



National Housing Conference 2025

Time to deliver

POCKET PROGRAM

14–16 October 2025
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WELCOME TO NATIONAL HOUSING CONFERENCE 2025



The housing system in Australia continues to experience immense pressure

from many long-term challenges. Now at a critical juncture, we need to find lasting solutions that will reshape housing outcomes for generations to come.

In 2025, Australia's housing crisis is firmly on the national agenda. With the federal government pursuing ambitious housing supply targets, and the media spotlight intensifying on the challenges Australians face, there has never been a more important moment for our sector to seize the momentum and drive genuine reform.

Against this backdrop, we come together at NHC 2025 – the largest housing conference in Australasia – to celebrate and learn from best practice, to interrogate the challenges before us, and to collaborate on the partnerships that can propel this change agenda forward.

Guided by the theme “Time to deliver,” our program will tackle the most pressing issues across four streams:

- **Economic enablers** – delivering housing and services effectively, efficiently and fairly
- **Social outcomes** – ensuring safe, accessible and affordable housing for all households and communities
- **Quality and performance** – building well-located, well-designed and resilient housing

- **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander housing** – showcasing solutions and innovation led by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

It is an ambitious and timely agenda. Across the three days, we will engage in the deep thinking, rigorous debate, and collaborative problem-solving needed to shape the future of housing. Together, we will showcase innovation, explore the latest evidence, and put forward policy solutions that can deliver a fairer, more affordable and accessible housing system for all Australians.

Welcome to Perth for NHC 2025.



Dr Michael Fotheringham
Managing Director,
Australian Housing and
Urban Research Institute

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of the land on which
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our respects to Elders
past and present, and
recognise their enduring
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and spirit of the land.*



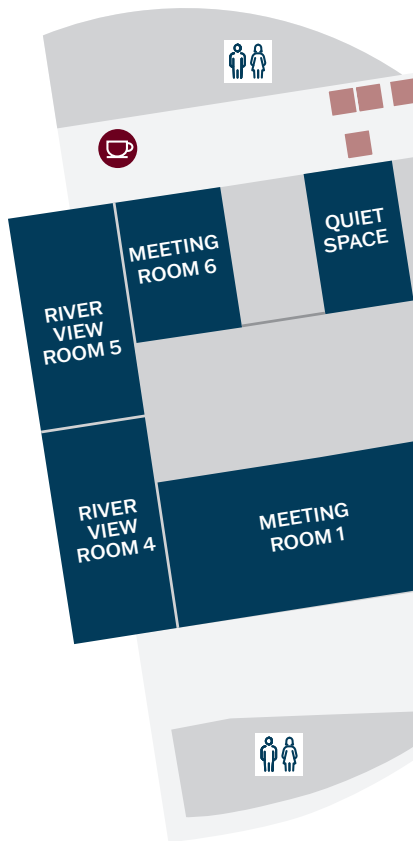
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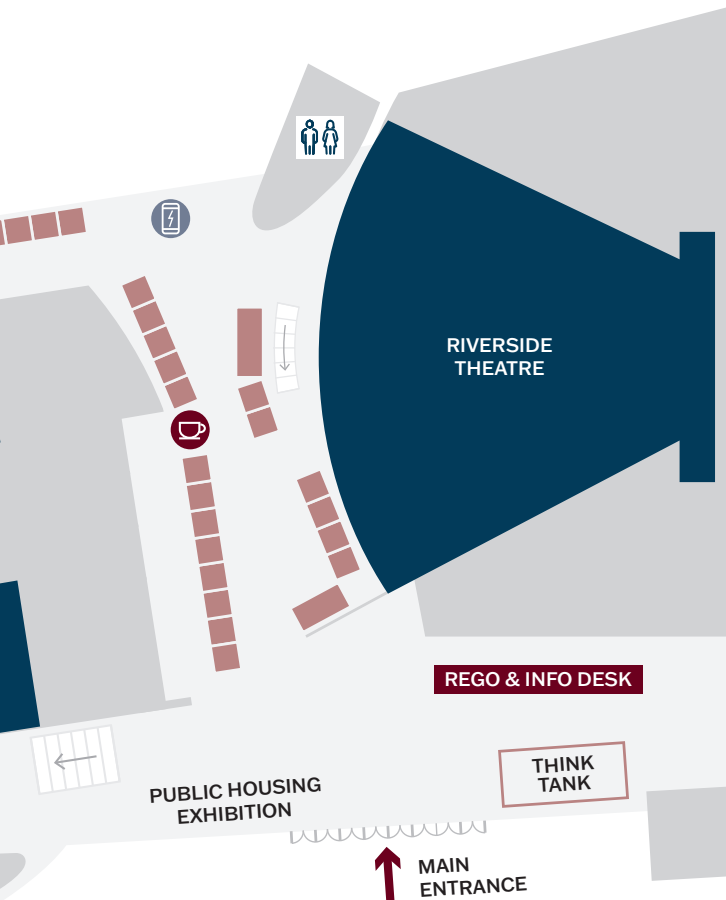
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Perth, WA, 6000

