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Aboriginal Cultural Advisory Panel

In response to the growing concerns and problems of Aboriginal housing and homelessness across South Australia, Shelter SA has established an Aboriginal Cultural Advisory Panel. The main aim of the Panel is to support communication between Shelter SA, government, Aboriginal networks and organisations particularly around Aboriginal housing issues. The Panel is made up of 10 members and some met together at our first Aboriginal Advisory Panel meeting on 18 May at the Shelter SA office. Together we discussed Shelter SA's redevelopment of the Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) and housing issues faced by Aboriginal people including; discrimination in the private rental market, people leaving institutions and the lack of accommodation, women escaping domestic violence and people coming down from the lands and not having anywhere suitable to stay. As a result, Shelter SA contacted REISA (Real Estate Institute of South Australia) in an effort to encourage the provision of cultural training and the development of a RAP to help improve cultural awareness in the private rental sector. The Panel agreed that the event we are planning for later in the year should focus on "transitions" and look at what works and what we need more of in the way of assisting people back into their families and communities, including housing. The outcomes of the event will inform our State Election Platform.

Housing prices, household debt and household consumption

A new Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute (AHURI) report investigates the relationship between increasing housing prices (or housing wealth) and the increased consumption expenditure of households from before the global financial crisis (GFC) and afterwards. To read the report, please click here: "[Housing prices, household debt and consumer spending](#)".

Homes for Homes

Recognising Australia's critical shortage of social and affordable housing, Homes for Homes is an independent, not for profit organisation established by The Big Issue. This social enterprise raises funds via voluntary tax deductible donations, invests funds to increase supply of social and affordable dwellings and complements existing activity by creating generational change and stronger communities. A group of community leaders, including The Big Issue CEO, identified a mechanism applied by a large developer to raise recurring funding from the sale and resale of its own properties. Beyond the funds raised, the initiative provided a way for the community to engage with and be a part of the solution to the shortage of social and affordable housing. To learn more about Homes for Homes please click here: <http://www.homesforhomes.com.au/>

2017 Winter Heating Guide

A new 2017 Winter Heating Guide has been developed by the [Energy Partners Program](#) and the [Energy Advisory Services](#) to raise energy awareness around residential energy use and costs. To access the Guide, please click here: [Winter Heating Guide](#). Please share with your clients and networks.

Pickle

Please download the Pickle app and share with your clients, networks, colleagues, peers, friends and family. The Pickle app connects young people who are experiencing homelessness, at risk of homelessness, or in unsafe situations, to the nearest possible service organisation, ensuring they get the help they need right when they need it. Pickle is free, quick and private and was developed by Shelter SA with support from a DCSI Community Benefit SA grant. Please take a moment to visit the PICKLE website here: www.pickle.org.au, download the PICKLE app from the App Store or Google Play by searching 'Pickle by Shelter SA'. Please share!