



Helping churches provide affordable housing.

Newsletter

Winter 2017

A minute with Magnus

It has been a **big** quarter! Some highlights include:

the Sydney Alliance Housing Assembly, ably co-chaired by Donna Easthorpe with the Sydney Alliance Housing Team currently being led by yours truly. Speakers included the Archbishop Anthony Fisher, the Minister for Planning Hon. Anthony Roberts, the CEO of the Greater Sydney Commission Sarah Hill, Professor Bill Randolph from City Futures and Dr Tim Williams from the Committee for Sydney. Although we went into this assembly knowing that the government was not...continue [here](#)

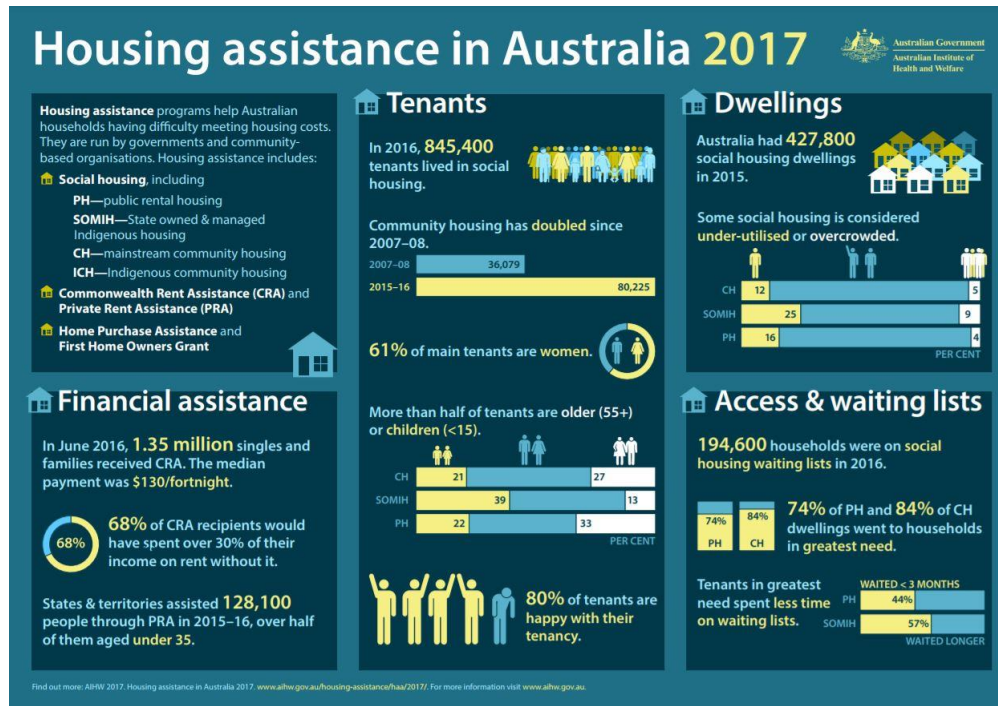


Sydney Alliance Housing Assembly



On July 12, the Sydney Alliance brought both the NSW Minister for Housing, Anthony Roberts, and the CEO of the Greater Sydney Commission (GSC), Sarah Hill, to a packed house of over 600, to ask a few pointed questions...continue [here](#)

New Infographic



Upcoming Events

Investing in Communities: Regional Conferences Program

NCOSS

- 25 July - Orange
- 31 July - Kiama
- 8 August - Parramatta
- 15 August - Newcastle
- 22 August - Wagga Wagga

Full details are on the NCOSS website [here](#).



RIGHT TO HOME campaign event

Vinnies

Where - Parliament of New South Wales

The Theatrette, 6 Macquarie St, Sydney

When - Thursday 3 Aug 2017 from 2:45pm to 5:30pm

Register [here](#).



Churches Housing Network Breakfast

Date: Fri 18 August 2017

Time: 7.30am to 9.30am

Venue: Lachlan's at Old Government House,
Parramatta Park (enter park from Pitt St)

Guest Speaker: Cherylann Biegler - AHURI
and also a panel discussion on the SAHF
(Social and Affordable Housing Fund)

Put it in your diary - Invitation coming soon!



10th National Housing Conference

AHURI

November 29 - December 1, 2017

International Convention Centre - Darling Harbour,
Sydney

Register on the conference website [here](#)



Reports Released

[A place for everyone: Tackling Sydney's affordable housing crisis](#)

PwC's Affordable Housing Initiative, March 2017

[Housing, multi-level governance and economic productivity](#)

[Inquiry into housing policies, labour force participation and economic growth](#)

AHURI - Dodson, J. et.al., June 2017

[Housing assistance in Australia 2017](#)

Australian Institute of Health & Welfare, July 2017

Productivity commission draft report: reforms to human services

Baptist Care Australia & Churches Housing Inc. submission to: The Productivity Commission, July 2017

Introducing Competition and Informed User Choice into Human Services: Reforms to Human Services

City Futures Research Centre submission to: The Productivity Commission, July 2017

Issues Paper #16 : Joining the Top Table - Benchmarking Sydney's Performance

Committee for Sydney, July 2017

Interesting Reading/Listening/Watching

As with last quarter, I apologise for the length of this section, but there were so many good articles on housing affordability in the last quarter.

Who's responsible? Housing policy mismatched to our \$6 trillion asset

The Conversation - J.Dodson et.al., June 23

Policy failure as existing home owners get a free ride on new infrastructure

SMH - Michael Pascoe, July 26

Why should the state wriggle out of providing public housing?

The Conversation - Kate Shaw, June 20

Giving older single women the chance of owning a home

ABC - Sarah Farnsworth, July 18

Affordable homes for older women on Life Matters

ABC RN - Amanda Smith, July 18

Co-housing works well for older people, once they get past the image problem

The Conversation - C.Riedy et al., June 23

Sydney has no master plan to become bigger and better

The Age - Michael Pascoe, July 12

Four outdated assumptions prevent progress on affordable housing - to everyone's cost

The Conversation - Fiona McKenzie, July 14

Social housing: Publicly funded beds left empty, while waiting list grows, new data shows

ABC - Antoinette Lattouf, July 21

How history can challenge the narrative of blame for homelessness

The Conversation - Anne O'Brien, July 19

Australia Building Too Few Homes in Low Income Brackets

Sourceable Counstruction News - Andrew Heaton, July 11

Social mix in housing? One size doesn't fit all, as new projects show

The Conversation - Kate Shaw, July 21

Five lessons from Tokyo, a city of 38m people, for Australia, a nation of 24m

The Conversation - B.F.D. Barrett & M.Amati, July 11

Push for elected councils to have say on plans for 35,000 new homes along Bankstown train line

SMH - Jacob Saulwick, July 2

Send the market a price signal where affordable housing is most needed

The Conversation - Martin Payne, June 29

Tenants' calls for safe public housing fall on deaf ears

The Conversation - Gemma McKinnon, June 27

New architecture designs for higher-density living preserve social amenity

Domain - Jenny Brown, June 26

How cohousing can make us happier (and live longer)

TED2017 - Grace Kim, April 2017

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