



Surviving or Thriving? Older Victorians at risk of homelessness



Forum program includes:

- ***Opening address by the Minister for Housing, Hon. Wendy Lovell***
- ***The latest academic research on older people at risk of homelessness by Dr. Wendy Stone and Dr. Maree Petersen***
- ***Hear directly from older people's experience with the launch of HAAG's state election campaign***
- ***Participation in an action workshop and send a direct message from the Forum to state and federal governments***

When: 9.30am—2.30pm Thursday 5th June 2014

**Where: Victoria University City Flinders Campus
Level 12, 300 Flinders Street, Melbourne**

SEE ENCLOSED FOR DETAILS



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The ***Surviving or Thriving Forum*** has been organised to provide information and discuss the current state of older persons housing and the needs of older people who are at risk of homelessness. A number of worrying trends are developing that require urgent action by governments: Significant increases in older people just surviving in the private rental market; no new affordable housing supply after the completion of Nation Building funds; poor connections between older persons housing needs and aged care services in the home; and only 1% of homelessness service funds directed to the needs of a vulnerable ageing population.

Keynote speakers:

Dr. Maree Petersen, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Institute for Social Science Research, University of Queensland

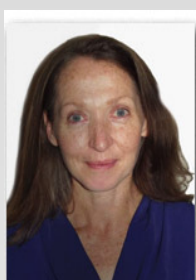
Preventing first time homelessness amongst older Australians



Older people's homelessness is distinctive. An important feature of older people's homelessness is the pattern of older people who experience homelessness for the first time in later life. A recent national study of older people's homelessness in Australia found that just under 70% of the sample of 561 had a conventional housing history. Of particular interest is that a significant proportion of this group were at risk of homelessness given they were unable to continue living with family. The reasons behind these critical housing incidents were complex and will be discussed in this presentation.

Dr. Wendy Stone, Director, AHURI Research Centre, Swinburne University of Technology

A changing private rental sector – implications for older tenants



In light of increasing housing affordability pressures and a highly targeted social housing sector, over 1.8 million Australian households now call the private rental sector 'home', and many of these will do so long-term. Yet the private rental sector can be precarious, unaffordable and inaccessible. In this talk, latest research about the 'new' private rental sector that has evolved in recent years, its problems, and the place of older tenants within it, are discussed.

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Forum Chair

*Ken Dyson, Community Projects Officer, Social Planning
Mornington Peninsula Shire Council*

Registration *tea and coffee on arrival* from 8:30am

Introduction 9:30am
Pauline Williamson, Chairperson, HAAG

Forum Opening 9:40am
*The Hon. Wendy Lovell
Minister for Housing*

Home At Last Service - Who is the service assisting? 9:55am
*Jeff Fiedler
Manager, Home at Last*

Long-term private rental in a changing Australian private rental sector—the implications for older people 10.10am
*Dr. Wendy Stone, Director, AHURI Research Centre, Swinburne
University of Technology*

Morning tea 11.00am

Preventing First Time Homelessness Amongst Older Australians 11.25am
*Dr. Maree Petersen, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Institute for
Social Science Research, University of Queensland*

Lunch 12.15pm

Housing for the Aged Action Group State Election Policy Launch 1pm
Working Group presentations—Towards an Older Persons Housing Strategy
Private rental housing
Not-for-profit retirement villages
Caravan, residential parks and villages

Action Workshops 1.45pm
Send a direct message to Parliament about the housing needs of older people

Close 2.30pm



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**Home at Last helpline: 1300 765 178
For more information about Home at Last and how to organise a
Home at Last speaker at your workplace or community group
please call 03 9654 7389**



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Registration

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There are two methods of registration:

1. For workers within government and non-government agencies:

Register through the Forum link on HAAG's website: www.oldertenants.org.au
or at trybooking on: <http://www.trybooking.com/ERUX>

Early bird Worker registration by 16th May	\$55.00
Standard Worker registration from 17th May	\$70.00

2. For Pensioner, individual HAAG member, guest **Free**

Please fill in this form and return by Thursday 29th May.

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Address _____

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Forum includes tea and coffee on arrival, morning tea and light lunch.
For catering purposes please state any special dietary requirements (ie vegetarian, ve-
gan, coeliac):