There are 105,237 reasons to care about homelessness.

State and Territory distribution of people experiencing homelessness on Census night (rate per 10,000)

Number of people: 105,237

Width of slice represents state's proportion of national population

Area of slice represents number of homeless persons in the state
Our Vision
Creating A Framework For Ending Homelessness

Our Mission
To proactively research, develop and promote national policy and action to reduce homelessness and its impacts on the diverse range of people it affects.

Our Strategic Themes
Relationships
To represent and support members/communities of interest and maintain national networks

Leadership and influence
To be recognised as the central national voice on homelessness in Australia and contribute to and influence national policy

Share knowledge and information
To share accurate and timely information with members and the community about Australian government and FaHCSIA homelessness and related policy

Governance
To be recognised by stakeholders and government as operating effectively, professionally and with the highest standards of governance and ethics
Chairperson’s report

Narelle Clay AM

What a year 2012-13 has been!

Homelessness Australia (HA) remains well placed to continue to represent the views of the homelessness sector. This was only possible through the input and commitment of the HA Executive, Board, Councils, members and staff, and through our work with other peak bodies and stakeholders. Thank you for sharing our passion and commitment to reduce and prevent homelessness.

Over the course of the year, we worked with two Ministers: the Hon Brendan O’Connor and, from February 2013, with the Hon Mark Butler. The Mental Health portfolio was expanded to include homelessness, with Minister Butler becoming Minister for Homelessness and Mental Health. This was a great synergy for the homelessness sector as these issues are so intertwined. We also welcomed the Hon Melissa Parke as a new Parliamentary Secretary for Homelessness. We extend our appreciation to all three portfolio holders for their willingness to engage in a constructive relationship with Homelessness Australia.

September 2012 saw us hold the 7th National Homelessness Conference. With nearly 800 delegates, we had a great cross-section of representatives from the sector and related services. We trust that everyone was able to take home some valuable new information and contacts.

The future of the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness (NPAH) dominated a good part of 2012-13, with a decision to extend the agreement by one year reached in April. While it was disappointing that a longer-term arrangement could not be reached, this interim agreement will give services vital funding to continue to help those most in need while we work towards a longer-term agreement for future years. We will continue to advocate and work for the sector to negotiate sustainable, long-term funding including for Specialist Homelessness Services, so that services can have certainty in planning for ongoing service provision and provide stability and confidence for those people who need them.

It was pleasing to see the previous government commit to long term, stable funding for the Reconnect program. Reconnect is a program that is very close to my heart, providing a safety net for young people who might otherwise be at risk of homelessness, and I am pleased that Homelessness Australia played a significant role in lobbying for this extended funding.

This year, Homelessness Australia continued to work extensively with the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), as part of the Homelessness Statistics Reference Group, to revamp the definition of homelessness. In September 2013, the ABS released a paper that:

- outlined a new ABS statistical definition of homelessness;
- reported on its new methodology for estimating homelessness using Census data as a basis;
- released revised estimates from the 2001 and 2006 Censes based on the new methodology; and
- summarised the key findings from the ABS review (including areas where dissent existed between members of the HSRG and the ABS).

The 2011 Census results, released in November, provided a mixed picture of the homelessness situation in Australia. While we saw the number of people experiencing homelessness increase by 17 per cent, we saw a reduction in the number of people ‘sleeping rough’ and an increase in the number of people in supported accommodation, indicating that our sector is providing vital services to people experiencing homelessness.

Homelessness Australia has remained engaged with the process of the National Quality Framework (NQF) and throughout the year has consulted with our councils...
and members about it. Our CEO was a member of the FaHCSIA NQF Sector Reference Group.

I continue my work with the Prime Minister’s Council on Homelessness. Significant work has been carried out by this council in the areas of:

• aged care services working with homeless people and the viability supplement;
• young people’s access (particularly that of young Aboriginal people in remote areas) to education and training and suitable living arrangements;
• homeless people’s access to appropriate and responsive support to assist their engagement in education, training and employment;
• planning for a future Homelessness Partnership Agreement and priorities, data and evaluation.

HA has continued to develop evidence-based policy papers on issues of importance to the sector. These provide an opportunity for HA to seek input from our Board, councils and members, and to assist us to fulfill one of the core objectives of our work-plan under our funding contract with FaHCSIA. Over the course of 2012-13, we produced four evidence-based policy papers, exploring exploring risks of homelessness, considering issues surrounding homelessness amongst older Australians and examining the degree of integration between homelessness services and those in the mental health area.

I would like to pay tribute to the Board and councils for their contribution to the work of Homelessness Australia over the course of 2012-13. I’d also like to thank our members for your support and input during the year, and the CEO and staff for their hard work, skill and dedication in carrying out the work of HA.

This will be my last annual report as Chair, as I will be retiring from the role at the AGM in November. It has been an immense privilege to have been invited back to chair HA for the past few years. Chairing HA has provided me with the opportunity to work with some of the most committed and inspiring homelessness advocates and workers in this country. Thank you to the Board, the council members and all of the HA members for your trust and confidence. I extend my sincere appreciation to the Executive of HA – Liz, Michael, and Julie – it has been an absolute pleasure to serve HA with you. You are, without a doubt, the most committed group of people I have worked with. Also, many thanks to the Ministers, ministerial staff and government staff across a number of departments for your support and efforts. My thanks also to the many people around the country in other peak and community organisations who have supported HA and myself as the Chair. I make special mention of Anne Buxton from the Northern Territory and Adrian Pisarski from National Shelter.

Homelessness remains a most significant social problem for women and children escaping domestic violence, for young people, for families and for single men and women, including older Australians. While we are on the right path to reduce homelessness, I would encourage everyone to stay determined and committed to the task of ending homelessness.
CEO’s report

This was a busy, productive and challenging year at Homelessness Australia. We undertook a range of policy and advocacy work, covered elsewhere in this Annual Report, which is our most important focus for all staff at all times.

Our governance arrangements are also covered elsewhere in this report so I will not repeat that information. However, may I stress that stewardship of the organisation is a great responsibility and one which makes considerable demands on our board and council members and they are to be commended for their contribution. This is especially true of the executive.

Within our office we faced a number of IT challenges this year, which were eventually resolved through a complaint to the Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman. These caused considerable frustration for staff and created additional unnecessary barriers to our access to information. However, as usual the staff worked hard through this period and persevered and the quality of work did not suffer.

We have had some change of staff throughout the year. While it is always disappointing to see staff leave, it is also a process of renewal and the opportunity for new ways of doing things. I would like to thank staff for their enormous contribution and good will. They often work long hours including weekends to ensure our events, such as our conference, run smoothly and I would like to place on record my gratitude to staff, past and present.

In the past year we have seen a new website, new factsheets, and new formats for many of our newsletters and communications. We have also run our highly successful conference which took place in September 2012 in Melbourne. It was a fantastic opportunity not only to hear a range of impressive speakers, but also a chance to connect and network with others in our sector.

