



Helping churches provide affordable housing.

Newsletter

Autumn 2017

A minute with Magnus

Housing affordability is indeed the sexy new buzzword on the street and in parliaments around Australia. I am excited that there is a lot of talk, a lot of ideas and a dawning realisation amongst our political leaders that things cannot simply go on the way it has. I am excited that last week the [full article [here](#)]



Network Breakfast Wrap

If you didn't make it to our latest Network Breakfast, you missed a brilliant presentation from [Jason Twill](#) of [Urban Apostles](#).

An Innovation Research Fellow and Senior Lecturer within the Department of Design, Architecture and Building at the University Technology Sydney, Jason is a proponent of responsible density and amenable city living.

In a recent [article](#) by Sandra Edmunds, Jason states that Australia is behind other major world cities in regard to the way...[\[full article here\]](#)



Sydney Alliance Housing Assembly

Oh what a night!

356 participants filled Eastwood Uniting Church to the rafters. Prior to the Minister's arrival, CHI Executive Officer Magnus Linder (with Erin from Uniting Voice) paid tribute to prior Housing Team members that had put in so much work to get us all to the assembly on May 4th.



The Assembly was co-chaired by Donna Easthorpe from Churches Housing and Northwest Community Baptist Church, along with...[\[full article here\]](#)

2017 Federal Budget responses

[Budget 2017-18 Fact Sheets](#)

Federal Government

[Infographic: Budget 2017 at a glance](#)

The Conversation - Jenni Henderson & Wes Mountain

...[\[full article here\]](#)

Bond Aggregator Explainer

Professor Hal Pawson, Director of the AHURI Research Centre—UNSW, speaks to Sky News about housing affordability and the bond aggregator model [here](#).



Have your say

What can be done to improve housing affordability?

The New South Wales Government recognises housing affordability as one of the most important issues for the future of the state. To help address this issue, institute for active policy Global Access Partners (GAP) is hosting an online consultation on Open Forum to give the community an opportunity to voice their opinions and suggest possible...full article [here](#)



ChildStory

ChildStory is on track for implementation throughout NSW in 2017.

The ChildStory IT system will be introduced to the NSW Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) districts and state-wide services, including the Child Protection Helpline, over a five-week period in October–November 2017. E-reporting for mandatory reporters...[full article [here](#)]



Upcoming Events

Community Housing Transfers - what's it all about?

A joint Tenants Union NSW and Shelter NSW Forum

Want to register? Click on the appropriate link below.

- [Coffs Harbour \(22 May\)](#)
- [Sydney \(14 June\)](#)

Who should attend? We strongly encourage public housing tenants, community housing providers (and potential providers), government agencies involved in the transfer, and those with an interest in consultation and social housing policy to attend.

Cost: \$30 (social housing tenants are free of charge)

...[full article [here](#)]

New housing checklist to help older people into right homes

Minister for Ageing, Tanya Davies, today announced the

University of Newcastle will receive \$25,000 from the

NSW Government to help older people choose suitable housing.

The funds will enable the University of Newcastle to develop an easy-to-use housing decision checklist...[full article [here](#)]



First tranche of social and affordable housing fund homes ready for tenants

The first homes delivered as part of the first phase of the

Social and Affordable Housing Fund (SAHF) scheme are

now ready for tenants to move in, Minister for Social



Housing Pru Goward announced today.

In March Premier Gladys Berejiklian and Ms Goward announced the five successful providers to deliver homes and...[full article [here](#)]

Reports Released

Faith and Belief in Australia

McCrimble - May 2017

2017 Rental Affordability Snapshot

Anglicare Australia - April 2017

...[full article [here](#)]

Interesting Reading

I apologise for the length of this section, but there were so many good articles on housing affordability in the last quarter. Let me know [here](#) if you would like me to send out a monthly digest of articles that may be useful to you.

Understanding Inclusionary zoning

AHURI Brief

Government spending explained in 10 charts; from Howard to Turnbull

The Conversation - Alan Duncan & Rebecca Cassells

...[full article [here](#)]

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