

Housing Matters 27 September 2017



Homeless Connect: Health and Housing Expo – volunteers needed!

Shelter SA's Homeless Connect: Health and Housing Expo is fast approaching. The Expo will be held on Thursday 19 October in Adelaide from 10.00am-2.00pm. The aim of the Expo is to bring people living on low incomes, who may be experiencing housing stress, together with services in an effort to improve health, wellbeing and housing outcomes. The Expo has been a great success for over 10 years and we anticipate an estimated 600 participants will attend this year's event. We are calling for volunteers to help out on the day, whether it is just for a short time or during the whole event. If you are able to spare some time to help make this event a great success, please contact sheltersa@sheltersa.asn.au or phone Bonnie on 8223 4077 to find out how you can be involved. Please remember that we do not broadcast the details of the expo to the general public.

Share your memories of Shelter SA for our 40th birthday celebration this year!

Shelter SA will be celebrating its 40th birthday this year and we are acknowledging the special occasion on Thursday 26th October. If you have been involved with Shelter SA in the past, we invite you to share your recollections of notable and outstanding milestones, events or situations involving Shelter SA. Below are some ideas of how you can be involved:

- be our guest at the combined birthday celebration and AGM to share your memories
- write about your experiences or reflections and email them to sheltersa@sheltersa.asn.au
- record a short video or sound recording of yourself talking about your recollections - we'd be delighted to help you make the recording to display at the event
- provide photos or memorabilia you have of past Shelter SA events for us to share
- add your comments on Shelter SA's Facebook or via Twitter

Please email sheltersa@sheltersa.asn.au as soon as possible with your thoughts. We'd love to hear from you.

Homelessness: What can Australia learn from Finland's housing solution?

In a recent ABC News online article (14/9/2017), written by Simon Leo Brown, he talks about how alternative housing solutions implemented by countries such as Finland have successfully reduced the need for crisis accommodation and actively dealt with the homelessness issue. He points out that "Creating more crisis accommodation will not fix Australia's homelessness problem" and according to Dr. Eoin O'Sullivan (editor of the European Journal of Homelessness, who presented the keynote address at the Victorian Homelessness Conference recently), "Finland had investigated the issue of homelessness and decided "it's not that complex". The article is here: <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-09-12/homelessness-conference-melbourne-hears-finland-solution/8891920>

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 www.pickle.org.au download the PICKLE app from the App Store or Google Play by searching 'Pickle by Shelter SA'. Please share! Also, if your organisation would like to display free Pickle posters and share the postcards with clients, please contact me at amanda.taylor@sheltersa.asn.au.