LEGEND:

-  Coffee
-  Charging table
-  Stairs
-  Exhibitors
(see page 24 for more detail)





CONFERENCE PORTAL

To accompany this program, make sure you sign into the Conference Portal. To access the Portal, please refer to the email you will have received from National Housing Conference (info@event-email.io) with a link and login details.

Or scan the below QR code:



In the login panel, enter the email address or mobile number you registered with, and you will be sent an OTP (One-Time Password) via email or SMS (you will be offered both options).

When you first log in you will be directed to set up your profile including whether you want to make your profile public to other

delegates through Delegate Connect — a great tool to assist with networking. The NHC 2025 Conference Portal has the program and will host all recorded sessions following the conference. The navigation menu is located on the left hand of the screen.

For help with the portal, visit the conference Information Desk.

EVENT ASSISTANCE

The Information Desk is located on the ground floor and open during the following times:

Monday 13 October

3.00pm–5.00pm

Tuesday 14 October

7.30am–5.30pm

Wednesday 15 October

7.30am–5.30pm

Thursday 16 October

8.30am–4.30pm

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NETWORKING ACTIVITIES

WELCOME RECEPTION

Tuesday 14 October, 5.30 – 7.00pm

Exhibition Precinct, Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre

The National Housing Conference Welcome Reception will be held in the Exhibition Precinct at the Perth Convention & Exhibition Centre. After the last session on day one, take a moment to catch up with friends, mingle with colleagues, and network with exhibitors and industry peers.

COMMUNITY HOUSING LIMITED NETWORKING BREAKFAST WEDNESDAY

Wednesday 15 October, 7.00 – 8.30am

River View Room 5

The National Housing Conference Networking Breakfast is proudly brought to you by Community Housing Limited and will be held at the Perth Convention & Exhibition Centre.

Attendees will hear from an engaging panel discussing: 'Responding to community housing sector pressures and transformation: how to sustain CHPs for long-term impact'. Featuring panellists Danny Dracic, Community Housing Limited and Rebecca Oelkers, BHC with moderator Kath Snell, Shelter WA.

(Not included in conference registration.)

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INDIGENOUS BUSINESS AUSTRALIA OFFICIAL CONFERENCE DINNER

Wednesday 15 October, 7.00 – 10.00pm

Fraser's, King's Park, Perth

An unforgettable evening, proudly brought to you by Indigenous Business Australia. Being held at Fraser's Restaurant in King's Park, this event promises breathtaking views of the Swan River, the city skyline, and one of Australia's most iconic natural landmarks.

Enjoy a vibrant night of connection and conversation as you indulge in a carefully curated three-course menu, complemented by a selection of drinks. It's the perfect opportunity to unwind, network with fellow conference attendees, and celebrate the spirit of collaboration. To open the evening, we're honoured to welcome Aliwah Cultural Entertainment, who will share the rich traditions of the Noongar people through captivating dance and song.

(Not included in conference registration.)

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DEVELOPMENTWA NETWORKING BREAKFAST

Thursday 16 October, 7.00 – 8.30am

River View Room 5

The National Housing Conference Networking Breakfast, sponsored by DevelopmentWA, will be held at the Perth Convention & Exhibition Centre. Arrival begins from 7am to network with new and old colleagues while enjoying a delicious sit-down breakfast featuring local produce and native ingredients.

(Not included in conference registration.)

