

6th National Housing Conference – draft program v52 (as at 21/11/2009)
Housing in a new era: building the connections
Tuesday 24 November 2009

Various	Site tours (optional)			
	See http://www.nationalhousingconference.org.au/melbourne2009/tours for further details			
	11am – 3.30pm	11am – 3.30pm	11am – 3.30pm	9.30am – 4pm
	Tour 1: <i>Creating strong communities in high-density areas</i>	Tour 2: <i>Working in partnership to deliver affordable housing solutions</i>	Tour 3: <i>Connecting people with housing and the right support</i>	Tour 4: <i>Regenerating local communities with Neighbourhood Renewal</i>
1pm-4pm	Certificate 4 Graduation Ceremony Hosted by Victorian Department of Human Services (invitation only) Location: Room 216			
3.15pm-5pm	Pre-conference workshop: Delivering the National Rental Affordability Scheme (please note that pre-registration for this workshop was required and that it is now full) <i>Sponsored by KPMG</i> Location: Room 211 Objective: This session will explore the contribution of NRAS to affordable rental housing in Australia and the opportunities and models that are supporting participation in this innovative program. Attendees will learn about partnerships and models supported under the Scheme and explore the elements that are required to make them successful Format: Presentations, followed by workshop engagement with audience and speakers Numbers: Limited to 96 Facilitator: Sue Finnigan, Branch Manager, Affordable Housing Programs Branch, Federal Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Presenters: Des Kirwan, Section Manager, National Rental Affordability Scheme, Federal Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (will speak on NRAS outcomes) Mike Myers, CEO, Qld Affordable Housing Consortium, QLD (will speak on partnerships with developers and investors) Jeff Logan, Chief Financial Officer, Foundation Housing, WA (will speak on head leasing and partnerships) Tim Gavan, Chief Executive, BlueCHP, NSW (will speak on partnership and proposal structures) Ian Hashman, Director, Claireleigh Real Estate Development (will speak on private sector joint ventures)			
4pm-7pm	Registration open Location: Ground Floor Foyer			
4pm-5pm	Australasian Awards for Professional Excellence in Social Housing <i>Hosted by the Australasian Housing Institute</i> Location: Room 209			
4.30pm-5.30pm	Towards a National Conference – Women and Housing <i>Convened by Women's Housing Limited, the Community Housing Federation of Victoria and the Victorian Department of Human Services Housing Division</i> Location: Room 212 Facilitator: Maree Davenport, Principal, Phoenix Public Affairs, VIC Objective: Building on the success of the 2009 inaugural <i>Women and Community Housing Conference</i> , all women who have an interest in, a passion for and who are working in social housing are invited to be part of a conversation to generate and explore ideas and strategies, towards a <i>National Conference – Women and Housing</i> . This could be of interest to all those working in housing, homelessness and family violence. Women's Housing Limited will be launching the research report "Women in the Community Sector: Building a Workforce for the 21st Century" by Dr Selina Tually (Research Fellow, Flinders University) with Ms Kaye Hampton and Ms Marg Osborne. Dr Tually will present on the report's key findings. Registration essential as limited places available. Please RSVP for this special event to NHC09info@icmsaust.com.au			
5.30pm-7pm	Welcome reception Location: Ground Floor Foyer <i>Entertainment provided by the Layfield Court Jazz Band</i>			

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7.30am-6pm	<p>Registration open Location: Ground Floor Foyer</p>
8.30am	<p>Official opening Location: Plenary Hall 3 Chair: David Adams, Resident, Collingwood Housing Estate, VIC Welcome to Country: Aunty Di Kerr, Elder of the Wurundjeri People, Traditional Owners of Melbourne, VIC Welcome: Richard Wynne MP, Minister for Housing, Victoria Official opening presentation: The Hon John Brumby MP, Premier of Victoria</p>
9.00am	<p>W1: <i>The new era for housing</i> Location: Plenary Hall 3 Objective: This opening plenary session aims to examine the inter-connected economic, social and environmental challenges and opportunities confronting housing policy makers and practitioners in this new era, and an overview of how the Federal Government in partnership with industry and community sectors can respond. Chair: David Adams, Resident, Collingwood Housing Estate, VIC Presenters: The Hon Jenny Macklin MP, Federal Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Ric Battellino, Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of Australia, NSW Dr Rebecca Huntley, Director, Ipsos Mackay research and author of <i>The World According to Y: Inside the New Adult Generation</i>, NSW Professor Peter W Newton, Co-Director, Sustainable Cities Program, Institute for Social Research, Swinburne University of Technology, VIC Wrap up: Dr Ian Winter, Executive Director, Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute, VIC</p>
10.30am	<p>Morning tea Location: Ground Floor Foyer</p>

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<p>11.10am (3 major concurrent sessions, plus Spotlight sessions)</p>	<p>W2: <i>My future home: the challenges for future housing provision</i> Location: Plenary Hall 3 Objective: This session will consider what 'home' will mean in the future and the role it will play in the lives of individuals and families. What will this mean for future forms of housing, for tenure, for the way housing is funded and delivered, and for where it is located? Format: Panel discussion with audience Q&A Facilitator: Gill Callister, Secretary, Department of Human Services, VIC Panel members: Kate Davies, Chief Executive, Notting Hill Housing, UK Jeff Fiedler, Tenancy Advice/Policy Worker, Housing for the Aged Action Group, VIC Rosanne Haggerty, Founder, Common Ground, New York, US Tone Wheeler, Principal Architect, Envirova Studio, NSW</p>	<p>W3: <i>Place making for resilient, inclusive and thriving neighbourhoods: have we got the recipe right?