

# National Homelessness Conference 2018

6–7 August | Melbourne Cricket Ground

## PROGRAM

**Day 1** Monday 6 August 2018

8.00 – 8.50

Registration

8.50 – 9.10

Welcome to the conference

**Welcome to Country**, Uncle Colin Hunter

**Official welcome by Conference Co-conveners:**

**Jenny Smith**, Chair, Homelessness Australia

**Dr Michael Fotheringham**, Executive Director, AHURI

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9.10 – 10.40

Plenary 1 – International keynote address

**Keynote speaker**

**Professor Marah Curtis, University of Wisconsin-Madison** will deliver a keynote presentation on her research exploring how poverty and intersecting vulnerabilities impact on housing security and homelessness in the US.

**Facilitator**

**Katherine McKernan**,  
Deputy Chair, Homelessness Australia

**Panel members**

**Paula Coghill**, Aboriginal Specialist, CHIA NSW

**Professor Guy Johnson**, Professor of Urban Housing and Homelessness, RMIT University

10.40 – 11.20

Morning tea

11.20 – 12.30

Plenary 2 – National responses to homelessness

This session features a panel discussion on the national priorities and policies for responding to homelessness.

**Panel members**

**Senator Hon Doug Cameron**, Shadow Minister for Housing and Homelessness, Australian Labor Party

**Senator Lee Rhiannon**, Housing and Homelessness Spokesperson, The Greens

**Kate Colvin**, Campaign Spokesperson, Everybody's Home and Deputy CEO, Council to Homeless Persons

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12.30 – 13.30

Lunch

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13.30 – 15.00 Concurrent sessions					
<p><b>Young people and homelessness</b></p> <p>This session will explore integrated approaches that work with young people to address homelessness, build skills and keep tenancies.</p> <p><b>Speakers</b></p> <p><b>Mark Glasson</b>, Anglicare WA</p> <p><b>Dr Catherine Robinson</b>, Social Action and Research Centre</p> <p><b>James Toomey</b>, Mission Australia</p> <p><i>Facilitator:</i> <b>Adam Barnes</b>, Brisbane Youth Service</p>	<p><b>Through the eye of the needle – Improving outcomes under the NDIS</b></p> <p>This session will examine the NDIS and how to improve outcomes under the program for people experiencing homelessness.</p> <p><b>Speakers</b></p> <p><b>Dr Clare Townsend</b>, Synapse</p> <p><b>Kate Paterson</b>, Council to Homeless Persons</p> <p><b>Kate Cvetanovski</b>, Northside Community Service</p> <p><b>Dr Gerry Naughtin</b>, National Disability Insurance Agency</p> <p><i>Facilitator:</i> <b>Jenny Smith</b>, Homelessness Australia</p>	<p><b>Exiting into homelessness</b></p> <p>This session will examine what needs to change to stop the revolving door of people leaving state care, health care and prison into homelessness.</p> <p><b>Speakers</b></p> <p><b>Prof Eileen Baldry</b>, University of NSW</p> <p><b>Prof Olav Nielssen</b>, Macquarie University</p> <p><b>Paul McDonald</b>, Anglicare Victoria</p> <p><b>Leigh Garrett</b>, OARS Community Transitions</p> <p><i>Facilitator:</i> <b>Debbie Kilroy</b>, Sisters Inside</p>	<p><b>Sheltered and safe – The role of housing in ending domestic and family violence</b></p> <p>This session will explore best-practice housing and support responses to domestic and family violence.</p> <p><b>Speakers</b></p> <p><b>Alison Macdonald</b>, Domestic Violence Victoria</p> <p><b>Dr Angela Spinney</b>, Swinburne University of Technology</p> <p><b>David Cain</b>, Communicare</p> <p><b>Kathrine Cock</b>, Women's Safety Services SA</p> <p><i>Facilitator:</i> <b>Margaret Augerinos</b>, Centre for Non-Violence</p> <p>Sponsored by: </p>	<p><b>Respecting difference</b></p> <p>This session will explore unique lived experiences of homelessness and examine the role of specialist and mainstream services for LGBTIQ and culturally and linguistically diverse communities.</p> <p><b>Speakers</b></p> <p><b>Prof Ruth McNair</b>, University of Melbourne</p> <p><b>Monique Dam</b>, Domestic Violence NSW</p> <p><b>Kai Schweizer</b>, Youth Affairs Council, WA</p> <p><i>Facilitator:</i> <b>Maha Abdo OAM</b>, Muslim Women Association</p> <p><i>More speakers TBC</i></p>	<p><b>Ageing with no address</b></p> <p>This session will look at the challenges faced by older people at risk of homelessness as well as effective policy response frameworks, current research and latest evidence.</p> <p><b>Speakers</b></p> <p><b>Dr Emma Power</b>, Western Sydney University</p> <p><b>Penny Leemhuis</b>, Older Women Lost in Housing</p> <p><b>Dr Debbie Faulkner</b>, University of Adelaide</p> <p><b>John Berger</b>, St Bartholomew's House</p> <p><i>Facilitator:</i> <b>Jeff Fiedler</b>, Housing for the Aged Action Group</p>
15.00 – 15.40 Afternoon tea					
15.40 – 17.00 Plenary 3 – Beyond the criminalisation of inner-city homelessness					
<p>This session features a panel discussion on moving beyond law enforcement approaches to develop best practice local government responses to rough sleeping.</p> <p><b>Keynote speaker</b></p> <p><b>The Right Hon. Sally Capp</b>, The Lord Mayor of Melbourne</p> <hr/> <p><b>Facilitator</b></p> <p><b>Roslyn Cook</b>, Managing Solicitor, Homeless Persons' Legal Service</p> <hr/> <p><b>Panel members</b></p> <p><b>David Pearson</b>, Executive Director, Don Dunstan Foundation</p> <p><b>Monique Wiseman</b>, Aboriginal Program Manager, Wayside Chapel</p> <p><b>Lucy Adams</b>, Manager of Strategic Advocacy and Policy, Victoria Legal Aid</p>					
17.00 – 18.30 Official conference networking reception					