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PROGRAM — TUESDAY 14 OCTOBER, 2025

8.00am	Registrations open
9.00am	Welcome to the Conference Riverside Theatre ● Welcome to Country by Dr Elizabeth Hayden and welcome from Dr Michael Fotheringham.
9.20am	Plenary 1 — Time to deliver: Housing First Nations people Riverside Theatre ● This session will look at the transformative journey of First Nations housing — from historical challenges to a vision to deliver innovations that tackle homelessness, boost home ownership, and create thriving communities.
10.40am	The National Lens... in conversation with Ben Rimmer Riverside Theatre ●
11.00am	Riverside Theatre
11.30am MAJOR CONCURRENT SESSIONS	Major Concurrent 1 — Chickens and eggs: major infrastructure and housing projects Meeting Room 1 ● This session will spotlight some of Australia's game-changing infrastructure and housing projects and explore their economic, sustainable, and community impacts.

11.30am

**MAJOR
CONCURRENT
SESSIONS**

**Major Concurrent 2 — Shaping rental futures:
the influence of private landlords**

Riverside Theatre ●

This session explores what drives landlords to invest and stay in the rental market and the pressures they face, from rising interest rates to supply shortages. Broader issues such as social and private mixed tenures and the impacts on workers in the private rental sector will also be examined.

**Major Concurrent 3 — The burning platform:
housing, climate and disaster resilience**

River View Room 5 ●

Explore strategies for social housing to enhance resilience, improve comfort and reduce emissions. Strategies focus on managing and mitigating environmental risks and increasing energy-efficiency.

1.00pm

Lunch — Exhibition Precinct

2.00pm

**CONCURRENT
SESSIONS**

**Concurrent 1 — Collaborative approaches to
accessible housing**

River View Room 4

Explore housing solutions for people with disabilities, focusing on community empowerment, inclusive policies, and accessible, affordable housing.

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PROGRAM — TUESDAY 14 OCTOBER, 2025

2.00pm

**CONCURRENT
SESSIONS**

Concurrent 2 — Time to deliver: affordable housing for workers

Meeting Room 6

This session will look at solutions for affordable housing for key workers, leveraging innovative financing models, and addressing regional housing challenges.

Concurrent 3 — Toward gender-responsive housing: evidence, practice and lived experience

Riverside Theatre

Why is gender-responsive housing important, and what factors should it consider?

This session will address issues of housing precarity, examine policy responses, and propose innovative solutions for inclusive housing outcomes.

Concurrent 4 — Time to deliver: housing responses to support young people

River View Room 5

Explore innovative youth housing solutions, focusing on community-led initiatives, support systems, and addressing exploitation and eviction risks.

Concurrent 5 — Neighbourhood planning in an era of densification

Meeting Room 1

As urban areas continue to grow and densify, the role of neighbourhood planning becomes increasingly critical. This session will explore the challenges and opportunities that arise when planning for neighbourhoods in an era of densification.

2.00pm

**CONCURRENT
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Think Tank 1 — Building supply of affordable, sustainable homes

Think Tank

Solutions working to supply affordable and sustainable homes, including data-driven housing solutions, climate-resilient social housing, hybrid models, and vertical village designs.

3.30pm

Afternoon Tea — Exhibition Precinct

4.00pm

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Plenary 2 — Is 'supply' the silver bullet?

Riverside Theatre

Responses to Australia's housing crisis have focused heavily on supply as the main solution. But have we oversimplified the problem? Leaders of this important public conversation look behind the slogans and discuss whether supply really is Australia's housing 'silver bullet' — and identify what else we might be missing.

5.30pm

Official Conference Welcome Reception Exhibition Precinct, Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre

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PROGRAM — WEDNESDAY 15 OCTOBER, 2025

7.00am

Community Housing Limited Networking Breakfast

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River View Room 5 (not included in registration)

Arrival from 6.45am, sit down by 7.15am for the panel discussion to start shortly after.

9.00am

Welcome to the day

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Plenary 3 — A different dream: rent as Australia's dominant housing tenure

Riverside Theatre 

As the landscape of housing in Australia evolves, renting is becoming an increasingly prevalent tenure. This session will explore the implications of this shift.