</i> Location: Room 203/204 Objective: This session will address the questions: What is a successful place? What are the key ingredients in planning, delivering, maintaining and renewing places? What have we learnt from experience and where else should we be looking for guidance? Format: Presentations followed by audience Q&A Chair: Vivian Hanich, A/Director, Service Programs, Service Programs Branch, Policy and Strategy Division, Housing NSW, NSW Presenters: Pru Sanderson, Chief Executive Officer, VicUrban, VIC Dr Maree Parry, Gender Studies Program, School of Philosophy, Anthropology and Social Inquiry The University of Melbourne, VIC Neil McInroy, Chief Executive, Centre for Local Economic Strategies, UK</p>	<p>W4: <i>The National Reform Agenda: What does it mean for affordable housing?</i> Location: Room 210/211 Objective: This session will explore what the reforms are and what they mean for the affordable housing sector in the future. Format: Panel discussion followed by response and audience Q&A Facilitator: Professor Julian Disney, Chair, National Affordable Housing Summit, NSW Panel members: Andrew Tongue, Deputy Secretary, Federal Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Dr Vivienne Milligan, Built Environment, University of NSW, NSW Mercia Bresnehan, Executive Director, Housing Tasmania, TAS Carol Croce, Executive Director, Community Housing Federation of Australia Ken Marchingo, Managing Director, PowerHousing Australia and Chief Executive Officer, Loddon Mallee Housing Services, VIC Peter Smith, Chief Executive Officer, City of Adelaide, SA Respondent: Adrian Pisarski, Chairperson, National Shelter</p>	<p>SW1: SPOTLIGHT WORKSHOP - <i>Creating connections to work</i> <i>Sponsored by Neighbourhood Renewal, Department of Human Services Housing Division, Victoria</i> Location: Room 205 Objective: This workshop will demonstrate strategies that have successfully been used to assist public housing tenants (and Neighbourhood Renewal residents in Victoria) to make transitions into employment. Facilitator: Mark Daniels, Manager - Policy and Development, Social Traders, VIC Introduction: Simon Scrase, Manager, Education Employment and Health, Department of Human Services Housing Division, VIC Outreach: A combined presentation from May Lam, Brotherhood of St Lawrence, VIC and Anita Lijovic, Hume City Council, VIC Generating local jobs through social enterprise and procurement: Anne Minos, Public Tenant Employment Program, Department of Human Services Housing Division, VIC, Stuart McGougan, Mission Australia UREEP Enterprise, VIC and Marc Manion, Fair Repairs, NSW Building on success: A panel discussion facilitated by Mark Daniels (note: pre booking will be required as spaces are limited)</p>
<p>12.40pm</p>	<p>Lunch Location: Ground Floor Foyer <i>Sponsored by PowerHousing Australia</i> <i>Entertainment provided by the DHS Victoria Choir, AcappellaGo!</i></p>			<p>SW2: SPOTLIGHT - MEET THE SPEAKERS 1pm-1.30pm Rosanne Haggerty, Founder, Common Ground, New York, US 1.30pm-2pm Kate Davies, Chief Executive, Notting Hill Housing, UK Location: Room 205 Chair: Shauna Walter, Manager, Housing Primary and Complex Care, Eastern Metropolitan Region, Department of Human Services, VIC</p>

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<p>2pm (6 concurrent sessions, plus Spotlight sessions)</p>	<p>W5. <i>Having a say about our homes: how to get tenant participation working</i> Location: Room 207 Objective: This session will examine a range of participation models from across Australia and overseas. Participants will be able to workshop ideas, share information and develop models to take away. This session has been organised by the Victorian Public Tenants Association (VPTA) Format: Short film followed by presentations, and workshop with audience Q&A Facilitator: Joan Ferguson, Chief Executive, Australasian Housing Institute, NSW Participants: Geoffrey Lennie, Chairperson, VPTA, VIC Nicola Lemon, Executive Officer, Hume Community Housing Association, VIC Rozita Leoni, member, local tenant group, NSW Christopher Birtwistle, Senior Project Officer and Susie Rodeghiero-Smith, Manager, Customer Services Unit, Housing SA, Department of Families and Communities, SA Marilyn Rowler, former Chair, Queensland Public Tenants Association, QLD</p>	<p>W6. <i>Rebuilding communities and overcoming disadvantage: lessons from place-based renewal</i> Location: Plenary Hall 3 Objective: Targeting public housing to those most in need has diminished the diversity of household composition in areas with higher concentrations of social housing, leading to residents experiencing high levels of social and economic disadvantage. This session will consider some of the challenges this situation creates and discuss policy and practice opportunities to develop more diverse and resilient communities. Format: Presentations followed by response and audience Q&A Chair: Joan Kirner, Victorian Communities Ambassador, VIC Presenters: Christine Ferguson, Manager, Housing and Neighbourhood Renewal, Department of Human Services Housing Division, VIC George Housakos, CEO, Urban Communities Ltd, VIC Bernie Coates, Director, Community Building, Housing NSW, NSW Respondent: Dr Harald Klein, Director, Neighbourhood Renewal, Department of Human Services Housing Division, VIC</p>	<p>W7. <i>Housing affordability: challenges and opportunities for local government</i> Location: Room 203 Objective: This session will examine the role for local government in the context of delivering housing affordability, and examine the planning and legislative frameworks in different jurisdictions. The session will include case study examples. Format: Presentations followed by audience Q&A Chair: Darren Ray, Acting Chief Executive Officer, Victorian Local Government Association, VIC Main presenter: Cr Geoff Lake, Councillor, Monash Council and President, Australia Local Government Association Presenters: Gary Spivak, Housing Development Officer, City of Port Phillip, VIC Kent Stroud, Branch Manager, Community Services, Brisbane City Council, QLD Cr Ian Tiley, Councillor and Chair, Affordable Housing Committee, Clarence Valley Council, NSW</p>	<p>W8. <i>Re-examining home ownership</i> Location: Room 204 Objective: Australians see themselves as a nation of homeowners. While there are many benefits to home ownership, both financial and non-financial, there are also risks. This session will explore the future for home ownership in Australia and examine issues such as: What is happening to house prices? Who benefits and who loses in the current economic climate? Is home ownership a problem in itself, or the solution? How does this impact on our well-being and lifestyle? Format: Presentations