The years ahead for Homelessness Australia remain challenging in terms of engaging with a broader range of stakeholders, and ensuring ongoing funding, and maintaining relationships with politicians and governments at all levels. There are also exciting new initiatives ahead, such as our collaborative project with beyondblue on mens mental health, and preparations for the next conference, to name just two.

I leave Homelessness Australia at the end of this financial year to take up a new, exciting challenge. However I will look back at the nearly three years I spent at Homelessness Australia with fondness and pride. I met so many dedicated, professional workers and researchers, and so many inspiring clients in my time there. I wish you all every success in the ongoing battle to end and prevent homelessness.
Treasurer’s report

Homelessness Australia’s activities throughout the financial year have resulted in a strong financial position with a retained earnings balance of $850,747, an increase of $187,370 for the 2012-13 year.

Most of this increase comes from the management of the National Homelessness Conference which took place in September 2012. Homelessness Australia relies on revenue from the biennial National Homelessness Conference to fund activities such as operational costs, activities including research and seed funding for the next conference due to occur in 2014. Through 2012-13 Homelessness Australia funded face to face meetings of the board of management.

We continued to receive our core funding under the funding agreement with the National Secretariat Program through FaHCSIA with the current three year funding contract running through to June 2014. I would like to take this opportunity to thank FaHCSIA for their ongoing support to Homelessness Australia. Membership payments are another important source of funding to the organisation. Many members operate on a tight budget and can find meeting a small membership fee quite hard but in acknowledging the support of our members we recognise the importance of their financial support, in addition to their input into our policy and submissions.

I also express our appreciation to the Homelessness Australia auditor, Bonsella Business Solutions and to HA office manager Belinda Semmler who is responsible for the day to day finances, generation of reports and provides assistance to me as the treasurer.

I acknowledge Nicole Lawder, the CEO for her support and assistance and the team at Homelessness Australia and to the executive and members of the HA board under the leadership of Narelle Clay.

Liz Fritz
Treasurer
Homelessness Australia structure

The Councils

Council for Homeless Persons’ Australia (CHPA)

CHPA is an incorporated organisation with the aim of advocating the achievement of social justice for families and single adults who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. It endeavours to do this through the development of policy and information exchange. Council members represent a large number of homelessness organisations throughout Australia.

National Youth Coalition for Housing (NYCH)

NYCH focuses on youth homelessness and housing issues, and represents the nine State/Territory Youth Housing and Specialist Youth Homelessness Service sectors.

NYCH’s annual campaign is Youth Homelessness Matters Day held in the middle of National Youth Week – for more information go to www.youthhomelessnessmatters.net.

The Women’s Services Network (WESNET)

WESNET is a national women’s peak advocacy body which works on behalf of women and children who are experiencing or have experienced domestic or family violence.
Key activities

Objectives of HA’s strategic plan

• To represent and support members/communities of interest and maintain national networks;
• To be recognised as the central national voice on homelessness in Australia and contribute to and influence public policy;
• To share accurate and timely information with members and the community about Australian Government and FaHCSIA homelessness and related policy; and
• To be recognised by stakeholders and government as operating effectively professionally and with the highest standards of governance and ethics.

Homelessness Australia spent an active year engaging with members, government and stakeholders. We continue to engage with members and Councils (NYCH, CHPA and WESNET) and other stakeholders to ensure a strong leadership view from the sector.

Dialogue with the Australian Government and COAG

Homelessness Australia continues to enjoy a positive and constructive relationship with the Australian Government. In 2012-13, we welcomed and briefed two sets of new Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries for Housing and Homelessness. We also welcomed new funding for the Reconnect program and new interim funding of the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness, for both of which we had lobbied.

Policy and research officer Travis Gilbert met with then Prime Minister, Hon. Julia Gillard, MP, to discuss the implications of the introduction of a bill for incremental increases to the remuneration of social and community sector workers.

Homelessness Australia continued to provide FaHCSIA, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) and the Department of Human Services (DHS) with ongoing advice on homelessness issues through direct engagement and participation in various advisory and sector reference groups.

This work included remaining engaged with the process of the Specialist Homelessness Services National Quality Framework (NQF) and with the ABS methodological review of Counting the Homeless, including its development of a new definition of homelessness. In 2013, we also liaised with the Council of Australian Governments’ (COAG) Reform Council regarding release of its Homelessness 2011-12 report, and participated in the Commonwealth Attorney-General’s Department’s NGO Forum.

HA Chairperson Narelle Clay AM continues her work on the Prime Minister’s Council on Homelessness as well as on the Community Organisations Housing Alliance (COHA).

Homelessness Australia also collaborated with FaHCSIA to organise and promote the National Homelessness Services Achievement Awards held in Melbourne on 2 May 2013.

Throughout the course of 2012-13 we continued to monitor the implementation of the White Paper on Homelessness through consultations with our Councils, members and State/Territory peak bodies.
Submissions

During 2012-13, Homelessness Australia prepared submissions for the following inquiries:

- Senate Inquiry into the Adequacy of the Allowance Payments System for Jobseekers and others
- Employment services - building on success issues paper
- Exposure draft of the Homelessness Bill
- Pre-budget submission 2013-14
- Submission to FaHCSIA on an exposure draft of the Bill now known as the Social Security Legislation Amendment (Public Housing Tenants’ Support) Bill 2013.

Sector briefings

Over the course of 2012-13, Homelessness Australia prepared a number of sector briefings on issues of importance and relevance to the homelessness sector. These included:

- Housing Assistance in Australia 2012
- AIHW Specialist Homelessness Services data collection
  - Annual report July 2011-June 2012; and
  - Quarterly report for January 2012-March 2012
- ABS Census of Population and Housing: Recalculated Census estimates 2006
- 2013 Election Platform
- 2013-14 Pre-budget submission
- COAG Reform Council, Homelessness 2011-12: Comparing performance across Australia

Evidence-based policy papers

Homelessness Australia completed evidence-based policy papers on the following topics:

**Early Intervention and Prevention**

This paper seeks to define early intervention and prevention in both a homelessness, and broader community services/social work, context. It asks what is the difference between early intervention and prevention?’ and explores models of service delivery that are achieving positive results.

**Keeping a home among the gum trees: exploring risk of homelessness in 21st Century Australia**

Who is ‘at risk’ and how are services working to mitigate that risk and keep people housed?

**Ageing out of place: issues and challenges confronting older Australians experiencing or at risk of homelessness**

What needs to be done to address housing insecurity and homelessness amongst older people as the population ages and the incidence and prevalence of age related disabilities increases?

**How ‘joined up’ are mental health and homelessness services?**

How well do national commitments on service delivery integration translate to the ground?

