

Housing Matters 18 July 2017



Please support Shelter SA

The Shelter SA team invite you to renew your organisation's membership or become a new member of Shelter SA. Your valuable involvement will assist Shelter SA to continue its advocacy work for people living with housing stress in South Australia. Access to affordable, appropriate and secure long-term housing is the key to overall social well-being, and is critical to improving health, employment and education.

Over the past 12 months, we are very proud to share some of our achievements with you:

- ❖ **CapitalAsset:** Shelter SA launched CapitalAsset - a bold, ethical and socially responsible innovation in housing. We have visited with Federal Treasurer Scott Morrison, Federal Treasury staff and Homestart to discuss CapitalAsset and are pleased to let you know we have been successful in securing an Open State event, inspired by CapitalAsset, in the main event venue "The Hub". Stay tuned for the official announcement, speaker line-up and news about our International guest! Save the date Friday 6 October, 1.00 to 3.00pm.
- ❖ **Aboriginal Cultural Advisory Panel:** In response to the ongoing concerns about Aboriginal housing and homelessness across South Australia, Shelter SA established an Aboriginal Cultural Advisory Panel with the inaugural meeting being held mid 2016 and a follow up meeting earlier this year. Some organisations struggle to access Aboriginal Cultural advice and we are very proud to have achieved a structure that works for the Panel members. Our Panel members confirmed the importance of Reconciliation Action Plans, and Shelter SA was the first peak body in South Australia to develop a RAP. We are currently refreshing and renewing our Plan. The Panel members gave generously of their time and helped us to identify the theme of our next event which will be "Transitions", reflecting the importance of moving out of institutional settings and back to family and community, in a way that is safe and sustainable. Dates and invitations will be out soon.
- ❖ **Rooming Houses in South Australia:** Shelter SA conducted a research project on for-profit rooming houses. This was the first methodical study of the rooming house sector in South Australia since 2003. Outcomes of the research can be found in the report here: [End of the Road](#) and our work featured in an ABC television news story recently. We were pleased that Minister Zoe Bettison led a roundtable to bring together the multiple government agencies that are involved in placing people in rooming houses and to look at obtaining better data to effectively identify where rooming houses are located and ways to improve the standards and regulation of this sector. Also at the event were SACOSS, Mental Health Coalition of SA, Community Housing Council of SA and Neami National.
- ❖ **Pickle:** Shelter SA launched its mobile phone app "Pickle" which is designed to connect young people who are experiencing homelessness, at risk of homelessness, or in unsafe situations to the nearest possible community service organisation. Pickle was developed by Shelter SA with a Community Benefit SA grant and we acknowledge Minister Bettison's support. Free, quick and private, please download the app or browse the website and share with your networks and clients www.pickle.org.au.
- ❖ **Domestic Violence Prevention:** Each year Shelter SA hosts an Adelaide University Arts Intern and this year our student looked at the primary prevention of domestic violence in South Australia. The research project examined policy, legislation and service delivery in South Australia. To complement the student's project Shelter SA held a DV Prevention Workshop which provided an opportunity for guest speakers to share with frontline workers - domestic violence strategies, initiatives and programs that they are already delivering to the

community. At the workshop, participants heard ideas and information aimed to improve domestic violence prevention and awareness. The student report, the workshop report containing recommendations, and a video will be published shortly and we hope you will share them widely.

How you can become a member!

Membership is open to all organisations and individuals who support Shelter SA's objectives. Please download the Membership Application Form here: <http://www.sheltersa.asn.au/wp-content/uploads/17-18-Membership-Application-Tax-Invoice.pdf> or if you'd like to know more, please visit our Shelter SA membership page <http://www.sheltersa.asn.au/membership/>