followed by audience Q&A Chair: Ken Downie, Director, Policy & Strategy, Housing & Community Building, Department of Human Services, VIC Presenters: John Sharma, Economist (Australia), National Australia Bank, VIC Dr Anitra Nelson, Senior Research Associate, AHURI RMIT Research Centre, VIC Professor Paul Memmott, Director, Aboriginal Environments Research Centre, University of Queensland, QLD Professor Michael Stone, Community Planning and Public Policy, College of Public and Community Service, University of Massachusetts, US</p>	<p>W9. <i>Supplying the demand</i> Location: Room 210 Objective: This session will examine the gap between housing demand and supply in Australia, including the factors influencing this gap and the implications for submarkets, with particular attention on the impact on affordability Format: Presentations followed by audience Q&A Chair: Caryn Kakas, Executive Director, Residential Development Council, VIC Main presenter: Dr Owen Donald, Chair, National Supply Council, VIC Presenters: Michael Matusik, Matusik Property Insights, QLD Dr Maryann Wulff, Deputy Director, AHURI Swinburne-Monash Research Centre, VIC</p>	<p>W10. <i>Housing Associations: running them right!</i> Location: Room 211 Objective: This session will examine the key policy and practices that are required to strengthen the capacity of the not-for-profit housing sector to deliver large scale affordable housing Format: Presentations followed by response and audience Q&A Chair: Anthony Hardy, A/Manager, Housing, North and West Metropolitan Region, Department of Human Services, VIC Presenters: Craig Sanderson, Chief Executive, Link Group Ltd, Edinburgh, Scotland Fred Tinsley, Partner, Minter Ellison, VIC Roxane Shaw, Registrar of Community Housing, NSW Government, NSW Linda Hoskins, Chairperson, Yarra Community Housing Ltd, VIC Respondent: Sharad Kerur, Executive Director, Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association, Canada</p>	<p>SW3: SPOTLIGHT - SUBMITTED ABSTRACT SESSION <i>Sponsored by Programmed Facility Management</i> Location: Room 205 Chair: Quynh-Tran Trinh, Manager, Research and Evaluation, Policy and Strategy, Department of Human Services Housing Division, VIC 15 minute presentations Leanne Acreman, HomeGround Services (Vic) - <i>Welfare and the corporate sector: working together to end homelessness</i> Joseph Connellan, McTwo Pty Ltd (Vic) – <i>Partnering with growth housing organisations</i> Jeanette Large, Victorian Women's Housing Association (Vic) – <i>Leveraging investment for affordable housing: how strategic partnerships help women and children experiencing domestic violence</i> Florence Thomas, Department of Human Services (Vic) - <i>Urban renewal projects in France: a wide partnership to enhance housing and to strengthen communities in the most disadvantaged neighbourhoods</i> Dr Peter Smith: University of Technology Sydney (NSW) - <i>Housing affordability measurement – a new model</i> Ashley May, General Manager - Strategic Development, Programmed Facility Management (Vic) - <i>The true capital cost of maintaining your housing portfolio</i></p>
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3.30pm	Afternoon tea Location: Ground Floor Foyer					SW4: SPOTLIGHT – MEET THE SPEAKER Professor Michael Stone , Community Planning, College of Public and Community Service, University of Massachusetts, US Location: Room 205 Chair: TBA	
4pm (6 concurrent sessions, plus Spotlight sessions)	W11. Foundations for wellbeing: children and housing Location: Room 204 Objective: Housing is an important foundation for our children's future. This session will explore the importance of the connection to home, family and community and the influence of good neighbourhood design on improved health and wellbeing outcomes. What does the research tell us? What practice has proved effective? What challenges and opportunities lie ahead? Format: Presentations followed by audience Q&A Chair: Kris Arcaro, Assistant General Manager, Student Wellbeing Division, Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, VIC Presenters: Professor Peter Ambrose, Visiting Professor in Housing Studies, University of Brighton, UK Dr Sharon Goldfeld, Senior Medical Advisor, Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, VIC Cassandra Bawden, Project Officer, Peer Education Support Program, Council to Homeless Persons, VIC	W12. Private rental from a transitional to a permanent tenure: where to from here? Location: Room 210 Objective: In the Australian context private rental has been traditionally seen as a short-term tenure on the pathway to home ownership. However, the reality is that most low income households will continue to be reliant on the private rental market. This session will address the questions: What motivates people to invest in the private rental market? What needs to happen to move it from a transitional tenure to one suitable for the long term? What can governments do to improve access for low income households? Format: Presentations followed by audience Q&A Chair: Dr Claire Noone, Executive Director, Consumer Affairs Victoria, VIC Presenters: A/Professor Kath Hulse, Director, AHURI Swinburne-Monash Research Centre, VIC Robyn Zakharov, Director, Private Housing Programs, Department of Communities, QLD Mark O'Brien, Chief Executive Officer, Tenants Union of Victoria, VIC Monique Sasson Wakelin, Director, Media and Communication, Wakelin Property Advisory, VIC	W13. Climate change and the housing response Location: Room 203 Objective: Changing public awareness together with recent climate policies has heightened the focus on climate change. Both individuals and industry are responding. This session will look at what further innovations lie ahead and where we are all heading. Format: Presentations followed by audience Q&A Chair: Professor Barbara Norman, Foundation Chair, Urban Planning, University of Canberra, ACT Presenters: Philip Sutton, Convener, Greenleap Strategic Institute, VIC Mark Allan, Development Director – Sustainability, Mirvac, VIC Dr Zhengdong Chen, Urban Systems Program, CSIRO Sustainable Ecosystems, VIC Robin Mellon, Green Star Executive Director Green Building Council Australia, NSW	W14. Connecting people with places Location: Room 211 Objective: This session will examine the importance of considering transport linkages when planning for affordable housing. It will consider examples of developments that