



Helping churches provide affordable housing.

Newsletter

Autumn 2018

A Minute with Magnus

So, can I have one minute of your time? I want to talk about the importance of advocacy - speaking up for the poor and vulnerable, especially those who find it difficult to be heard at all, they need our help!



Time for a seasonal change

Yes, you're correct - our last quarterly newsletter landed in your email box just one month ago and now here's another one.

This is because the new editor, Philippa Yelland, thinks it's time that the publication date aligns with the season on the masthead.

So, here's the Autumn issue published in early March - which is when the leaves turn to their autumnal colours.

Thus, you'll see the Winter issue in early June, Spring in early September and Summer in early December.

L'Arche worker receives more than she gives

Julia Beckmann came to spend time at L'Arche in Sydney, expecting to give help - but

she did not know that she would receive far more than she gave to the organisation that is Churches Housing's newest member.

More

Muslim Care looks to expand housing

Ahmad Mokachar and Rana Kabbout, Muslim Care, talk about their plans for the organisation's future.

More

Affordable Housing: Penrith Speaks!

Hosted by Sydney Alliance & Citizen Action Penrith Affordable Housing (CAPAH)

Over 150 citizens will be engaging their neighbours in Penrith on Saturday March 17th. Citizens will be using a survey to start intentional conversations on the issues.

Step up!

March 17 St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Church, 326 High St, Penrith.

More

Multi-family housing gains traction

Build-to-rent or 'multi-family housing' is a relatively new concept in Australia and so it was the topic for Churches Housing's networking breakfast on Friday 16 February with Ernst & Young's James Brennan.

More

Property market is 'Game of Homes'

Delivering the second of Shelter NSW's 4-part housing economics lectures, Professor Peter Phibbs describes the Sydney market as a 'game of homes'.

More

We call on the Premier to respond

In mid-December last year, Churches Housing - along with peak housing and homelessness organisations - wrote to the NSW Premier, Gladys Berejiklian, about the Government's plan to spend more than \$2bn on sports stadiums ([see letter](#)).

To date, as we publish this newsletter in early March 2018, we have not received any response.

We join with the other signatories to the letter - Shelter NSW, Homelessness NSW, Tenants' Union NSW, NCOSS and Yfoundations - in calling on the Premier to follow-through on her commitment to solving affordable housing issues.

Register to deliver Opportunity Pathways Program

The Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) has published a Notice of Intent to Procure Services for delivery of the *Opportunity Pathways Program*.

This program aims to provide social housing clients with more opportunities, support and incentives to build economic and housing independence.

The *Opportunity Pathways program* brings together previous programs known as Jobs Pathways and Personal Support Plans, on which the NGO Housing Partners Reference Group and other stakeholders were consulted last year.

The notice of intent can be viewed on the eTendering website, tenders.nsw.gov.au

<https://tenders.nsw.gov.au/?event=public.rftproposed.show&RFTProposedUUID=EF9C6A95-C3A0-4B75-6A5DE5D304CAB514&mode=redirectFromPreview>

Churches Housing encourages you to register on eTendering to receive further updates on this tender.

Subject to approval, it is expected this tender will be released in the coming weeks.

Interesting reading & research

The Sydney exodus: Conal Hanna examines why?

<https://www.smh.com.au/interactive/2018/the-world-loves-sydney-australians-arent-that-fussed/>

Denham Sadler writes: 'Lives in limbo: public housing residents face eviction in Victoria'

<https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2018/feb/25/lives-in-limbo-public-housing-residents-face-eviction-in-victoria>

Caitlin Kameron, of Curtin University, writes for *The Conversation*: 'Apartment residents need better protection from secondhand smoke'

<https://theconversation.com/apartment-residents-need-better-protection-from-secondhand-smoke-84261>

An anonymous benefactor has bought the 28-room accommodation building and an

adjacent 3-bedroom residential dwelling for \$9.4 million for Mission Australia to deliver accommodation and case management services for people at risk of, or experiencing, homelessness. <https://www.smh.com.au/business/companies/without-reserve-20180222-p4z1b6.html>

NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian has used an address to the National Governors Association in Washington to spruik NSW's asset recycling program. https://article.wn.com/view/2018/02/24/Innovation_is_integral_Berejiklian_address_to_US_leaders/

Elizabeth Farrelly writes: 'We're near the end (I like to think) of a 40-year Western-democracy experiment in neo-liberal ideology ... Over six years, the NSW government will have sold more than \$9 billion of assets, including Land Titles building, Millers Point housing, 4000 Family and Community Services properties (notwithstanding thousands of people sleeping on the streets) and 384 Department of Education properties including their sandstone flagship in Bridge Street. And that's before you even get to the ports, and the poles and wires. ... Neo-liberalism dramatically worsens inequality. Read all of Elizabeth Farrelly's article: 'The lie that's sucking the life out of Sydney' <https://www.smh.com.au/politics/federal/the-lie-that-is-sucking-the-life-out-of-sydney-20180222-p4z1by.html>

Future cities: planning for our growing population, Infrastructure Australia
<http://infrastructureaustralia.gov.au/policy-publications/publications/future-cities.aspx>

Super ideas: securing Australia's retirement income system, Dr Nick Dyrenfurth, John Curtin Research Centre Essay Series
<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/587e1296579fb39e3199b6e9/t/5a825449652deaa6dd9a0a7/1518490792145/Super+Ideas%3A+Securing+Australia%E2%80%99s+Retirement+Income+System>

Understanding opportunities for social impact investment in the development of affordable housing, AHURI
<https://www.ahuri.edu.au/research/final-reports/294>

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