

## Shelter SA special general meeting - save the date

Shelter SA Members are invited to save the date Wednesday 3 May 2017 between 4.00 pm and 5.00 pm to attend a Shelter SA Special General Meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to endorse changes to the Shelter SA Constitution to support our registration with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission (ACNC). Registration with the ACNC will enable Shelter SA to apply for tax concessions from the Australian Taxation Office including Deductible Gift Recipient status. Shelter SA will issue a formal notice of the Special General Meeting on 10 April 2017 together with the proposed changes to the Constitution.

## Shelter SA You Tube Videos – tips for finding a rental property

During 2016, Shelter SA produced several You Tube videos which showcase our work, provide useful guides, discuss current housing issues and contain other housing and homelessness information. You can view all of our videos via this link: [Shelter SA Video Gallery](#). Please subscribe to our channel. One of our videos entitled [“How to Find a Rental Home”](#) is a helpful resource designed to assist people who are looking to rent – whether a first time tenant or someone who already rents but is looking to move. We’ve also provided useful websites and links in the “Show More” drop down box on the You Tube site. We invite you to watch the video and urge you to share with your networks too! You can also download Shelter SA’s four simple guides to assist people who are wanting to rent or are in the rental market. Each guide provides basic information and helpful tips. The links below access each of the guides or you can visit the Shelter SA website at [www.sheltersa.asn.au](http://www.sheltersa.asn.au) and click on the Publications tab for more information.

1. [Where to Look for a Rental Property](#)
2. [Applying for a Rental Property](#)
3. [How to be a Good Tenant](#)
4. [How to Find a Share House](#)

## Preparing for the NDIS forum

Are you wondering what the NDIS means for mental health consumers, where to start and who can help? The roll out of the NDIS is happening in the North and Far-North regions of Adelaide in July 2017. Neami National invites mental health consumers and carers to an information session to learn about the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). Neami can help consumers apply, prepare and plan. Consumers can apply six months before the roll out of the NDIS in each region so applying, preparing and planning now will mean they are in a better position to receive a package of support that suits their needs and wishes.

Learn how to prepare for NDIS services at the following information sessions:

- North East Session – **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March** 1pm-3pm at the Jubilee Community Centre (main hall), 7 Jubilee Way, Wynn Vale 5127
- Barossa Session – **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April** 1pm-3pm at the Gawler Community House (conference room), 2 Scheibener Terrace, Gawler 5118
- Port Adelaide/Enfield session – **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May** 1pm-3pm at the Enfield Community Centre (meeting room), 540 Regency Road, Enfield 5085

### **NewAccess – a free and confidential support service**

NewAccess is a free and confidential support program where specially trained and experienced coaches provide up to six free coaching sessions to help people tackle the day to day pressures of life. It's ideal for people who are having a difficult time coping, including those with a work injury. Appointments can occur face to face or over the phone, making the service accessible to anyone in South Australia, including rural areas. Anyone aged 16 years and over in South Australia who is not currently receiving therapeutic support from a psychologist or a psychiatrist is eligible for this service. If you know someone who is struggling with work or general life pressures, consider telling them about NewAccess. Call 1800 010 630 or click on this link to: **contact a coach**. More information here: [Return to Work SA website](#).

### **Last resort housing for homeless - more cost effective (Pro Bono Australia)**

In a recent Pro Bono Australia article (16/3/2017) written by Lina Caneva, a new report has found that it's cheaper to provide last-resort housing to homeless people than to leave them sleeping rough. Each bed provided by governments provides an average net benefit of \$10,800 per year, according to a cost-benefit analysis commissioned by the University of Melbourne's Sustainable Society Institute (MSSI). The university partnered with consulting firm SGS Economics and Planning, who undertook the analysis called [The Case for Investing in Last-Resort Housing](#). The entire article is here: [Last Resort Housing For Homeless More Cost Effective](#).