connect housing to transport and examine the rationale for Transport Orientated Developments (TODs) using international and interstate case study examples to understand the challenges and opportunities. Format: Presentations followed by audience Q&A Chair: Alice Lawson, Acting Director, Affordable Housing & Asset Strategy, Department for Families and Communities, SA Presenters: David Cooke, Director, Hames Sharley, SA Chris Isles, Director, Place Design Group, QLD Alison Holloway, Strategic Urban Planner, SGS Economics & Planning, VIC	W15. Responding to housing demand (submitted abstract session) <i>Sponsored by Victorian Department of Planning and Community Development</i> Location: Room 207 Objective: Australia faces major challenges in accommodating the projected growth in the number of households over the next few decades. This session will focus on the practical applications of these challenges and look at emerging and innovative solutions in Australian settings. Format: Presentations followed by audience Q&A Chair: Maureen Sheehan, Executive Director, Department of Housing & Community Services, ACT Presenters: Dr Nick McTurk, Charles Darwin University, NT - <i>Darwin's growth: the connections between demand for dwellings and social, demographic and spatial change in the region.</i> Helen King, Department of Planning and Community Development, VIC - <i>Housing Growth Requirements: Planning for the established areas of Melbourne</i> John Macdonald, DesignInc Melbourne Pty Ltd, VIC - <i>Freeway housing</i> Nancy Rogers, Department for Families and Communities, SA - <i>Caravan Parks: an affordable housing choice supporting place and community - or sub-standard housing?</i>	W16. Maturing assets: the evolution of stock transfer housing associations <i>Sponsored by Housing NSW</i> Location: Plenary Hall 3 Objective: This session will examine the UK experience of transferring government owned and managed housing stock to housing associations. It will contrast this with the experience in Canada and draw out the implications for Australia. Format: Presentations followed by audience Q&A Chair: Leonie King, Executive Director, Community Housing Division, Housing NSW Presenter: Professor Hal Pawson, School of the Built Environment, Heriot-Watt University, Scotland Discussants: Mike Allen, Chief Executive, Housing NSW Howard Farrand, President, Chartered Institute of Housing (and Group Chief Executive, West Mercia Housing Group), UK Steve Pomeroy, Senior Research Fellow, University of Ottawa Center on Governance, Canada	SW5 SPOTLIGHT – SUBMITTED ABSTRACT SESSION Location: Room 205 Chair: Jo McInerney, Acting Director, Housing Registrar, Department of Human Services Housing Division, VIC 15 minute presentations Lynelle Richards, Health NSW - <i>Housing and Accommodation Support Initiative Aboriginal Program (HASI 5A)</i> Dr Michael Findlay, Housing SA - <i>Social housing for culturally diverse groups</i> Melissa Gibson and Kelly-Anne Stewart, Housing NSW - <i>Housing people leaving the criminal justice system – Connecting</i> Alyena Mohummadally, Tenants Union of Victoria – <i>Family violence, tenants and homelessness – pieces of a puzzle that fit?</i> Christopher Shields, CMS Architects (Vic) - <i>The Salvation Army Crisis Accommodation St Kiilda - breaking the cycle of homelessness</i> David Ring, St Mary's House of Welcome (Vic) - <i>Myths about homelessness and voting</i>

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5.30pm	Sessions conclude for the day	
6.30pm-11.30pm	Conference dinner Location: The Great Hall, National Gallery of Victoria International, St Kilda Road, Melbourne <i>Entertainment provided by Ruth Rogers-Wright and Shine</i>	

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8am-5.30pm	<p>Registration open Location: Ground Floor Foyer</p>			
9am	<p>T1: <i>Beyond affordable housing: opportunities and challenges</i> Location: Plenary Hall 3 Session objective: This session will allow Australian policy and practice to be placed in a national and international context with current plans in Australia being contrasted particularly with the dramatic social housing reforms in the UK over the past 15-20 years Chair: Dr Ian Winter, Executive Director, Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute Performance: Many Moons Choir, Community Choir, Atherton Gardens Housing Estate, Fitzroy, VIC Keynote address: The Hon Tanya Plibersek MP, Federal Minister for Housing Keynote address: Sir Peter Dixon, Former Chair, Housing Corporation, UK Response: Michael Lennon, Chief Executive Officer, Housing Choices Australia, VIC</p>			
10.30am	<p>Morning tea Location: Ground Floor Foyer</p>			
11.10am (3 major concurrent sessions, plus Spotlight sessions)	<p>T2: <i>Housing policy and planning policy in a new era: building the connections</i> <i>Sponsored by Victorian Department of Planning and Community Development</i> Location: Plenary Hall 3 Objective: This session will explore the challenges and opportunities for governments to build connections between housing policy and planning policy to manage urban growth and meet the demand for affordable housing. It will consider the connections between land use planning and affordable housing outcomes at the cities and regional level. Format: Presentations followed by responses, facilitated discussion and audience Q&A Facilitator: Alan Saunders, Host, <i>By Design</i>, Radio National Presenters: Professor Ivan Turok, Professor of Urban Economic Development, University of Glasgow, Scotland Richard Wynne MP, Minister for Housing, VIC Respondents: Marcus Spiller, Director, SGS Economics & Planning, VIC Sue Holliday, Managing Director, Strategies for Change, NSW John Ginivan, Executive Director Planning Policy, Department of Planning and Community Development, VIC</p>	<p>T3: <i>Preventing homelessness: innovations and partnerships</i> Location: Room 203/204 Objective: The Commonwealth White Paper on Homelessness and National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness highlight the need to prevent people from becoming homeless, improve the effectiveness of services and intervene early to resolve homelessness. This session will examine how a number of partnerships and innovations are working towards achieving this. Format: Opening presentation followed by panel discussion and audience Q&A Facilitator: Margaret Crawford, Executive Director, Department of Human Services