Presentations and attendances

- Presentation on Continued evolution or intelligent design: protecting sector diversity and maintaining viability at the 7th National Homelessness Conference
- Panel member on Exploring issues relating to counting people experiencing homelessness on Census night at the 7th National Homelessness Conference
- Panel member on Perspectives on social inclusion at the APS Graduate Program
- Panel member on Affordable Housing at the ACT Community Sector Conference “Vision, Values, Votes”
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Key activities

- Presentation on Homelessness in Australia at the Rotary Club of Australia
- Presentation of Homelessness and Smartphones paper at the ACMA Consumer Consultative Forum
- Launch of Parity: Homelessness and Health
- Launch of Australians for Affordable Housing 4 point plan to improve housing affordability
- Forum on Housing Affordability and Homelessness hosted by ACT Shelter
- Attendance at the New Horizons mental health conference
- Attendance at the Telstra LIMAC awards dinner
- Attendance at a two National Affordable Housing Agreement roundtables (ACT and Melbourne)
- Forum on Homelessness, the law and legal services hosted by ACT Shelter
- Attendance at a Social Inclusion Unit forum on housing need and homelessness amongst older Australians

Collaborations and partnerships

National Shelter
Homelessness Australia is a member of the National Shelter network. National Shelter is the peak body representing low-to-moderate income housing consumers and advocating for improvements to the housing market and the delivery of more affordable housing. Homelessness Australia attended face to face National Shelter Council meetings and participated in teleconferences and e-mail contact with National Shelter members over the course of 2012-13.

Australians for Affordable Housing Campaign
Homelessness Australia is a member of the Australians for Affordable Housing Campaign Steering Committee (AAHSCC). The steering committee is also comprised of the Chairperson of the campaign, Paul McDonald, and representatives from ACOSS, the Community Housing Federation of Australia, the National Association of Tenants’ Organisations, National Shelter and Power Housing.

Australians for Affordable Housing is a coalition of national housing, welfare and community sector organisations, established to highlight the problem of housing affordability in Australia. We believe that all Australians should be able to secure housing that they can afford. Yet currently one in ten Australian households are in housing stress, paying more than 30% of their income in housing costs. Paying too much for housing makes it harder for people to pay for the other basics, like food, clothes, transport and healthcare.

Homelessness Australia has contributed to the development of the Australians for Affordable Housing four point plan to improve housing affordability and increase the supply of affordable housing in Australia.

1800RESPECT
Homelessness Australia was a member of the 1800RESPECT Steering Committee.

1800RESPECT is the National Sexual Assault, Domestic and Family Violence Counselling Service. It launched as a phone counselling service and, in mid-2011, the website www.1800RESPECT.org.au was launched, enabling consumers to access online counselling, information and resources about sexual assault and family or domestic violence.

Homelessness Australia was involved in contributing suggestions for expanding the 1800RESPECT information to ensure relevance to specialist homelessness services, as well as promoting 1800RESPECT to our members.

Connecting the Dots
In 2012-13 Homelessness Australia has been part of the project reference group for the federal inter-agency research project, Connecting the Dots: Services Delivery Pathways and Homelessness.

Connecting the Dots is a joint study between FaHCSIA, DHS, DEEWR and AIHW. It aims to identify the service delivery pathways of people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness through Centrelink and Job Services Australia. The research is expected to provide insights into how the services provided by these departments, and those of SHSs, can be better coordinated to provide improved outcomes for homeless or at-risk clients.

Homelessness Australia assisted in the recruitment of agencies to take part in the research as well as providing input and feedback into the methodology and a draft
report on related qualitative research. A number of HA executive members have also contributed towards the project.

Social Determinants of Health Alliance.
In 2012-13 Homelessness Australia became a member of the Social Determinants of Health Alliance (SDOHA) - a collaboration of like-minded organisations from the areas of health, social services and public policy established to work with governments to reduce health inequities in Australia. Abundant evidence shows that the higher your income or level of education in Australia, the better your health will tend to be. People in the most disadvantaged social groups are also far more likely than those in higher socioeconomic groups to have long-term physical or mental health problems. They are less able to gain an education or maintain a job until retirement, and are more likely to die at a younger age.

Health inequalities are unacceptable, and undermine our social and economic well-being. That is why SDOHA believes that it is essential that government heed the findings and recommendations of the World Health Organisation’s Commission on the Social Determinants of Health to reduce inequalities, as set out in its report Closing the gap in a generation: health equity through action on the social determinants of health.

‘Take Action’ toolkit project with beyondblue
Homelessness Australia began collaborating with beyondblue to develop a toolkit to help specialist homelessness service staff identify and manage issues of depression and anxiety among male clients.

Advisory Committees/Reference Groups
CEO Nicole Lawder was a member of the following advisory groups and committees:
- NQF Sector Reference Group
- ACMA Consumer Consultative Forum
- Low Income Measures Assessment Committee (Telstra)
- National People with Disabilities and Carer Council
- Accessible Public Transport National Advisory Committee.
Policy and Research Officer Travis Gilbert was a member of:
- the ABS Homelessness Statistics Reference Group
- the Department of Human Services Service Delivery Advisory Committee
- National Community Services & Health Industry Skills Council Reference Group
- Connecting the Dots Reference Group
- Street Law Advisory Group (ACT).

Travis’ replacement in the policy and research role, Jennifer Clarke, has continued to be involved in Connecting the Dots and Telstra’s Low Income Measures Assessment Committee.

Prime Minister’s Council on Homelessness
Homelessness Australia continues to enjoy a constructive working relationship with members of the Prime Minister’s Council on Homelessness.

Face to face meetings
The Homelessness Australia board and councils meet twice per year to carry out planning and advocacy activities. These meetings were held in September 2012 and April 2013 in Melbourne.
“Making It Home”
Homelessness Australia’s 7th National Homelessness Conference

Our 7th National Homeless Conference was held this year in Melbourne from the 5th-7th September. The Melbourne Exhibition and Conference Centre was the backdrop for three days of discussion, debates, idea sharing and hands on approaches for people in the working in the homelessness and housing sector. It also gave an opportunity to gauge the sector’s progress towards achieving the national objective of halving homelessness by 2020.

Nearly 800 delegates from a large cross-section of homelessness services, Federal and State Government, academics, allied health professionals and individuals who were, or had, experienced homelessness attended the conference.

The conference was opened by Minister for Homelessness Brendan O’Connor MP who reiterated the Federal governments commitment to halving homelessness by 2020.

Our three international Key note speakers Nan Roman, Mark McGreevy and Alison Cunningham shared their experiences from an international perspective.

Nan talked about the emerging strategies in ending homelessness including housing first, critical time intervention, progressive engagement, coordinated assessment and entry and permanent supportive housing, while Mark McGreevy from Depaul International (UK) spoke to delegates about how homeless charities can stay close to the mission as well as the top 10 issues facing homelessness agencies today.

Alison Cunningham from the Centre for Children and Families in the Justice System (Canada) spoke of her work with first nations families in Canada as well as why women access shelters and the questions we need to ask ourselves when working in shelters.