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## Day 2 Tuesday 7 August 2018

7.30 – 8.45	Registration			
7.45 – 8.45	Sunrise Sessions (optional)			
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9.00 – 9.30	Welcome to day two <b>Keynote speaker</b> <b>Hon Martin Foley MP</b> , Victorian Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing <b>Facilitator</b> <b>Tony De Domenico OAM</b> , Chairperson, AHURI Limited			
9.30 – 10.45	Plenary 4 – International keynote address <b>Keynote speaker</b> <b>Juha Kaakinen</b> , CEO of the Y Foundation Finland, will deliver a keynote presentation exploring the Housing First model and Finland's considerable success in ending homelessness. <b>Facilitator</b> <b>Dr Michael Fotheringham</b> , Executive Director, AHURI			
10.45 – 11.15	Morning tea			
11.15 – 12.30	Plenary 5 – Changing attitudes to homelessness This session examines how homelessness and people with lived experience are portrayed in the media. It examines how the media be encouraged take a more responsible role in reporting on homelessness and how can the sector best work with the media to bring attention to the real issues? <table><tr><td><b>Facilitator</b> <b>Patricia Karvelas</b>, Host of the ABC Radio National program RN Drive</td><td><b>Panel members</b> <b>Jacob Hickey</b>, Writer and Series Producer, Filthy Rich &amp; Homeless, and Head of Factual for Blackfella Films <b>Dr Catherine Robinson</b>, Social Action and Research Centre <b>Tom Elliott</b>, Host of 3AW Drive <b>Christine Thirkell</b>, Graduate, Peer Education and Support Program</td></tr></table>	<b>Facilitator</b> <b>Patricia Karvelas</b> , Host of the ABC Radio National program RN Drive	<b>Panel members</b> <b>Jacob Hickey</b> , Writer and Series Producer, Filthy Rich & Homeless, and Head of Factual for Blackfella Films <b>Dr Catherine Robinson</b> , Social Action and Research Centre <b>Tom Elliott</b> , Host of 3AW Drive <b>Christine Thirkell</b> , Graduate, Peer Education and Support Program	
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<p><b>Never about us without us</b></p> <p>This session explores best practice examples of embedding lived experience and consumer participation in service structures.</p> <p><b>Speakers</b></p> <p><b>Margot Politis</b>, Milk Crate Theatre</p> <p><b>Chris Hartley</b>, Homelessness NSW</p> <p><b>Ian Gough</b>, <b>Jody Letts</b>, Council to Homeless Persons</p> <p><b>Camilla Williams</b>, <b>Mark Morel</b>, Neami National</p> <p><i>Facilitator:</i> <b>Talie Star</b>, NSW Advocate</p>	<p><b>Ending rough sleeping, what works?</b></p> <p>This session explores best practice in assertive outreach and permanent supportive housing responses to homelessness.