10.30am

Morning tea — Exhibition Precinct

11.00am

**MAJOR
CONCURRENT
SESSIONS**

Major Concurrent 4 — City shaping: housing and planning

River View Room 5 

This session will explore perspectives on a national vision for shaping Australian cities.

Major Concurrent 5 — Innovative partnerships: delivering First Nations housing

Riverside Theatre 

This session showcases community-led, cross-sector partnerships in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander housing, and how they are delivering on accessibility, safety, and economic participation through culturally informed solutions.

11.00am

**MAJOR
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SESSIONS**

Major Concurrent 6 — Social Capital: social housing finance models, risks and learnings

Meeting Room 1 ●

This session will compare various funding models in the housing sector, highlighting their risks and benefits. It will provide insights from implementing these models, preparing community housing providers and investors to navigate funding streams and maximise benefits.

12.30pm

Lunch — Exhibition Precinct

1.30pm

**CONCURRENT
SESSIONS**

Concurrent 6 — Government roles in home ownership

Meeting Room 1 ●

Explore government roles in home ownership, focusing on innovative financial solutions, affordable and culturally responsive policies.

Concurrent 7 — Driving system reforms for better health and housing outcomes

River View Room 5 ●

This session explores strategies to drive systemic reforms that integrate health and housing services to improve outcomes for individuals experiencing housing instability and homelessness.

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PROGRAM — WEDNESDAY 15 OCTOBER, 2025

1.30pm

CONCURRENT
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Concurrent 8 — Power moves: Toward energy efficient social housing

Meeting Room 6

This session will discuss strategies and research for energy-efficient social housing, retrofit programs, and policy frameworks aimed at net-zero emissions and sustainability.

1.30pm

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Concurrent 9 — Delivering culturally responsive housing

Riverside Theatre A small circular icon with a red dot in the center, representing the Riverside Theatre.

This session will explore contemporary approaches to delivering culturally responsive housing, focusing on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander family structures, innovative housing solutions, and investment in self-determined communities.

Concurrent 10 — Experience. Voice. Impact

River View Room 4

This session will explore social impact measurement in community housing, crisis management in the social media age, and empowering resident voices through lived experiences in housing system reforms.

1.30pm

**CONCURRENT
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Think Tank 2 — Innovative housing solutions

Think Tank

Alternative housing arrangements and innovative approaches to addressing housing needs and community connection in an environment of housing shortages.

3.00pm

Afternoon tea — Exhibition Precinct

3.30pm

Plenary 4 — The ‘other’ housing crisis? Quality and performance

Riverside Theatre ●

Poor housing quality and design can impact household wellbeing, security, and health, and entails environmental and financial risks. With the race on to deliver more housing and transform our cities through densification, how are we tracking in the delivery of better places and healthier housing? What approaches are working and where are we doing well?

7.00pm

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Indigenous Business Australia Conference Dinner

Fraser's, King's Park (not included in registration)

Buses will leave PCEC at 6.00pm to take people to Fraser's and will be returning to select locations from 9.30pm until 11pm. Please see the AHURI staff at the Information Desk for more information.

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PROGRAM — THURSDAY 16 OCTOBER, 2025

7.00am

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DevelopmentWA Networking Breakfast

River View Room 5 (not included in registration)

The National Housing Conference Networking Breakfast, sponsored by DevelopmentWA, will be held at the Perth Convention & Exhibition Centre. Arrival begins from 7am providing plenty of time to network with new and old colleagues.

9.00am

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Plenary 5 — Bold visions: what is the future for social housing?

Riverside Theatre ●

The role of social housing in Australia has changed significantly over time. Are we brave enough to lift our gaze from the urgency of today and reimagine the next phase for this critical social infrastructure? Presenting three highly personal visions for social housing in 2050, this session will provoke conversations on how social housing can best support future Australians and help shape our cities and towns.

10.30am

Morning tea — Exhibition Precinct

11.00am

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Concurrent 11 — Time to deliver: modern methods of construction (MMC)

River View Room 5 ●

This session will explore the transformative impact of MMC and how it is revolutionising the construction industry by enhancing efficiency, sustainability, and adaptability.

11.00am

**CONCURRENT
SESSIONS**

**Concurrent 12 — Disruption and displacement:
Addressing homelessness caused by major events**

Riverside Theatre ●

This session will examine the impact of major events on housing and homelessness, focusing on displacement, disruption, and mitigation strategies.