In addition to the key note speakers delegates were able to choose presentations to attend from various streams including, children, youth, domestic violence, practice issues, sector issues, research, CALD, Rights and legal, indigenous, consumer stories, older Australians, health and wellbeing and housing models.

Two state of play panel sessions – one with state governments representatives and the other with homeless organisations gave – gave updates on the national implementation plans. While it was disappointing that the government panel ran out of time for questions, the peak organisations gave some honest insight and comments of their work “on the ground.”

Mr Adam Bandt MP and Senator Marise Payne also sat on a panel session which gave people the opportunity to ask questions on their parties policies on homelessness and housing.

Thank you to everyone who attended the conference, delivered a presentation, participated by chairing sessions or taking part in a panel session. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors – without their assistance the conference would not be possible.

- Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
- NSW Government Department of Family and Community Services (Housing NSW)
- State Government Victoria
- Telstra
- ACT Government Community Services
- Shelter Tasmania
- Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
- AHURI

Finally, a big thank you to our conference coordinators InSync events who were responsible for pulling the whole thing together.

We look forward to seeing everyone back at our 2014 conference.
Homelessness Australia had over 350 members in 2012-13 who help to provide strong advocacy and policy work.

Members of HA are provided with a range of benefits including

- Members only publications
- Discounted events and exclusive invitations
- Opportunities to contribute to submissions, briefings and research

HA continues to engage members and non members through social media channels such as Facebook, Twitter and Pinterest, giving more opportunities to provide feedback, lobbying and ideas.

Members’ survey

To help HA to improve their services to members an annual membership survey is held at the start of each calendar year. This enables members to give feedback on what they think of membership as well as the issues they faced during the year.

The annual survey is sent out to all HA members in January in both paper and electronic format. The survey allows HA to get a snapshot of the locations and service types of members, as well as their responses to publications and their awareness of HA services. Responses are evaluated, discussed and where possible, implemented to ensure HA is providing the best possible service to their members.

Publications

HA Advocacy - a monthly e-news summary of what HA has been doing and what it has achieved. Includes links to new information and resources, providing a forum for members’ feedback and discussion, reminders of special events and any other news that is relevant to the sector.

HA News - a quarterly newsletter send out to HA members and contributors. It is sent electronically, with an edition being printed in September for Homeless Persons’ Week. HA News contains reports and articles from our chairperson and CEO, key sector topics, opinion and research pieces and promotion of our members, events and important dates.

Inform - a weekly e-bulletin which provides a summary of sector related material such as:

- Local, state/territory, national and international news
- New research papers, statistics and resources
- Upcoming campaigns
- Upcoming events
- Important dates

Inform remains a popular resource with frequent requests from organisations to have their information included.

In early 2013 as a result of feedback from the members survey HA consolidated Advocacy and HA News into one publication. HAppenings gives an update on what HA has done in the month as well as relevant articles and events. It is emailed out and available online to members.
The 2012 campaign theme was developed to give HA strategic direction when raising awareness and exploring issues relating to homelessness. The 2012 campaign was HOMING IN on the real issues of homelessness, which explained that to understand why we become homeless we need to see how we become homeless. HA identified 15 key areas which can be contributing factors to a person being homeless, or at risk of homelessness. Leading on from this campaign, the 7th National Homelessness Conference title was “Making It Home’ the real issues in homelessness.”

In 2013 the campaign theme was The Hidden Homeless, which looked at four groups of people who are hidden when it comes to experiencing, or being at risk of, homelessness – women and children escaping domestic and family violence, people ‘couch surfing’, households in housing stress and Indigenous Australians.
National Homeless Persons’ Week

Homelessness Australia produces and coordinates Homeless Persons’ Week (HPW) national each year with the aim of raising awareness of homelessness. The theme of HPW from the 2012 campaign HOMING IN on the real issues of homelessness.

HPW 2012 was launched in Melbourne by acting Minister for Homelessness Julie Collins MP, at Ladder Hoddle Street on the 7th of August, attended by over 80 invitees from various homelessness organisations and government departments.

Once again Homelessness Australia produced resources to support homelessness persons week with over 50 organisations requesting resources including information sheets, posters, USB wristbands and balloons. Feedback indicated that the resources were well received and helped organisations to promote their events. Homelessness Australia also advertised events being held around Australia (over 80 known events) which resulted in both national and regional media interest.
Centre left: CafeSmart encourages coffee drinkers to ‘drink smart’ during HPW
Others; The diverse range of events held during HPW
Media and contributions

Homelessness Australia conducted a number of media interviews and contributed to a number of articles over 2012-13 including:

- Regular articles and contributions to Parity
- Article for Sustainability Matters – Capital Hill Newsletter
- Article for the Australian Jewish News
- Article for The Drum
- Interviews with The World Today and 2CC on older people and homelessness
- Interviews and story on The Project (TV) for Homeless Persons’ Week
- Interview and story on Sky News
- Interviews and news grabs with 5MU, Fox and MMM for International Women’s Day
- Interview with 2UE around homelessness at Christmas
- Interviews with 2UE, Fox, MMM and 2UE on the SHS data release
- Interviews with ABC, 2UE, 6PR and 2GB on the ABS Census data release
- Interview and story on WIN News on the Census figures
- Interview with BayFM for Youth Homelessness Matters Day
- Interview with SBS radio around homelessness and squatting
- Interview with ABC News on the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness

Website and social media

Homelessness Australia continues to use various means to electronic media for communication and information sharing. This is done through:

The HA website – www.Homelessnessaustralia.org.au
Facebook – HomelessnessAustralia
LinkedIn – HomelessnessAustralia
Twitter - @homelessnessaus
Email – info@homelessnessaustralia.org.au
In early 2013 we launched our new re-vamped website which provides more information to not only people at risk of, or experiencing homelessness, but to those looking for information on homelessness and those working in the homelessness sector. Our new website is much easier to navigate which is essential for society’s use of computers, tablets and smartphones.

In 2012 HA created a Pinterest account which is a social media site which works as an “online pinboard” allowing users to share and ‘pin’ pictures and images. We are using Pinterest to compliment our campaign’s with images and infographics.

**Media**

HA provides media releases both proactively and in response to sector news, publications, events, formal days and weeks and in partnerships with networks. In 2012-13 we distributed the following media releases:

- Response to the Greens homelessness policy release
- Response to the COAG Reform Council report on homelessness
- People experiencing homelessness in QLD, NT and WA the ones to lose out
- More homelessness funding welcome - Budget 2013-14
- Youth Homelessness Matters Day
- $320m One year interim agreement reached for NPAH
- States urged to match Federal Government funding
- Federal Government announces $159 million for homelessness services
- International Women’s Day 2013
- Reconnect re-funding announcement
- Quick Cabinet approval the key to homelessness solution
- Census data shows homelessness on the rise
- MYEFO and Homelessness Funding
- QLD Tenancy Advice and Advocacy Restoration
- HA Response to ABS review of homelessness estimates
- Urgent Action Needed to Avoid Missing Target
- Homeless Persons’ Week 2012
- The Australian Government reported a 62% increase in tenanted homes
- HA response to AIHW Specialist Homelessness Services Collection
Narelle Clay, AM
Chairperson

Narelle Clay is the Chief Executive Officer of Southern Youth and Family Services which provides services in the Illawarra, Shoalhaven, South West Sydney and Southern Tablelands areas of NSW.

