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Newsletter

Summer 2018

A Minute with Magnus

Happy new year! We hope you managed to have a safe and refreshing holiday before getting stuck into a new year. Here at Churches Housing we are busy for a number of reasons...

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You are invited

Churches Housing's
networking breakfast
BUILD-to-RENT

Your unique opportunity to network, learn &
build relationships

WHEN

Fri 16 Feb 2018
7.30am – 9.30am

WHERE

EY (Ernst&Young)

Level 34, 200 George St, Sydney

FEATURING ·

James Brennan director
EY Real Estate Advisory Services

PROGRAM ·

Introduction · Magnus Linder
Presentation · James Brennan
Question time & networking

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**Don't delay
RSVP today
spaces are
limited**

COST

There is no charge
for this event

WHY ATTEND

1. learn about
build-to-rent
2. network
3. build relationships

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Hurry – Registration of Interest due Tuesday 20 February 2018 for Social and Affordable Housing Fund (SAHF) Phase 2



The Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) is seeking Registrations of Interest for the Social and Affordable Housing Fund Phase 2 Expression of Interest. This is to provide service packages that meet the SAHF objectives which include tailored support packages, asset and tenancy management and access to accommodation...

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National Housing Conference 2017 inspires some hope

*Build-to-rent dominated the conference, according to **Magnus Linder, Rob Powell and Rob Burnelek***

Magnus Linder, Executive Officer, Churches Housing, reports

The National Housing Conference is a key gathering of sector participants from government, NGO, developers, housing providers and academics and researchers. The once fledgling affordable housing sector is still small but on the



verge of quick growth – however only if given strong government support and policy...

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Meet the Members – Helen Wood, Uniting with Donna Easthorpe

I met Helen Wood, Director of Independent Living and Affordable Housing for Uniting NSW/ACT, late in 2017. Helen is currently tasked with the leadership, management, and realignment of the Uniting portfolio of an impressive 79 communities, spanning seniors' housing, retirement living and affordable housing for over 55s. Until 2016, Helen also spent 14 years as a volunteer director of Bridge Housing...

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Residency rights for people with disability – submissions due Friday 2 March 2018



The NSW Government has begun public consultation regarding people with Disability, *Protecting the Rights of Residents in Supported Group Accommodation*.

The proposal is to provide residents of long-term supported group accommodation with resident rights equivalent to those that are available to people in private and social rental accommodation and residents in boarding houses.

Public consultation began on 12 January 2018 and **will close on Friday 2 March 2018...**

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New Staff Member

Philippa Yelland – Research & Communications Officer (BA)

Philippa joined Churches Housing in January 2018 with deep experience in journalism, publishing and research.

Her most recent work was as communications and marketing manager for a large, Sydney-based public company that specialised in financial services. From practical experience, Philippa knows that housing security, peacefulness and affordability are crucial for all

people if they are to live good and satisfying lives. Her plea to political decision-makers is a rephrasing of John the Baptist: 'If you have two houses, give one away.' While Philippa currently attends C3 church, she has also been part of Anglican and Uniting congregations.



Reading, opinion & reports

Federal NHFIC bill announced

The Federal government has released a draft of legislation that aims to improve housing outcomes for Australians by creating an affordable housing market.

<https://www.yourmortgage.com.au/mortgage-news/what-you-need-to-know-about-the-governments-housing-affordability-plan/245586/>



Tenancy law reform

Bianca Fernandez, 'Tenancy law reform urgently required to help domestic and family violence victims' <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2018-01-06/domestic-violence-tenancy-laws-trapping-women/9259566>

Supply is not the way to affordability

Jennifer Duke, 'Why the government can't supply its way to housing affordability' <http://www.smh.com.au/business/the-economy/housing-economics-why-the-government-can-t-supply-its-way-to-affordability-20180103-p4yy7t.html>

Negative gearing exposed

Fergus Hunter, 'Treasury advice says Labor's negative gearing policy would have "small" impact on house prices' <http://www.smh.com.au/federal-politics/political-news/treasury-advice-says-labors-negative-gearing-policy-would-have-a-small-impact-on-house-prices-20180107-h0eux0.html>

Peter Martin, 'Why Treasury thought Turnbull was wrong on negative gearing'

<http://www.smh.com.au/federal-politics/federal-election-2016-opinion/why-treasury-thought-turnbull-was-wrong-on-negative-gearing-20180108-h0f481.html>

Martin North, Digital Finance Analytics, 'The Fallout From The Negative Gearing Expose'

<http://digitalfinanceanalytics.com/blog/the-fall-out-from-the-negative-gearing-expose/>

Car industry and IKEA show the way

David Morton, Northumbria University, *The Conversation*, 'New housing can be affordable and homely if builders learn lessons from the car industry – and IKEA'

<https://theconversation.com/new-housing-can-be-affordable-and-homely-if-builders-learn-lessons-from-the-car-industry-and-ikea-88099>

Living with noise

Sophie-May Kerr, University of Wollongong, *The Conversation* 'With apartment living on the rise, how do families and their noisy children fit in?' Read her article at:

<https://theconversation.com/with-apartment-living-on-the-rise-how-do-families-and-their-noisy-children-fit-in-88244>

Apartment-building approvals rise

Chris Kohler, 'Apartment building approvals "back with a vengeance" led solely by surprise Melbourne jump' <https://www.domain.com.au/money-markets/building-approvals-spike-in-november-20180109-h0fi9a/?benref=smh>

Homeless and jobless need practical love

Brad Chilcott, 'People without homes or employment need practical love from our government' <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2018/jan/09/people-without-homes-or-employment-need-practicallove-from-our-government>

Liberals could fix housing affordability crisis

<http://www.smh.com.au/comment/how-the-liberals-could-fix-the-housing-affordability-crisis-and-win-young-voters-20180103-h0d7r0.html> Thursday, 4 January 2017

Two responses

'Letters' in SMH from Paul Versteeg, Combined Pensioners & Superannuants of NSW Inc, and Ken Corden. Balmain <http://www.smh.com.au/comment/smh-letters/stadium-woes-20180105-h0duum.html>

Michael Koziol, <http://www.smh.com.au/federal-politics/political-news/a-private-school-boy-liberal-ministers-attack-nsw-young-liberals-president-over-housing-affordability-20180108-h0ewvq.html>

Homeless schoolchildren numbers increase

Ashley Argoon, <http://www.heraldsun.com.au/news/special-features/news-in->

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OPINION

As inequality rises, miserable living conditions have returned. David Ousoga, 'The Victorian slums are back – and housing developers are to blame again.'

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2018/jan/16/victorian-slums-housing-developers-housebuilding-inequality>

Dawn Foster, 'What kind of society tries to make its beggars invisible? Ours does.'

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2018/jan/11/newport-begging-homelessness-public-space-invisible>

RESEARCH & REPORTS

Market readiness of the National Disability Insurance Scheme

https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Joint/National_Disability_Insurance_Scheme/MarketReadiness

Contact us

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