**Concurrent 13 — Social housing renewal projects:
recent lessons**

Meeting Room 1 ●

This session will discuss policy frameworks and innovative models for social housing renewal, focusing on ground lease models, regional financing, and design advocacy.

**Concurrent 14 — Unlocking the contribution of
faith-based organisations**

River View Room 4

How can faith-based organisations repurpose surplus land for affordable housing? This session explores strategic collaborations, financing models, and innovative planning approaches.

**Concurrent 15 — Victoria's Big Housing Build in
action: responsive housing for diverse needs**

Meeting Room 6

This session explores how Victoria's largest ever social and affordable housing investment is addressing diverse needs – First Nations households, victim survivors of family violence, young people leaving care – through tailored, responsive models that build safer, longer, sustainable tenancies.

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PROGRAM — THURSDAY 16 OCTOBER, 2025

11.00am

**CONCURRENT
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Think Tank 3 — Building capacity to maintain tenancies

Think Tank

Practical strategies to prevent homelessness and promote stable housing solutions, including hoarding intervention, rental education, pattern recognition, and organisational collaboration.

12.30pm

Lunch — Exhibition Precinct

1.30pm

Plenary Session 6 — Time to deliver

Riverside Theatre

This session brings together influential voices to draw on insights from across the conference program for a forward-looking discussion. Speakers will discuss what's next for tackling the critical challenges and innovative solutions shaping Australia's housing landscape.

3.00-3.15pm **Close and wrap up**

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Professional Services

AHURI's Professional Services team delivers tailored advice, research and evaluation across all aspects of housing systems and urban development. Our expertise is grounded in a deep understanding of housing policy and markets, and urban planning and resilience.

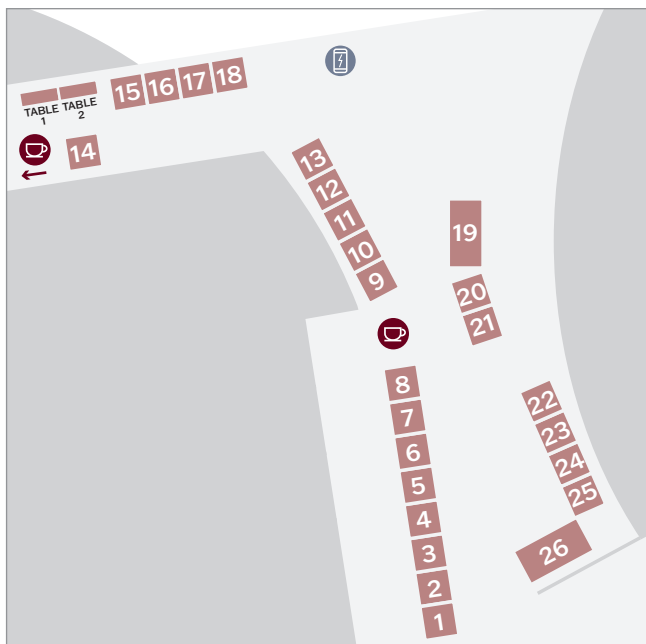
Our goal is to deliver practical, research-driven solutions that support better decision making across government and industry and improve housing and urban outcomes for communities across Australia and beyond.

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EXHIBITION

The Exhibition Precinct will be open Tuesday 14 October, 9.00am–6.30pm (includes the Welcome Reception), Wednesday 15 October, 9.00am–5.00pm and Thursday 9.00am until 1.30pm. The Exhibition Precinct is the hub of activity at the National Housing Conference, hosting 28 exhibitors showcasing a range of diverse products, services and programs. The Precinct hosts all the daily catering breaks and is your base for networking with fellow delegates.



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Research resources at your fingertips

If you've got questions about policy, overall trends or best practice, chances are we've asked them too.

Visit the AHURI website today to access a wealth of resources – all freely available.

- **Research:** The AHURI website holds nearly 25 years of quality, peer-reviewed AHURI research on housing, homelessness and cities.
- **Explainer briefs:** key issues unpacked in plain language.
- **On Demand:** recordings of past conference sessions and webinars on a range of topics.



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