Narelle Clay was elected by the Homelessness Australia Board as the Chairperson in Alice Springs, on 21st May 2009.

Narelle has been active in the community sector and particularly in the area of homelessness for twenty-five years and is well known in her field and more broadly for her activism and commitment to seeking social justice, and her endless energy to challenge but also work with Government to make changes. Narelle’s Member to the Order of Australia Award (AM) is for “Distinguished service to the community through social justice advocacy and the provision of accommodation, housing and support for homeless people especially young people.”

Narelle is currently a Member of the Prime Minister’s Council on Homelessness, a Member of the National Advisory Group Better Futures Local Solutions, a Member of the NSW Homelessness Alliance, a Member of the National Data Users’ Advisory Group, a Member of the NSW FACS Homelessness Data Advisory Group, and a Member of the Southern Region’s Area Managers Group as well as various other Commonwealth, State and Local Government Advisory processes.

She has been a teacher with TAFE for twenty four years in various courses related to human services and a trainer specialising in areas of advocacy, community management, policy development, industrial relations and field placement. She is the President of the Australian Services Union (ASU) NSW and ACT Branches and President of the Australian Services Union NSW, Social and Community Services Branch.

Narelle was the first Independent Chairperson of the Australian Federation of Homelessness Organisations (AFHO now Homelessness Australia) from 2002-2006, the previous Chairperson of the National Youth Coalition of Housing (NYCH) and the Youth Accommodation Association (YAA now YFoundations) of NSW. Narelle was a Commissioner for the National Youth Commission and served on the Independent National Inquiry into Youth Homelessness in 2007 and 2008. Previously she was a Member or involved with a number of other advisory structures such as the NSW Award Negotiating Committee, the NSW Ministerial Advisory Council on Homelessness, the Association of Child Welfare Board (ACWA), the Youth Accommodation Association (YAA now Yfoundations) of NSW, the Commonwealth Advisory Committee on Homelessness (CACH), the Prime Minister’s Task Force, the Data Research Advisory Committee (DRAC), Housing (MACHA), the National JPET Advisory Group, the FaHCSIA Youth Programs Critical Friends Committee and the Independent on the Catholic Ethics and Standards Committee, Southern NSW.

She is best known to most as people as strong, passionate and committed.
Liz Fritz

Liz is the Director for the Blair Athol Accommodation and Support Programme suite of services on the Queensland Gold Coast and has been in that role for 22 years. Liz has worked with people experiencing homelessness for over 25 years and has extensive experience in service delivery and project development to people who are homeless or experiencing housing stress. This work ranges across early intervention, outreach work, crisis accommodation and supportive housing initiatives. Liz is a member of a number of Queensland state and regional networks and forums in both the community sector and government. Liz is representing CHPA on the Homelessness Australia Board and is currently fulfilling the role of Treasurer.

Michael Coffey

Representing NYCH on the Homelessness Australia Board, Michael is the CEO of the YFoundations, the youth homelessness peak for NSW. Michael has been working in policy and advocacy for young people experiencing or at risk of homelessness for nearly twenty five years. He has also worked for the Australia Services Union, Shelter NSW and as a lecturer in public policy and adult education at UTS and Macquarie University.

Julie Oberin

Julie is the CEO of Annie North Women’s Refuge and Domestic Violence service in regional Victoria and has worked in the domestic and family violence sector for more than 22 years. She is an experienced practitioner both working with women and children who have experienced violence, and also with men who have used violence against family members. Julie is the Regional Chair of the Loddon Campaspe Family Violence Advisory Committee and Rural Chair representative on the Victorian Statewide Family Violence Advisory Group. She is a founding member and current national Executive Board member of Homelessness Australia. She is the National Chair of WESNET (Women’s Services Network) having come to that as the Victorian representative. She is a member of the interim Board of the Global Network of Women’s Shelters and is National Chair of the Australian Women Against Violence Alliance. Julie has published, delivered conference papers nationally and internationally on domestic and family violence, gender-based violence against women, primary prevention of violence against women, and women's homelessness across Australia. Julie is a Commonwealth Ministerial appointee on the National Plan Implementation Panel to reduce violence against women and their children.
Board members

Emma Robertson

Emma represents NYCH on the Homelessness Australia Board. Emma is the director of the Youth Coalition of the ACT, the peak body for youth affairs in Canberra, representing the interests and rights of people aged between 12 and 25 years and those who work with them. Emma has worked in the community youth sector for many years now, both in nation and local roles, with a commitment to advocacy both at an individual and systemic level for young people, in particular relating to challenges they may face relating to homelessness, mental health, alcohol and other drugs, justice, access and equity. Emma currently is also a member of the board of the Institute of Child Protection Studies and sits on a number of ACT Government bodies.

Rhonda Gregory

Rhonda has been employed in various roles within The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory since the early 1980’s. Her career in homelessness commenced in Newcastle in a Domestic Violence Refuge and then a homeless men’s hostel. In 1990 she with her family, moved from the Hunter Valley to Campbelltown, to take a position as ‘House Mother’ in a Family Group Home, caring for children who had been removed from unsafe family environments. In 1994 she undertook the development and management of a purpose built, Crisis Accommodation Service in Campbelltown, living on site for seven years. In 2001 she commenced as the Consultant, Homelessness and Social Support Programs at the Territorial Headquarters, Sydney and in 2013 was appointed as the Homelessness Services Network Director, Sydney East & Illawarra Division. Rhonda commenced part-time study in 2001 and graduated with a Bachelor of Theology (B.th) in 2012. In addition to her appointment to the board of Homelessness Australia and the Council to Homeless Persons Australia (CHPA), Rhonda currently serves on the boards of The Salvation Army Community Housing Services (Salvo’s Housing) and is the current Chairperson of Homelessness NSW.

Margaret Augerinos

Margaret Augerinos is currently the CEO of the Centre for Non-Violence Inc., (located in Bendigo, Victoria) which provides support to women and children experiencing domestic and family violence, housing support to young women who are pregnant and/or parenting, an alcohol and drug supported accommodation program, programs for men who use violence towards family members and violence prevention programs. The Centre for Non-Violence is also the auspice agency of the Loddon Mallee Accommodation Network, a regional housing and homelessness network. Margaret has over 25 years experience in the community sector and has worked in community health, community legal services and advocacy organisations. Margaret’s professional interests are in working towards gender equality and social justice outcomes.
Belinda Jones

Belinda Jones is the State Manager of Anglicare Tasmania’s Housing & Homeless Services which provides a range of support and assistance through 19 programs including: crisis accommodation & support for people who are homeless; bond & rent assistance for people on low incomes; supported long term communal housing; long term support & case management and transitional housing. Belinda is also Vice Chairperson of Shelter Tasmania which is the State’s Peak Body for Housing & Homelessness Services and the Tasmanian representative and Secretary for CHPA. Belinda has been working in the homelessness sector for over 18 years and is committed to social justice principles, believing that safe, stable, affordable and appropriate housing is a basic human right.

