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## **Weekly E-Bulletin 22/08 ~ Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2008**

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### **Housing Data**

Housing Associations and Housing Co-operatives may wish to know that very detailed housing-related data is available from the Department for Families and Communities at the following website:

<http://www.id.com.au/AHIU/>

The data was prepared for the Affordable Housing Innovations Unit to assist in planning for the provision of affordable housing in South Australia.

The datasets are available at the State and Local Government levels. A Census analysis of each area is included along with various other housing indicators.

The website not only contains a large quantity of statistics; it also contains useful analysis of the data.

The data on the website is qualified by the following statement: 'This site is under construction and is undergoing data validation – please do not quote'.

The following data is available:

#### **Demand data sets**

1. Low and moderate income households
2. Projected Household Growth
3. Age of household reference person
4. Housing stress, 2001
5. Recent movers
6. Indigenous persons (Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders)

#### **Supply data sets**

7. Dwelling prices
8. Tenure Diversity
9. Affordable house sales
10. Affordable private rents
11. Dwelling type
12. Recent development trends by dwelling type
13. Social housing stock

Subject to the above qualification, the data would be useful for any group planning to engage with the affordable housing model. It will also be useful for any group wishing to gain a better understanding of the housing situation and market in areas in which they operate.

It is recommended that groups contact the AHIU before making use of the data, due to the qualification which has been placed on it.

The contact person is Alice Lawson. ([alice.lawson@dfc.sa.gov.au](mailto:alice.lawson@dfc.sa.gov.au))

## **Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute (AHURI) Research Updates ~ from Community Housing Federation of Australia (CHFA)**

The **Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute** have two recent publications worth viewing. The first is a report titled *International Practice in Planning for Affordable Housing: Lessons for Australia*.

The report is an update from the ***International Practice in Planning for Affordable Housing*** research project, which examined affordable housing planning practices in a number of different countries.

The update draws on these findings to detail how Australia's land use planning system could be enhanced to better support and promote affordable housing for low and moderate-income households.

It also provides an interesting outline of international approaches to planning to meet a range of affordable housing outcomes.

The update can be downloaded from

[http://www.ahuri.edu.au/publications/download/rap\\_issue\\_105](http://www.ahuri.edu.au/publications/download/rap_issue_105)

The full project can be accessed via the AHURI website at:

<http://www.ahuri.edu.au/publications/projects/p60322>

The second publication from AHURI is a positioning paper titled ***Innovative financing for home ownership: the potential for shared equity initiatives in Australia.***

This project focuses on the potential that shared equity has to provide a solution to affordability problems and explores the type and level of government assistance that will be needed to ensure specific objectives can be met.

The positioning paper gives a comprehensive overview of shared equity experiences, national and international implementation, policy approaches and considerations, and analyses potential advantages and disadvantages of the shared equity approach.

Shared equity offers potential for community housing organisations to assist those in housing need into home ownership and may offer a valuable avenue for wealth creation for those who otherwise would not have the buying power to invest in property.

The paper can be downloaded from:

[http://www.ahuri.edu.au/publications/download/70394\\_pp](http://www.ahuri.edu.au/publications/download/70394_pp)

## **Who Receives Priority Housing and How Long do They Stay? ~ from CHFA**

Another key publication has been released by the **Australian Institute of Health and Welfare**. The report documents statistics and findings from a study of priority allocations to public housing from 2004-05 to 2006-07. It provides comparisons between priority allocations, other allocations, and the general population, as well as analysing reasons for priority allocation and factors contributing to priority need, providing a useful insight into the public housing sector.

The report titled ***Who receives priority housing and how long do they stay?*** can be downloaded from <http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10595>.

## Working with Complex and Demanding Clients and Strategies for Working with Clients with Drug/Alcohol Dependency Workshops ~ Australasian Housing Institute (AHI)

AHI will be holding its highly successful *Working with Complex and Demanding Clients and Strategies for Working with Clients with Drug/Alcohol Dependency Workshops*.

These workshops have been delivered in a number of major centres in the last two years and have received excellent reviews.

- Working with Complex and Demanding Clients 22<sup>nd</sup> September
- Strategies for working with Client's with Drug/Alcohol Dependency – 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

To register log on to the AHI website- <http://www.housinginstitute.org/events/events.php>

## Office for Community Housing Heating and Cooling Policy Changes to reimbursement invoice procedure (August 2008) ~ from Office for Community Housing

Under certain conditions, the South Australian Housing Trust will reimburse Housing Associations and Co-operatives for heating or cooling devices installed in newly built properties within 12 months of the property handover.

Reimbursement allowances are capped, and apply only to newly acquired properties. Please check the Heating and Cooling Policy on the Office for Community Housing website at <http://www.communityhousing.sa.gov.au> for information about reimbursement criteria and allowances, before submitting a reimbursement claim.

This notice is to advise that: **all reimbursement invoices must be made out to The South Australian Housing Trust** (the legal entity).

The steps for claiming reimbursement are as follows:

1. The Association/Co-operative purchases and installs the heating or cooling device(s).
2. The Association/Co-operative forwards copies of **receipts** for purchase and/or installation, together with an **invoice** for the appropriate reimbursement amount, inclusive of GST (not the actual amount paid), to Housing SA.

**3. The invoice must be made out to:**  
THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HOUSING  
TRUST  
GPO Box 292  
Adelaide SA 5001

**4. The invoice and receipt(s) must be posted to:**

Housing SA:  
 Attention: Community Housing Assets  
 Level 5 Riverside Centre  
 GPO Box 292  
 Adelaide SA 5001.

5. The Community Housing Assets staff will check the claim against the policy and approve the reimbursement for payment.

6. Housing SA will reimburse the Association/Co-operative up to the maximum allowance per property.

Please note that unless these requirements are met, reimbursements will not be made. The Heating and Cooling Policy is being revised. The new policy will reflect the above arrangements.

If you have any **invoice enquiries** please contact Luby Velkovic of the Community Housing Assets Unit on 8207 0222 or [Luby.Velkovic@dfc.sa.gov.au](mailto:Luby.Velkovic@dfc.sa.gov.au)  
 For **other enquiries** please contact your Community Housing Consultant.

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**DIARY DATES**

Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	CHCSA Associations' Forum
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	CHCSA Hills & Southern Forum
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	CHCSA Central Forum
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	CHCSA Co-operatives Representative Council
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	CHCSA Policy Committee
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	CHCSA Spanish Speaking Forum

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