To guide the national dialogue on priority housing and homelessness issues, and following the 2019 election, we will welcome a Federal Government leader.

10.30–11.00 Morning tea

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11.00–12.30 Major concurrent sessions—block one			
Can CHP's deliver our social housing future? According to recent modelling, Australia needs more than 700,000 new social housing properties in the next twenty years to meet growing demand. In this provocative session, community housing leaders will press the case for their skilled up sector to lead the development, construction and management of Australia's social housing stock into the future. Speakers Wendy Hayhurst , CHIA John McBryde , Central Australian Affordable Housing Company Additional speakers TBC	Generation Rent More than a quarter of all Australian households are private renters, with the sector growing at twice the rate of all households between 2006 and 2016. Along with growth, the sector is fragmenting, particularly at the low-price end of the market. How can we ensure the system remains fair and equitable for the growing number of Australians who will be renters for life? Speakers Prof Kath Hulse , Swinburne University of Technology Peter McMillan , NT Shelter Heather Holst , Commissioner for Residential Tenancies VIC Eliza Owen , Domain Additional speakers TBC	Pathways and priorities for Australia's Indigenous housing Appropriate and affordable housing is a vital foundation for wellbeing that supports education and employment pathways, yet many Indigenous Australians still face overwhelming housing challenges. With housing identified as a priority for a renewed Closing the Gap strategy, this panel will unpack the common challenges across Australian states and territories and explore the priorities and pathways ahead. Speakers Leeanne Caton , Yilli Rreung Housing Aboriginal Corporation Jody Broun , Aboriginal Housing Office NSW Additional speakers TBC	Think tank stream These rapid-fire presentations and incubators will offer a variety of intimate, engaging and informal discussions with fellow delegates and speakers on a diverse range of topics.
12.30–13.30 Lunch			
13.30 – 15.00 Plenary 2—State(s) of housing policy—a national debate			
A national debate on Australia's housing system with perspectives from every state and territory. In 2019 more than a million households in Australia are under housing stress. In this action-led session, housing chief executives from all state and territory housing departments will discuss a strategy for housing future communities across the country.			
Facilitator		Panel members	
Peter Mares , Journalist and broadcaster		Jamie Chalker APM , Department of Local Government, Housing and Communities NT	
		Louise Gilding , Housing ACT	
		Michael Buchan , SA Housing Authority	
		Jessemey Stone , Department of Communities Tasmania	
		Trish Wooley , Department of Housing and Public Works Queensland	
		Helen Nys , Department of Communities WA	
		Additional speakers TBC	
15.00–15.30 Afternoon tea			

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15.30 – 17.00 Minor concurrent sessions—block one

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18.00–22.00 Official Conference Dinner—Pee Wee's at the Point

Join delegates at one of Darwin's most beloved restaurants, Pee Wee's at the Point for the Official Conference Dinner. This is your opportunity to informally chat to fellow thought leaders in a relaxed atmosphere over local cuisine. Numbers to this event are limited, so book now to avoid missing out.

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8.00	Registration opens					
8.30–9.00	Plenary 3—Welcome to Day 2					
	Official Welcome Address					
	We invite a local housing and policy expert to welcome and contextualise our international keynote speaker for the day.					
9.00–10.30	International keynote address					
	The conference highlights innovations, leading edge practice and new ideas underpinned by the latest research. In this 90 minute session we will hear from one of the world's leaders on their nation's strategic priorities with action-led examples.					
10.30–11.00	Morning tea					
11.00–12.30	Minor concurrent sessions—block two					
	Topic 1	Topic 2	Topic 3	Topic 4	Topic 5	Topic 6
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12.30–13.30	Lunch					
13.30–15.00	Major concurrent sessions—block two					
	Show me the money: the business of affordable housing	Our housing and our health	Housing for all in the age of cities	Think tank stream		
	One year on, is the National Housing Finance and Investment Corporation the silver bullet to financing affordable housing or is it just one piece of an incomplete financing and funding puzzle. Even with private sector financing, what role must governments play in funding the gap between the cost of building affordable housing and what low-income tenants can afford to pay?	Unsafe or poor quality housing can have a detrimental impact on people's health. From poor physical health outcomes as a result of overcrowding in Indigenous communities, insufficient heating or inaccessible housing, to mental health challenges from living in isolated, unconnected communities, this session presents a series of evidence-based presentations on our housing and our health.	Following worldwide trends of rapid urbanisation and centralisation of all aspects of life and work, Australians are living in urban areas at higher rates than ever before. What is the impact of population growth on our housing system, services and suburbs? How can we ensure Australia's swelling major and developing cities remain productive and liveable for all Australians?	These rapid-fire presentations and incubators will offer a variety of intimate, engaging and informal discussions with fellow delegates and speakers on a diverse range of topics.		
	Speakers	Speakers	Speakers TBC			
	Nathan Dal Bon , NHFIC	Sarah Pollock , Mind Australia				
	Caryn Kakas , ANZ	Additional speakers TBC				
	Charles Northcote , Blue CHP					
	Additional speakers TBC					

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15.00 – 15.30 Afternoon tea

15.30 – 17.00 Minor concurrent sessions—block three

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18.00–20.30 Networking event—Mindil Beach Market (optional)

Enjoy a quintessential Darwin experience of local food, artisan vendors and a spectacular beach sunset at the Mindil Beach Sunset Market. Enjoy a respite from the crowds in a dedicated conference VIP area, where you can network with your fellow delegates and friends over drinks and market fare.

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Day 3 Friday 30 August 2019

8.00	Registration opens
	Plenary 4—Welcome to Day 3
8.30–9.00	Closing Address from conference hosts Jamie Chalker APM , CEO, Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development (Conference Chair) Michael Fotheringham , Executive Director, AHURI (Deputy Conference Chair) The Conference Chair and Deputy Chair will share their reflections on the 3 day program, summarise the lessons learned and key priorities and announce the host destination for NHC 2021.
9.00–10.30	International keynote address The conference highlights innovations, leading edge practice and new ideas underpinned by the latest research. In this 90 minute session we will hear from one of the world's leaders on their nation's strategic priorities with action-led examples.
10.30–12.00	Official closing brunch—Darwin Convention Centre concourse Following the final plenary session, we will celebrate the end of a successful conference with a closing brunch overlooking the stunning Darwin waterfront precinct. Take the opportunity to debrief with your fellow delegates and make plans for the way forward.