Joanna Siejka

Joanna is the Chief Executive Officer of The Youth Network of Tasmania (YNOT), the peak youth body for the non government youth sector in Tasmania. YNOT has input into and responds to policy direction, advocates for the youth sector and lobbies for the needs and initiatives of young people. Integral to the work of YNOT is the youth participation structure, known as the Tasmanian Youth Forum (TYF), which is Tasmania’s peak youth consultative and participatory body. Joanna has worked within the community sector for some years now and is passionate about social justice issues. She is particularly interested in ensuring that the needs of young people are met and their voices heard, and have specific interests in the areas of disability, homelessness, mental health and juvenile justice. Joanna is also on the homelessness, mental health and juvenile justice. Joanna is also on the Australian Youth Affairs Coalition Board.

Brett Paradise

Brett Paradise is the Treasurer of National Youth Coalition for Housing (NYCH) and representative to the HA Board. He is Co-President and Early Intervention Specialist for Yfoundations the NSW peak working towards a future without youth homelessness. He is employed as the Manager of Delivery and Client Services at the Northern Rivers Social Development Council in the North East of NSW. In this role he manages a Reconnect and two Homelessness Action Plan Programs, focusing on early intervention with young people at risk of homelessness including those leaving care or engaged with the Juvenile Justice system.
Pauline Woodbridge

Pauline has been the Coordinator of the North Queensland Domestic Violence Service in Townsville since 1994. She also became involved with WESNET in the same year which was at the beginning of this group becoming the National peak body for women’s domestic and family violence services across Australia. In 2011, Pauline was a member for the National Council to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children. Over the last 29 years, she has played an active role in State and local community networks and has long advocated for women’s services to become involved with men’s perpetrator behavior change programs. Pauline has had past and present connections with Homelessness Australia, both as a WESNET council member and as a current member of the Homelessness Australia Board.

Jacinta Atkins

Jacinta represents WESNET on the Homelessness Board. Jacinta is the Coordinator of Centacare’s Transitional Support Service in Tasmania, a service that works with Women and Children in Emergency Accommodation, and those that have been affected by Domestic and Family Violence. Jacinta has worked in the women’s sector for 12 years and represents WESP (Womens Service Providers, Tasmania), the Peak Body for women’s services, on WESNET, she is also a member of the Advisory committee for the Australian Women against Violence Alliance.

Jenny Smith

Jenny is the CEO of the Council to Homeless Persons (CHP) which is Victoria’s peak for the specialist homelessness services sector. In addition to policy advocacy and sector capacity building, CHP produces Parity, the national homelessness magazine and provides an advocacy service for consumers and the Peer Education Support Program (PESP) which prepares and supports consumers to advocate effectively. Prior to joining CHP, Jenny has had well over 20 years of leadership and management experience at policy, management and service delivery levels, in health, mental health, community health, and within government. Jenny is representing CHPA on the HA Board and is currently fulfilling the role of Secretary.
Lynne Evans

Lynne has a background in community nursing with a business management focus and with a strong belief in prevention and early intervention. She remains involved in aspects of community health to assist in bringing better health outcomes for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness. Lynne was the CEO of St Bartholomew’s House in Western Australia from 1999 to 2012, fulfilling her dream of completing the innovative 148 bed Lime Street accommodation project including crisis, transitional and residential aged care for homeless people. As CEO she facilitated improvements in homeless service delivery and expanded St Bart’s to a position where it is recognised as a leading service provider for homelessness in Western Australia, especially in aged care. Lynne’s focus is on good governance and strong program management. She is committed to ensuring the non-government service sector is recognised for its contribution to reducing homelessness and she continues to work with people and organisations in continuous improvement processes across the whole spectrum of organisational development. Lynne has been chair of a number of community organisations and maintains her passion of preventing homelessness especially in the aged and those with mental illness.

Lindy Edwards

Lindy has worked in Women’s Services, in the area of Domestic Violence, for 29 years, the last 16 of these as Co-ordinator of Sera’s Women’s Shelter in Townsville. Lindy is currently the secretariat for the NQ Women’s Services Network, as part of the Queensland Women’s services peak. She is the Queensland representative on the National WESNET council. Lindy is committed to providing support to other domestic violence and homelessness services in the Townsville region, through involvement on other organisations’ Management Committees.
Homelessness Australia staff 2012-13

Nicole Lawder
Chief Executive Officer

Nicole joined Homelessness Australia in 2010. She has worked in a range of private public and third sector organisations, ranging from tax, workplace relations and defence to medicare and a NASA space tracking station.

Travis Gilbert
Policy and Research Officer

Travis was the Policy and Research officer at Homelessness Australia until May 2013 and conducted and analysed research on homelessness and generated policy documents for Homelessness Australia. He represented HA at a range of conferences and forums on homelessness and related issues.

Jennifer Clarke
Policy and Research Officer

Jennifer joined the Homelessness Australia team in May 2013. Jennifer has a legal background, and has worked in academia, government and indigenous organisations.

Belinda Semmler
Office Manager

Belinda joined Homelessness Australia in 2007. She is the office manager and her key responsibilities are in finance, HR, IT and running an efficient workplace for all staff.
Catherine Adcock  
**Communications and Membership Officer**

Catherine began the Communications, media and membership role in July 2012 and is responsible for managing communication across a board range of sources including media, publications, social media and membership.

