



Housing in a new era: building the connections
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*"Home is a place you grow up wanting to leave, and grow old wanting to go back to".
John Pearce*

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Close of call for abstracts

You have until **Friday 7 August** to submit an abstract for the conference.

All abstracts received will be reviewed by a panel of reviewers appointed by the Program Advisory Group. The final decision regarding successful submissions will be made by the conference co-hosts following recommendations received from the review panel.

Successful submissions will be scheduled into new or existing conference sessions, including special Spotlight sessions (see below).

We welcome your contributions to this important conference. Please submit your abstract online [here](#)

Program will address a range of issues

The conference program will be diverse. Here is just a sample of the sessions currently taking shape:

- Housing and support: life outcomes for social housing tenants
- Community land trusts: getting the community on board with perpetually affordable housing
- Healthy homes: re-thinking design
- Supplying the demand
- The National Reform Agenda
- Preventing homelessness: innovations and partnerships
- Ingredients for successful communities
- The role of housing in closing the gap
- Building a nation

Keep an eye on the website for further details.

A new program experience

A new program experience will be introduced at this year's National Housing Conference.

Presentations *in the Spotlight* will be fast paced and innovative and provide for open and robust dialogue and discussion on key issues that link to the main program. This innovative program stream will offer delegates with the opportunity to drop in and out of sessions throughout the day.

Meet the Speaker sessions will also be held in **Spotlight** - providing delegates with the chance to speak with some of the key conference speakers in a less formal environment.

National Housing Conference delegates are invited to experience sessions *under the Spotlight* in 2009! Watch this space for more information.

Sponsorship support for conference grows

The list of sponsors for the conference continues to grow and we are very pleased with the support we have received to-date from the government, not-for-profit and private sectors.

As in previous years, the [Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs](#) is the major sponsor of the conference and we thank them for their ongoing support of this event.

We are also pleased to announce that the [Victorian Department of Justice](#) has just come on board as a Gold Sponsor in recognition of their commitment to building partnerships and links in the important areas of transitional and supported housing.

Support has also been received from the [ACT Department of Disability, Housing and Community Services](#) and three Divisions within the [Victorian Department of Human Services](#): Children, Youth and Families; Disability Services; and Mental Health and Drugs.

From the commercial sector, [mecu](#) has shown their support of the conference by becoming a session sponsor and exhibitor.

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

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

Accommodation specials for conference delegates

NHC09 has managed to secure some great accommodation specials for conference delegates.

[Hilton South Wharf](#) is the new hotel located in South Wharf, an area set to become Melbourne's newest business and dining precinct, with hassle free access from the airport (with only two traffic lights along the way!) and the shortest of strolls across the many bridges that connect South Bank and South Wharf to Docklands and the city centre.

It is also the closest hotel to the conference venue and as an opening special rate they are offering rooms at **\$235** per night to conference delegates.

[Rendezvous](#) was built in 1913 as the Commercial Travellers Club. This heritage listed hotel has been meticulously restored to its original splendour. Located in the heart of the CBD it is within walking distance of the conference venue. Rendezvous are currently offering Deluxe rooms to delegates for **\$180** per night.

To book either of these great rates contact the NHC09 Secretariat (below) or online [here](#)

Conference registrations soaring

The conference co-hosts are delighted with number of registrations at this early stage. Don't leave it to the last moment. The **Registration Brochure** is now available to download [here](#)

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