</p> <p><b>Speakers</b></p> <p><b>Karyn Walsh</b>, Micah Projects</p> <p><b>Debra Zanella</b>, Ruah Community Services</p> <p><b>Yvette Park</b>, Department of Housing and Community, NT</p> <p><b>Sherri Bruinhout</b>, Department of Health and Human Services, Victoria</p> <p><i>Facilitator:</i> <b>Katherine McKernan</b>, Homelessness NSW</p>	<p><b>Aboriginal homelessness perspectives</b></p> <p>This session aims to understand the unique challenges and best-practice approaches to responding to remote and urban Aboriginal homelessness.</p> <p><b>Speakers</b></p> <p><b>Monique Wiseman</b>, Wayside Chapel</p> <p><b>Ian Trust</b>, Wunan</p> <p><b>Sally Langton</b>, Sally Langton Consulting</p> <p><b>Jason Russell</b>, Council to Homeless Persons</p> <p><i>Facilitator:</i> <b>Jenni Beetson-Mortimer</b>, Northern Rivers Community Gateway</p>	<p><b>Beyond blankets, handbags and laundries</b></p> <p>This session will explore effective private sector investment and donation strategies to assist in addressing homelessness.</p> <p><b>Speakers</b></p> <p><b>Gavin Jackman</b>, The Big Issue, Homes for Homes</p> <p><b>Prof Cameron Parsell</b>, University of Queensland</p> <p><b>Prof Kristy Muir</b>, Centre of Social Impact, University of NSW</p> <p><i>Facilitator:</i> <b>Felicity Reynolds</b>, Mercy Foundation</p>	<p><b>Restoring sanctuary: responding to experiences of trauma</b></p> <p>This session explores how agencies working with people experiencing homelessness can create trauma informed cultures.</p> <p><b>Speakers</b></p> <p><b>Cathy Humphrey</b>, Sacred Heart Mission</p> <p><b>Prof Paul Flatau</b>, Centre for Social Impact, University of Western Australia</p> <p><b>Simon Benjamin</b>, The Lighthouse Foundation</p> <p><b>John Blewonski</b>, VincentCare, Victoria</p> <p><b>Kerri-Anne Williams</b>, St Vincent de Paul NSW</p> <p><i>Facilitator:</i> <b>Dr Evelynne Tadros</b>, Mission Australia</p>	<p><b>Making the private market work in responding to homelessness</b></p> <p>This session will explore innovative strategies that government and the private sector can consider to make the private market work in responding to homelessness.</p> <p><b>Speakers</b></p> <p><b>Heather Holst</b>, Launch Housing</p> <p><b>Celia Adams</b>, BeyondHousing</p> <p><b>Jeanette Large</b>, Women's Property Initiatives</p> <p><b>Tracey Brown</b>, <b>Brooke Morley</b>, Launchpad Youth Community</p> <p><i>Facilitator:</i> <b>Adrian Pisarski</b>, National Shelter</p>
15.00 – 15.30 Afternoon tea					
15.30 – 16.45 Plenary 6 – International keynote address					
<p><b>Keynote speaker</b></p> <p><b>Professor Nicholas Pleace</b>, Director, Centre for Housing Policy, University of York (UK) examines Housing First in Europe and whether focusing on chronic homelessness is adequate to reduce homelessness.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Panel members</b></p> <p><b>Professor Paul Flatau</b>, Director, Centre for Social Impact, University of Western Australia</p> <p><i>More speakers TBC</i></p>					
16.45 – 17.00 Official conference close					
Closing remarks – AHURI and Homelessness Australia					

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