Michael Wren  
**Administrative Assistance**

Michael joined the HA team as a casual employee from August until November 2012. He helps out all of the staff in whatever is needed, including membership mailouts, office management and answering all manner of queries.
Members 2012-2013

ACT
Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Australia (ATODA)
Anglicare Australia
Beryl Women's Refuge
Canberra Youth Refuge
Doris Women's Refuge
Havelock Housing Association
Individual Member
Lifeline Australia
St Vincent de Paul Society
Tenants Union ACT
Toora Women Inc
Welfare Rights and Legal Centre
Woden Community Services Inc
Youth Coalition of the ACT
YWCA of Australia
YWCA of Canberra

NSW
Albury Supported Accommodation Service Inc
Amelie House Women's Refuge
Architects Edmiston
Ballina District Community Services Association
Barnados Australia
Bettrys Place
Blue Gum Inc
Blue Mountains Youth Accommodation and Support Service Inc
Bonnie Women's Refuge
Broken Hill Yass Inc
Byron Bay Youth House
Carries Place Inc
Catholic Community Services
Central Coast Community Legal Centre
Central Coast Emergency Accommodation
Child, Adolescent and Family Services (CAFS)
Community Legal Centres NSW Inc
Drug and Alcohol Women's Network
Dubbo Emergency Accommodation Project
Dubbo Women's Housing Programme
Erskinevilla Youth Housing Inc
Essie Women's Refuge
Freeman House
Fusion Accommodation and Support Service
Gunyah Women's Housing
Hastings Women and Children's Refuge
Homelessness NSW/ACT
Illawarra Youth Housing
Immigrant Women's Speakout Association
Jetty Bunker Youth Service
Joan Harrison Support Services for Women
Katakudu Women's Housing
Kempsey Women's Refuge
Lithgow Community Projects Inc
Liverpool Youth Accommodation Assistance
Lotus House
Matthew Talbot Hostel
Mission Australia - Head Office
Mission Australia - Western Sydney Support Homelessness Services
Moree Family Support
Moruya Women and Children's Service
Moruya Youth Refuge - Campbell Page
Murrane Women's Housing
Muswellbrook Women's and Children's Refuge
Narrabri Family Crisis Centre
Nepean Youth Accommodation Service
Ngala House - Moree Women's Refuge
North QLD Combined Women's Services
North Sydney Youth Support Service
Northern Rivers Women & Children's Services Inc (NORWACS)
Nova Women's Accommodation and Support Inc
NSW Federation of Housing Associations
NSW Women's Refuge Movement
Pam's Place Crisis Accommodation Resource & Referral Service
Parramatta Mission
Pathfinders Ltd
Public Interest Advocacy Centre (PIAC)
Quamby House
Raymond Terrace Neighbourhood Centre
Regional Youth Support Services Inc
Samaritan House
Shire Wide Youth Services
Shoalhaven Youth Accommodation
Sisters Housing Enterprises Inc
South West Women's Housing
Southern Riverina Youth Support Services
Southern Youth and Family Services
St Vincent de Paul - Goulburn Hostel
St Vincent de Paul - Marian Centre
St Vincent de Paul House
St Vincent de Paul Society - McCosker House
Stepping Out Housing Programme
Sue Warth Consulting
Taldumande Youth Services
Tamworth Homeless Men's Support Group
The Burdekin Association
The Crossing
The Haymarket Foundation
The Mercy Foundation
The Station
Toukley Women's Refuge
Tumut Regional Family Services Inc.
Uniting Care - Burnside (Youth Services Team)
Upper Hunter Community Services
Wesley Mission - Supported Accommodation
Western Housing for Youth
Wimlah Women and Children's Refuge Outreach Service
Wollongong Emergency Family Housing
Wollongong Women's Housing
Women Up North Housing
Women's & Girls Emergency Centre
Yacaaba Centre
Young People Space MNC

Brisbane Youth Service
Career Keys
Centacare - Fraser Coast
Chameleon Regional Community Housing
Chisholm Inc
Community Accommodation Support Agency (CASA) Inc
Community Act Inc
D & R Community Services Pty Ltd
Edon Place Women's Domestic Violence Service
Emergency Long-term Accommodation Moranbah
Family Emergency Accommodation Townsville (FEAT)
Footprints in Brisbane Inc
Fraser Coast Housing Services Inc
Gateway Community Group
Gold Coast Project for Homeless Youth
Gold Coast Youth Service
Inala Family and Accommodation Support Service
Inala Family and Accommodation Support Service
Laidley Crisis Care and Accommodation
Lions Emergency Accommodation Centre
Macleod Accommodation Support Service
Mareeba Community Housing
Maybanke Assoc Inc
Micah Projects Inc
Mission Australia - Roma House
North QLD Domestic Violence Resource Service
Ozcare
Queensland Shelter
Rockhampton Women's Shelter
Roseberry Community Services
Roseberry Community Services
Rosie's Youth Mission
Salvation Army - Toowoomba Crisis Accommodation
Sera's Women's Shelter Inc
Sharehouse Youth Accommodation Programme
Shelter Housing Action Cairns
Silky Oaks Children's Haven
South Burnett CTC Inc
Sunny Kids
Tenants Union of QLD
Tenants Union QLD Inc, North QLD Office
United Synergies Ltd
Wesley Mission Brisbane
Women's Centre Cairns
Youth Emergency Services (YES)
Youth Empowered Towards Independence (YETI)

NT
Darwin Community Legal Service
Alice Springs Women's Shelter
Crisis Accommodation Gove
Dawn House Women's Shelter
NT Shelter
Somerville Community Services
Tennant Creek Women's Refuge
YWCA of Darwin

QLD
139 Club
Anglicare - Central QLD
Anglicare North Queensland Limited
Bahloo Women's Youth Shelter
Banana Shire Emergency Accommodation and Support Centre
Beenleigh District Community Development Association
Blair Athol Accommodation and Support
Booval Community Service Inc

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Members 2012-2013

SA
Anglican Community Care - SE Region
Baptist Care - South Australia
Calvary Lutheran Family Support
Catherine House
Centacare
Centacare - Catholic Family Services
Central Domestic Violence Service
Homelessness SA
Hutt Street Centre
Junction Australia
Migrant Women’s Support Accommodation Service
Mind Australia
Mission Australia - National Office
Salvation Army - SA Divisional Headquarters
Southern Domestic Violence Service
St John’s Youth Services
The Women’s Housing Association Inc
Uniting Care - Wesley Country SA Inc
Uniting Care Wesley Port Adelaide
Unity Housing Company Ltd
West Coast Youth and Community Support Inc
Zonta House

VIC
Annie North Inc
Australian Red Cross
Bethany Community Support Inc
Bethlehem Community Inc
Council to Homeless Persons (CHP)
Domestic Violence Victoria (DV VIC)
Eastern Domestic Violence Service Inc
Family Access Network Inc
Good Samaritan Inn
Haven
Hope Street Youth and Family Services
Hope Street Youth and Family Services
Kids Under Cover
Ladder
Latitude - Directions for Young People Inc
Loddon Mallee Homelessness Network
Mallee Accommodation and Support Programme (MASP)
Margaret Tucker Hostel For Girls
Meals @ the Bridge - Lifeline Inc
Melton Supported Accommodation Service
PACT Community Support
PILCH - Homeless Persons’ Legal Clinic
Rural Housing Network
Sacred Heart Mission St Kilda
Safe Futures Inc
Salvation Army - Adult Services
Salvation Army - GippsCare
Salvation Army - Horsham Family Service
Salvation Army - Karinya
Salvation Army - The Open Door
South Port Community Housing Group
St Kilda Youth Service
St Luke’s Anglicare
The Bridge Youth Service
Uniting Care - Ballarat Parish Mission
Uniting Care - Harrison Community Services
Uniting Care - Werribee Support & Housing Group
VincentCare-Victoria
Wesley Mission - Victoria
Windermere Child and Family Services
Wombat Housing and Support Services
Wombat Housing and Support Services
Womens Info Support and Housing in the North
Workways Association Incorporated