Housing Division, VIC Presenter: Kate Gumley, Manager, Homelessness Branch, Federal Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Panel members: Dr Paul Flatau, A/Professor in Community Planning, Murdoch University, WA Sally James, Senior Projects Manager, Strategy and Development, Youth Transitions, Brotherhood St Lawrence, VIC Deb Tsorbaris, Director, Housing Sector Development, Department of Human Services Housing Division, VIC The Hon Rob Knowles AO, Chair, Mental Health Council of Australia</p>	<p>T4: <i>The role of housing in closing the gap</i> Location: Room 210/211 Objective: Major multifaceted policy strategies are being implemented through COAG and housing investment is critical to the success of these strategies. The objective of this session is to have a strategic conversation about progress with the policy priorities of all levels of Government, the key reform directions, and how to further build the practice and evidence that demonstrates the critical role of housing in closing the gap on life outcomes for Indigenous Australians. Format: Opening presentation followed by panel discussion and audience Q&A Chair: Dr David Ritchie, Chief Executive, Department of Local Government and Housing, NT Presenter: Amanda Cattermole, Group Manager, Indigenous Remote Service Delivery, Federal Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Panel members: Olive Bennell, Director, Strategy Policy and Aboriginal Outcomes, Housing SA Joe Ross, Chair, Indigenous Youth Leadership Program and member, National Policy Commission for Indigenous Housing Lawrence McDonald, Assistant Commissioner, Productivity Commission, VIC</p>	<p>ST1: SPOTLIGHT WORKSHOP <i>A sustainable future for growth providers - PowerHousing Australia</i> Location: Room 205 Objective: This workshop will focus on the vision of a housing provider to build a sustainable housing company starting with the CEO, staff, tenants and expanding to the built form. Focusing on the long term strategy and funding strategies to achieve a sustainable future. Step by step guide on how to plan and implement the "sustainable vision and strategy for your organisation" based on the principles of social inclusion, community based asset management and environmental and social sustainability. This workshop will be led by Greg Budworth, CEO, Compass Housing and Director PowerHousing Australia and Jan Berriman, COO of Housing Choice Australia and Chairperson, PowerHousing Australia. (note: pre booking required as spaces are limited)</p>

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<p>12.40pm</p>	<p>Lunch Location: Ground Floor Foyer</p>	<p>12.55pm–2pm</p> <p>Performance of <i>Voices: The Carrical Project</i></p> <p>Location: Plenary Hall 3</p> <p>Servants in Hawthorn Inc has been working on a collaborative project with Scotch College students throughout 2009 to create a piece of theatre that deals with the stigma of mental illness.</p> <p>The teenage boys from the school met regularly with low-income rooming house residents, many of whom live with long-term mental illness, and in this group-devised performance the boys share the stories they heard. <i>Voices</i> tackles the tragic loss and stigma of mental-illness and addiction, and the creativity, character and hope that can spring out of it.</p> <p>Created and performed by Scotch College students</p> <p>Directed by Matt Hammond</p>	<p>Australasian Housing Institute AGM</p> <p>Location: Room 209</p>	<p>ST2: SPOTLIGHT – MEET THE SPEAKERS</p> <p>1pm-1.30pm Sir Peter Dixon, Former Chair, Housing Corporation, UK</p> <p>1.30pm-2pm Professor Ivan Turok, Professor of Urban Economic Development, University of Glasgow, Scotland</p> <p>Location: Room 205 Chair: Mark Darmody Director, Finance & Business Services, Department of Human Services Housing Division, VIC</p>
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<p>2pm (6 concurrent sessions, plus Spotlight sessions)</p>	<p>T5. Healthy homes: re-thinking design Location: Room 210 Objective: To examine how design can improve health, wellbeing and sustainability. By looking at the built form - from the bricks and mortar through to landscape design - this session will look at the connections in design that make a house into a home. It will investigate and demonstrate how design can engage and connect people to their environments. Format: Presentations followed by response and audience Q&A Chair: Professor Philippa Howden-Chapman, Programme Director, He Kainga Oranga/Housing and Health Research Programme, University of Otago, Wellington, NZ Presenters: Dr Janis Birkeland, Faculty of Built Environment and Engineering, Queensland University of Technology, QLD Joburt Betadam, Architektonic Pty Ltd, VIC Jennifer Alden, Chief Executive Officer, Cultivating Community, VIC Respondent: Russell Taylor, Principal, Australian Institute of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Studies, NSW</p>	<p>T6. Choice in affordable housing: whose, how much and who decides? Location: Room 211 Objective: The development of Common Waiting Lists and increasing consumer choice through arrangements such as Choice Based Letting are key commitments under the National Affordable Housing Agreement. The purpose of this session is to identify the key components and parameters for implementation of these related initiatives. Format: Presentations followed by audience Q&A Chair: Antoinette Danaher, President, Loddon Mallee Housing Services, VIC Presenters: Michael Newey, Chief Executive Officer, Broadland Housing Group, UK Steve Bevington, Managing Director, Community Housing Ltd, VIC Penny Gillespie, General Manager, Housing Policy and Strategy, Department of Communities, QLD Merrilyn Rowler, former Chair, Queensland Public Tenants Association, QLD</p>	<p>T7. Housing and wellbeing (submitted abstract session) <i>Sponsored by Division of Mental Health and Drugs, Department of Health, VIC</i> Location: Room 208 Objective: This session will examine a range of health dimensions and explain the role of housing as a determinant of health and wellbeing. Format: Presentations followed by audience Q&A Chair: Todd Harper, Chief Executive Officer, VicHealth, VIC Presenters: Theresa Chau, Data Analyst, Housing Unit, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, ACT – <i>Location effects on economic and health outcomes of social housing tenants</i> Georgie Foster, Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute, VIC – <i>How does housing affect health: findings from the evidence base</i> Lance Schema, AIDS Dementia and HIV Psychiatry Service, NSW – <i>A new era of partnerships in supported housing</i> A/Professor Chris Chamberlain, RMIT University, VIC – <i>Are the homeless mentally ill?