



Housing in a new era: building the connections
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NOT LONG TO GO!

The 6th National Housing Conference promises to be a huge event. Be part of it! Join over 1200 of your contemporaries in Melbourne for what is shaping up to be an informative, challenging and lively few days.

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Register now

You can still register for the largest Housing Conference in our history. See [here](#) for further details.

A final program

The final conference program features 64 sessions and events and over 220 speakers, panellists, chairs, facilitators and respondents. Developing the program has been enthusiastically undertaken by our Program Advisory Group and many other people.

The program is comprehensive in content and the session formats are diverse. All delegates will receive a printed program in their satchel when they register, but in the meantime the program is available at www.nationalhousingconference.org.au/melbourne2009/program.

Don't forget too that for those of you with smartphones, you can access an interactive copy of the program [here](#). Use

this to access interactive session, speaker and event information in a quick and easy format.

Workshopping at the conference - not to be missed

Interactive workshops are scattered throughout the program. Perhaps you are interested in Community Land Trusts (workshop session SF1) or homelessness workforce development (SF2) or one of the other workshop topics. Because these workshops are participatory, the numbers will be limited. Booking sheets will be on display near the information desk during the welcome reception on Tuesday and during registration on Wednesday morning.

Taking the conference to the community - join in the Melbourne Conversation

A satellite event to the main program is the Melbourne Conversation hosted by the City of Melbourne. This free event on Thursday 26 November is open to delegates and the people of Melbourne.

A panel of international and local experts will discuss and debate the proposition: *Houses, homes and hope: creating neighbourhoods that are better places to live.*

The panellists include:

- Professor Philippa Howden-Chapman, Director, Housing and Health Research Programme, University of Otago, Wellington, NZ
- Professor Peter Ambrose, Visiting Professor in Housing Studies, University of Brighton, UK
- Mark O'Brien, CEO, Victorian Tenants Union
- Dr Maree Pardy, Lecturer, Gender Studies, The University of Melbourne
- Rob McGauran, Architect and Director, MGS Architects

Find out more [here](#).

Start the day with colleagues at the Business Breakfast

Share breakfast with private sector colleagues, conference speakers and delegates. The final day of the conference will commence with a Business Breakfast, sponsored by VicUrban, which will investigate the partnerships between private, not-for-profit and government sectors to deliver housing in a new era.

Hear from the Victorian Treasurer, John Lenders and a panel comprising:

- Rod Fehring, Chief Executive Officer, Lend Lease PrimeLife
- Rebecca Oelkers, Special Projects Manager, Brisbane Housing Company
- Pru Sanderson, Chief Executive Officer, VicUrban
- Dr Ron Silberberg, Managing Director, Housing Industry Association

This special conference event is additional to the conference program and a registration fee applies. [Register now!](#)

Where to get your internet fix

The AHURI internet cafe will be located in the ground floor foyer area near the exhibition village for your caffeine and internet fix throughout the conference.

The eternal optimist - fine weather for (most of) the conference!

If the past month has been anything to go by, conference delegates can expect warm and dry weather in Melbourne next week. Yahoo's long range forecasts indicate temperatures between 22 and 27 degrees for the duration of the conference (with maybe just a bit of rain). But given the history of forecasting, things could change! For latest forecasts go to www.bom.gov.au.

Make the most of beautiful Melbourne

Many of you will already be familiar with the vast array of sights, restaurants, gardens, galleries, entertainment and sporting opportunities that exist in our beautiful city. For those of you new to Melbourne, you might want to do some research at one of the following sites:

www.thatsmelbourne.com.au

www.onlymelbourne.com.au

www.theatrealive.com.au

www.beat.com.au

All delegates will also receive information about Melbourne in their conference satchels.

In addition, and thanks to the [Melbourne International Arts Festival](#), *Walk This Way* unveils eight very diverse personal experiences of Melbourne from a selection of Melbourne artists and icons, including Matt Preston, Rob Adams, Kate Ceberano, Julia deVille, Bert Newton, Alan Brough, Neil Mitchell and Kaz Cooke. Each curator presents an individually designed map of locations that are significant to them. Printed copies will be available at the conference or you can view the maps beforehand [here](#).

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