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National Rental Affordability Scheme (NRAS) updates

The Commonwealth is gearing up to get the NRAS up and running.

On 27 June, FaHCSIA published the National Mandatory Requirements and Weighted Criteria, which outlines who is eligible to apply for the Scheme and the criteria that will be used to assess applications for the NRAS. The document can be found on FaHCSIA's website at: http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/internet/fahcsinternet.nsf/housing/nras_mandatory.htm

The first Call for Applications was delayed from 5 July to 24 July, and will be launched by Minister Plibersek in Sydney at the same time as a NRAS Prospectus.

AHURI conference on Housing and Social Cohesion

AHURI will be sponsoring this one day conference on Tuesday, 7 October in Melbourne. *Housing and*

Social Cohesion: Connecting People, Connecting Neighbourhoods will investigate the role housing plays in supporting social inclusion and the implications this link has on the development of housing policies. It has been designed to provide participants with a constructive, evidence-based contribution to housing debate in Australia.

Speakers include Minister Tanya Plibersek, Prof. Kath Hulse from Swinburne University, Prof. Ivan Turok from the University of Glasgow, and Tony Nicholson from the Brotherhood of St. Laurence.

For further information and registration details, go to: http://www.ahuri.edu.au/seminars/ahuri_conference

Housing stress and the mental health and well-being of families

Given the rising cost of housing over the last 20 years, it's not surprising that meeting this basic living cost would have a significant impact on the health and well-being of families.

This research from the Australian Families Relationship Clearinghouse looks at the relationship between housing affordability, housing stress, and mental health and wellbeing. It provides some statistical background on housing affordability and looks at how housing stress influences health and well-being outcomes for Australian families.

The report can be downloaded from: <http://www.aifs.gov.au/afrc/pubs/briefing/briefing12.html>

More than a bed: Sydney's homeless speak out

This report from Wesley Mission looks at what causes homelessness and why some people remain homeless. It's based on interviews with some of the most marginalised in the community, who were asked about the factors that had driven them to homelessness and what measures would improve their quality of life and help them overcome homelessness.

The report can be downloaded from: http://www.wesleymission.org.au/News/research/Homeless/default.asp?t_from=sb

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Contributions

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