</i> Elizabeth Conroy, NDARC and Tim Marchant, Mission Australia – <i>The social, health and housing histories and service needs of homeless men accessing an integrated accommodation support service: Baseline data from the Mission Australia Michael project</i></p>	<p>T8. Breaking the cycle of homelessness Location: Room 203 Objective: The National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness seeks to reduce the number of people sleeping rough and those experiencing homelessness more than once. This session will discuss the opportunities for achieving these goals, and issues that may influence their achievement. Format: Presentations followed by audience Q&A Chair: Simon Smith, Executive Officer, Homelessness Australia Presenters: Jo Gunner, National Housing Advisor for YMCA England, UK Mark Bolton, General Manager, Ladder, VIC Arthur Papakotsias, CEO, Neami Ltd Bryan Lipmann AM, CEO, Wintringham Housing Ltd Stephanie Brennan, Nepean Campaign Against Homelessness, NSW</p>	<p>T9. Deadly! The future for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander housing Location: Room 207 Objective: This session will highlight success stories in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing. Participants will draw inspiration and encouragement from the exchange of stories about what works and take away a clear understanding of what we need to do to improve governance and service delivery in Indigenous community housing organisations. Format: Presentations followed by audience Q&A Facilitator: Rev Tom Slockee, Australasian Housing Institute, Maori, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Working Group and NSW Aboriginal Housing Board Presenters: Garry Gardiner, Chief Executive Officer, Yilli Rreung Housing Aboriginal Corporation, NT Daran Kennedy, Yumba Meta Housing Association, QLD Michele Craig, Bungree Aboriginal Corporation, NSW Sharon Paten, Chief Executive Officer, Aboriginal Housing Victoria, VIC</p>	<p>T10. Financing affordable housing <i>Sponsored by mecu</i> Location: Room 204 Objective: This session will explore the financing of affordable housing in Australia. Delegates will examine innovative rental and home ownership products and explore the elements that are required to make them a successful mainstream response to affordable housing demand. Format: Presentations followed by audience Q&A Chair: Ross Bain, Branch Manager, Social Housing Issues, Federal Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Presenters: Rowan Dowland, General Manager, Development, mecu, VIC Mike Myers, CEO, Qld Affordable Housing Consortium, QLD Simon Pinnegar, Director, AHURI UNSW-UWS Research Centre, NSW Gary Storkey, Chief Executive Officer, HomeStart Finance, SA</p>	<p>ST4: SPOTLIGHT – SUBMITTED ABSTRACT SESSION Location: Room 205 Chair: Shane Edmonds, Principal Policy Officer, Strategy and Policy Division, Department of Housing, WA 15 minute presentations Felicity Munt, Corrections Victoria (Vic) – <i>Corrections Victoria Housing Project</i> Peter Lake, Department of Human Services (Vic) – <i>Opening doors and Local Area Service Networks in Victoria: a new approach to homelessness service delivery in Victoria</i> Bronwen Castor, Bronwen Castor and Associates (NSW) - <i>Slipping through the cracks: who takes responsibility for Transitional Group Housing?</i> Julia Canty-Waldren, HomeGround Services (Vic) - <i>Transitional Housing in Victoria: a critical resource</i> Helen Glanville, Sunshine Coast Housing Company (Qld) - <i>Challenges of providing community and affordable housing in a tourism area</i> Maidie Graham, Coordinator, Crisis Intake Team, Wesley Homelessness and Support Services (Vic) - <i>'We need more services like this but it is so hard to get a house': experience of workers and families in an innovative crisis accommodation service</i></p>
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3.30pm	<p>Afternoon tea Location: Ground Floor Foyer</p>					<p>ST5: SPOTLIGHT – MEET THE SPEAKER Jo Gunner, National Housing Advisor for YMCA England, UK Location: Room 205 Chair: Karen Burr, Acting Communications & Marketing Manager, Housing Sector Development, Department of Human Services Housing Division, VIC</p>	
4pm (6 concurrent sessions, plus Spotlight sessions)	<p>T11. <i>Housing and support: life outcomes for social housing tenants</i> Location: Room 207 Objective: This session will explore issues confronting people in social housing and identify best practice approaches that promote improved outcomes for tenants. Format: Presentation followed by panel discussion and audience Q&A Facilitator: Richard Deyell, Director, Public Housing and Community Building, Department of Human Services Housing Division, Victoria Presenter: Professor Andrew Jones, Director, AHURI Queensland Research Centre and Research Program Director, Social Wellbeing, Health and Housing, Institute for Social Science Research, The University of Queensland, QLD Panel members: Dr Nick Johnson OBE, Chief Executive, Hammersmith and Fulham Homes, UK Cate Jones, Project Officer, SA Shelter, SA Steve Parry, State Manager Service Delivery, Department of Housing, WA Plus Disability Services representative, VIC</p>	<p>T12. <i>Safe at home: facilitating housing responses for women and children experiencing family violence</i> Location: Room 211 Objective: National policy reform objectives include increasing the opportunities for women and children who experience family violence to remain in the family home. For many women experiencing family violence it may be safe to remain in the family home but for many it will not be the preferred option. This session will consider how we can increase the safety for women and children so they can remain in the home and not become homeless when they have experienced family violence. Format: Presentations followed by audience Q&A Chair: Terry Healy, Deputy Secretary, People and Community Advocacy, Department of Planning and Community Development, VIC Presenters: Julie Goodall, Thomson Goodall Associates Pty Ltd, VIC Professor Cathy Humphries, Foundation Alfred Felton Chair in Child and Family Welfare, The University of