

Housing Matters 7 September 2017



Survey – housing affordability

Shelter SA is a finalist in the [Share Challenge](#) and so is The Australian Centre for Social Innovation, looking at new ways of addressing housing affordability. We are sharing the links to the two TACSI surveys and hope you will take a few minutes to help them out by answering their questions. If you are a South Australian homeowner the survey for you is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/housinginsa> and if you are a renter the survey for you is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/housinginsa> both need to be completed by Friday 15 September.

Please support Shelter SA – renew your membership or become a member!

The Shelter SA team thanks all our supporters who have renewed their 2017-2018 Shelter SA membership and also welcomes our new members. We 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. 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/>

Red Cross disaster resilience in at-risk communities - survey

Recently, Red Cross facilitated a Disaster Resilience in at-risk Communities workshop that Shelter SA attended. Some people in our communities are living with characteristics that mean they might have more difficulties than others coping when disasters happen. The Disaster Resilience in at-risk Communities project is developing a state-wide framework that outlines how it can collectively improve the safety and wellbeing of those most at risk when disaster threatens. To help inform the framework, Red Cross are interested in the experiences and ideas of organisations who have direct contact with people who may be more at risk in an emergency. Anyone who works with at-risk communities is invited to complete the survey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DisasterResilienceAtRiskCommunities>. This survey is open until Monday September 25th 2017. For further information please contact Anne Ellis, Community Development Officer, Emergency Services – REDCROSS on 8100 4664 or email aellis@redcross.org.au

The benefits of pets and private rental

Consumer and Business Services have launched a campaign to promote the benefits of renting with pets. Responsible pet owners can make very good tenants; the kind that sign long term leases and take good care of their homes. The campaign encourages landlords to allow pets, so that individuals and families aren't forced to give up their much loved pets when looking for rental accommodation. To help promote good rental arrangements where pets are concerned factsheets for landlords and tenants and information about pet agreements including a sample pet resume are available from the [renting with pets webpage](#). Please share these resources with your networks. This initiative has been developed by DEWNR, Dog and Cat Management Board, Consumer and Business Services, Housing SA and Office for Women.