Melbourne, VIC Yee Man Louie, RMIT University, VIC Dr Suellen Murray, Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Applied Social Research, RMIT University, VIC</p>	<p>T13. <i>The role of housing in responding to natural disasters</i> Location: Plenary Hall 3 Objective: Housing authorities play a critical role in responding to the needs of individuals and communities affected by natural disasters. This session will reflect on recent experiences to inform improved preparedness and responses across housing and other agencies. Format: Presentations followed by audience Q&A Chair: Pam White, Executive Director, Operations, Department of Human Services, VIC Presenters: Dr Stewart Williams, Associate Lecturer and Research Fellow, School of Geography and Environmental Studies, University of Tasmania, TAS Bruce Esplin, Emergency Services Commissioner, VIC Jane Wilson, Corporate and Government Affairs Manager, Grocon Group, VIC Andrew Roylance, Senior Manager, Housing and Community Services and Bernadette Maher, Senior Manager Tenancy Operations, Housing and Community Services, ACT</p>	<p>T14. <i>Greening housing and social equity</i> Location: Room 204 Objective: This session will look at making the connections around greening our social and public housing in the context of climate change. Our social and public housing response to climate change will determine how many of the most vulnerable members of our society are impacted, both in terms of physical impacts of a hotter and more unstable climate and increased costs associated with market mechanisms designed to reduce our carbon emissions. Format: Presentations followed by audience Q&A Chair: Ian Walker, Co-founder, Sustainable Living Foundation Presenters: Alex Houlston, Project Manager, Sustainable Design, Department of Human Services Housing Division, VIC Susanna Savolainen, Manager, Environmental Sustainability, Housing NSW, NSW Maree O'Halloran, Director, National Rights Welfare Network, NSW Toby Archer, Policy and Liaison Worker, Tenants Union Victoria, VIC</p>	<p>T15. <i>My backyard is your backyard: understanding opposition to affordable housing</i> Location: Room 210 Objective: This session will examine strategies to influence community attitudes to affordable housing. Local government and community housing case studies will be used to demonstrate the effectiveness of steps taken to foster community support for affordable housing projects. Format: Presentations followed by audience Q&A Chair: Gary Spivak, Housing Development Officer, City of Port Phillip, VIC Presenters: Jane Fenton, Fenton Communications, VIC Karen Janiszkeski, Director, Urbanxchange, VIC Tye McMahon, Planner - Social/ Affordable Housing, City Strategy, City of Sydney, NSW Mandy Press, Consultant, VIC</p>	<p>T16. <i>Growth: a case of draining the swamp and fighting off the crocodiles</i> Location: Room 206 Objective: This session will focus on the multiple challenges confronting housing associations in this complex era of exponential growth. The presenters are Nazha Saad, CEO of St George Community Housing and Kathleen Gregory, CEO of Foundation Housing – founding members of PowerHousing Australia. They will cover areas like amalgamations, competition, state and federal jurisdictions, new players (competitors) in the affordable housing sector. The presenters will highlight the strategies they have implemented in their organisations to proactively plan for and manage growth. Format: Workshop (note: pre booking required as spaces are limited)</p>	<p>ST6: SPOTLIGHT – SUBMITTED ABSTRACT SESSION Location: Room 205 Chair: TBA 15 minute presentations Anna Paris, Ruah Community Services (WA) - <i>Keeping people housed: a private rental homelessness prevention model in Western Australia</i> Deborah Oxlade, RSL Care (Qld) – <i>Finding home: long term housing outcomes and occupational mobility within the ex-service community</i> Bronwyn Meyrick, RMIT University (Vic) - <i>Reframing affordability: should the concept of housing affordability used in Australian policy be reframed to take stock of the environmental sustainability of housing? (A Lifetime Affordable Housing in Australia paper)</i> Ashley Taylor, Murchison Region Aboriginal Corporation (WA) - <i>Model for regional housing affordability and sustainable home ownership</i> Jo Smith, Common Equity Housing Ltd (Vic) - <i>Developments in the Housing Co-Op Sector in Victoria (or "How the Ideas of a group of weavers in Victorian England continue to shape modern day Victorian Cooperative Housing")</i></p>

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5.30pm	Sessions conclude for the day
6pm-7.30pm (doors open at 5.30pm)	<p>Melbourne Conversation – Houses, homes and hope: creating neighbourhoods that are better places to live <i>Public event hosted by the City of Melbourne</i> Location: The Supper Room, 3rd Floor, Melbourne Town Hall, Corner Swanston and Collins Streets, Melbourne</p> <p>Appropriate and affordable housing gives hope for individuals and families with children trying to create safe homes. Overseas and local commentators discuss the challenges of better designed neighbourhoods, health improvement and wellbeing, our young people’s future and the changing nature of “home”. Come along and have your say.</p> <p>Confirmed speakers: Professor Philippa Howden-Chapman, Director, Housing and Health Research Programme, University of Otago, Wellington, NZ (on design and healthy homes – built form) Professor Peter Ambrose, Visiting Professor in Housing Studies, University of Brighton, UK (on children’s future and connection to home family and good neighbourhood design) Mark O’Brien, CEO, Victorian Tenants Union (on the perspective of the tenant and the challenge of low-income households needing to have permanent long-term rental security) Dr Maree Pardy, Lecturer, Gender Studies, The University of Melbourne (on research into effective and healthy neighbourhoods and aspects of place making) Rob McGauran, Architect and Director MGS Architects, Melbourne</p> <p>Moderator: Gary Spivak, Housing Development Officer, City of Port Phillip</p> <p><i>Melbourne Conversations is the City of Melbourne’s program of free talks and this Conversation is being presented by the City as a way of offering the people of Melbourne an opportunity to participate in the discussion around some of the National Housing Conference hot topics. Delegates, as well as members of the general public, are welcome to attend. No pre-registration necessary.</i></p> <p>To find out more about Melbourne Conversations visit http://www.thatsmelbourne.com.au/Whatson/conversations/Pages/conversations.aspx</p>

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<p>7.30am-9am (registration from 7.15am)</p>	<p>Business breakfast (optional event with separate registration fee) <i>Sponsored by VicUrban</i> Location: Banquet Room 202 Title: <i>Delivering economic and social objectives through housing: new opportunities, new challenges and new partnerships for the private sector</i> Overview: At this time of unprecedented focus on affordable housing development and homelessness as part of the Australian Government's Nation Building Program, hear perspectives on the opportunities and challenges for the private and not-for-profit sectors. Facilitator: Jenny Brockie, Host, <i>Insight</i>, SBS Television Keynote speaker: John Lenders MP, Treasurer of Victoria Followed by panel discussion and Q&A with audience: 1. Rod Fehring, Chief Executive Officer, Lend Lease PrimeLife 2. Rebecca Oelkers, Special Projects Manager, Brisbane Housing Company 3. Pru Sanderson, Chief Executive Officer, VicUrban 4. Dr Ron Silberberg, Managing Director, Housing Industry Association</p>			
<p>8am-1pm</p>	<p>Registration open Location: Ground Floor Foyer</p>			
<p>9.15am (2 major concurrent sessions, plus Spotlight sessions)</p>	<p>F1: <i>Building the nation</i> Location: Plenary Hall 3 Objective: The National Affordable Housing Agreement and Nation Building reform agendas have injected new life into housing, and raised the challenge for new approaches, new players, new partnerships and new models of regulation, funding and delivery. This session will look at what evidence there is that the challenge has been taken up, and at what will be needed into the future to realise the vision Format: Opening presentation followed by panel discussion with audience Q&A, and response Chair: Phil Fagan-Schmidt, Executive Director, Housing SA Presenter: Dr Jeff Harmer, Secretary, Federal Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Panel members: Mark Dall, Director, Nation Building: Housing, Department of Human Services Housing Division, VIC Michael Hickinbotham, Managing Director, Hickinbotham Group, SA Mark Noller, Fund Manager, AMP Capital Investors, NSW Nazha Saad, Chief Executive Officer, St George Community Housing and Member, PowerHousing Australia, NSW Respondent: Professor Julian Disney, Chair, National Affordable Housing Summit, NSW</p>	<p>F2: <i>New frontiers for housing policy: health, employment and social inclusion</i> Location: Room 203/204 Objective: This session will consider: the roles of housing, neighbourhoods and urban planning in contributing to health outcomes and effective human capital development, and thereby economic efficiency; the links between housing assistance and economic participation; and more broadly how our housing system helps or hinders social inclusion Format: Opening presentation followed by formal responses and audience Q&A Chair: Fran Thorn, Secretary, Department of Health, Victoria Presenter: Professor Duncan Maclennan, Director, Centre for Housing Research, University of St Andrews, Scotland Australasian respondents: Professor Philippa Howden-Chapman, Director, Housing and Health Research Programme, University of Otago, Wellington, NZ Professor Gavin Wood, Director, AHURI RMIT Research Centre, RMIT University, VIC Tony Nicholson, Chief Executive, Brotherhood of St Laurence (and Member, Australian Social Inclusion Board, and Chair, Prime Minister's Council on Homelessness), VIC</p>	<p>SF1: SPOTLIGHT WORKSHOP <i>Community Land Trusts: getting the community on board with perpetual affordable housing</i> Location: Room 211 Format: Workshop Objective: This session will provide a working knowledge of the community land trust model and its potential applications in Australia. This is a recent innovation in tenure shown to be successful in the US and able to develop and deliver multiple programs and outcomes combining affordable housing and community development. Attendees will be presented with an overview of the model including a short case study video and will have the opportunity to workshop the applicability of the model in Australia. Facilitators: Professor Peter Phibbs and Dr Louise Crabtree, Urban Research Centre, University of Western Sydney, NSW (note: pre booking will be required as spaces are limited)</p>	<p>SF2: SPOTLIGHT SESSION <i>Homelessness workforce development</i> Location: Room 206 Format: Short presentations, followed by an interactive discussion between speakers and the audience Objective: This session will explore the critical need to improve homelessness services through the development of the industry's most valuable resource, its workforce. Participants will take away an appreciation of workforce development issues, recognise the components of workforce development, explore the planning, human resource and professional development issues. This conference session will be the first step in establishing a network to support homelessness workforce development around Australia. Facilitator: Sue Cripps, Chief Executive Officer, Homelessness NSW Presenters: Lisa Darmanin, Australian Services Union, VIC</p>

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10.45am	<p>Morning tea Location: Ground Floor Foyer</p>
11.15am	<p>F3: <i>Housing the future – A Q&A with Tony Jones</i> <i>Sponsored by QLD Department of Communities</i> Location: Plenary Hall 3 Objective: This interactive, dynamic and entertaining session will provide delegates with an opportunity to reflect on learnings from the preceding two and half days of conference presentations, panels and workshops. Submitted questions from delegates, together with issues raised in the media during the conference, will provide the diverse group of panel members with the opportunity to present their views on social housing and homelessness issues. Chair: Tony Jones, Host, Q&A, ABC Television</p>
12.15pm–12.30pm	<p>F4: Plenary session <i>Sponsored by QLD Department of Communities</i> Location: Plenary Hall 3 Official conference close, including handover to host of 2011 conference</p>
2pm–4.30pm	<p>Tour 5: <i>Working in partnership to deliver affordable housing solutions</i> See http://www.nationalhousingconference.org.au/melbourne2009/tours for further details</p>