Youth Housing Project Association
Youthcare Hervey Bay
Youthcare Pine Rivers
Youthlink
Zig Zag Young Women’s Resource Centre Inc
### WA

Albany Youth Support Association  
Alliance Housing  
Anglicare WA  
Burdekin Youth in Action  
Calvary Youth Services Mandurah  
Centrecare Inc  
Chrysalis Support Services  
Community Housing Coalition of WA (CHCWA)  
Erica Johns  
Esperance Crisis Accommodation Service  
Goldfields Women’s Refuge (Finlayson House)  
In Town Centre  
Marnin Bowa Dumbara  
Marnja Jarndu Women’s Refuge  
Mercy Youth Services  
Mobile GP  
Multicultural Services Centre of WA  
Pat Giles Centre  
Perth Asian Community Centre Inc  
Pilbara Community Legal Service  
RUAAH Community Services  
Salvation Army - Crossroads West  
Samantha Bonner  
Senator Scott Ludlam  
St Bartholomew’s House Inc  
Street Doctor - Perth Central and East Metro Medicare  
Local  
Swan Emergency Accommodation  
Victoria Park Youth Accommodation  
Waratah Support Centre SW Inc.  
WestAus Crisis and Welfare Services  
Women’s Council for Domestic & Family Violence  
Youth Futures  
Youth Network Of Tasmania
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30 JUNE 2013
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COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Your committee members submit the financial report of the Homelessness Australia Incorporated for the financial year ended 30 June 2013.

Committee Members

The names of committee members throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

Narelle Clay         Lynne Evans
Michael Coffey       Joanna Siejka
Julie Oberin         Belinda Jones
Elizabeth Fritz      Margaret Augerinos
Rhonda Gregory      Brett Paradise
Pauline Woodbridge   Jacinta Atkins
Emma Robertson      Jenny Smith

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were to proactively research, develop and promote national policy and action to reduce homelessness and its impact on the diverse range of people it affects.

Significant Changes

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

Operating Result

The profit reported during the financial year amounted to $187,369.68

Adoption of Australian Equivalents to IFRS

As a result of the introduction of Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (AIFRS) the association's financial report has been prepared in accordance with those Standards

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee.

Committee Member: Narelle Clay
Committee Member: Liz Fritz

Dated this day of 2013
## INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

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The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements. These statements should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report of [Bonsella Business Solutions](#).
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#### INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

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### BALANCE SHEET
**AS AT 30 JUNE 2013**

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1 Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 1991. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 1991 and the following Australian Accounting Standards:

AASS 110: Events after the Balance Sheet Date
AASS 116: Property, Plant and Equipment
AASS 1031: Materiality

No other applicable Accounting Standards, Australian Accounting Interpretations or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following material accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report:

Property, Plant and Equipment (PPE)

Leasehold improvements and office equipment are carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

The depreciable amount of all PPE is depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

Leasehold improvements are amortised over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

Depreciation

The depreciation method and useful life used for items of property, plant and equipment (excluding freehold land) reflects the pattern in which their future economic benefits are expected to be consumed by the association. Depreciation commences from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements. The depreciation method and useful life of assets is reviewed annually to ensure they are still appropriate.

These notes should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report of.
Leases

Leases of fixed assets, where substantially all the risks and benefits incidental to the ownership of the asset (but not the legal ownership) are transferred to the association, are classified as finance leases.

Finance leases are capitalised by recognising an asset and a liability at the lower of the amounts equal to the fair value of the leased property or the present value of the minimum lease payments, including any guaranteed residual values. Lease payments are allocated between the reduction of the lease liability and the lease interest expense for the period.

Leased assets are depreciated over their estimated useful lives where it is likely that the association will obtain ownership of the asset or over the lease term.

Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are recognised as expenses in the periods in which they are incurred.

Lease incentives under operating leases are recognised as a liability and amortised over the life of the lease term.

Impairment of Assets

At the end of each reporting period, the association assesses whether there is any indication that an asset may be impaired. The assessment will consider both external and internal sources of information. If such an indication exists, an impairment test is carried out on the asset by comparing the recoverable amount of that asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and its value-in-use, to the asset's carrying amount. Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is immediately recognised in profit or loss.

Accounts Receivable and Other Receivables

Accounts receivable are recognised initially at the transaction price (i.e. cost) and are subsequently measured at cost less provision for impairment. Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

At the end of each reporting period, the carrying amount of accounts receivable and other receivables are reviewed to determine whether there is any objective evidence that the amounts are not recoverable. If so, an impairment loss is recognised immediately in income and expenditure statement.
Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the association has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at-call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities on the balance sheet.

Revenue and Other Income

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed. For this purpose, deferred consideration is not discounted to present values when recognising revenue.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest rate method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument.

Revenue recognition relating to the provision of services is determined with reference to the stage of completion of the transaction at the end of the reporting period and where outcome of the contract can be estimated reliably. Stage of completion is determined with reference to the services performed to date as a percentage of total anticipated services to be performed. Where the outcome cannot be estimated reliably, revenue is recognised only to the extent that related expenditure is recoverable.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

Accounts Payable and Other Payables

Accounts payable and other payables represent the liabilities at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the association that remain unpaid.

Accounts payable are recognised at their transaction price. Accounts payable are obligations on the basis of normal credit terms.
Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office (ATO).

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the balance sheet.
### Cash and Cash Equivalents

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<td><strong>1,013,073.06</strong></td>
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Cash and cash equivalents:

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### Property, Plant and Equipment

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## Retained Earnings

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<td>663,377.40</td>
<td>759,767.98</td>
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<td>Net profit (Net loss) attributable to the association</td>
<td>187,369.68</td>
<td>(96,380.58)</td>
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<td>Retained earnings at the end of the financial year</td>
<td>850,747.08</td>
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HOMELESSNESS AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED
A.B.N. 38 006 376 407

STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the committee the financial report as set out on pages 1 to 11:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Homelessness Australia Incorporated as at 30 June 2013 and its performance for the year ended on that date.

2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Homelessness Australia Incorporated will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:

President: Narelle Clay

Treasurer: Liz Fritz

Dated this day of 2013
COMPILATION REPORT
TO HOMELESSNESS AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED
A.B.N. 38 006 376 407

We have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements of Homelessness Australia Incorporated which comprise the balance sheet as at 30 June 2013, profit and loss statement for the year then ended, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

The specific purpose for which the special purpose financial statements have been prepared is to provide financial information to the committee of management.

The responsibility of the committee of management

The Committee of Management is solely responsible for the information contained in the special purpose financial statements and has determined that the basis of accounting adopted is appropriate to meet the needs of the committee of management for the purpose of complying with the association's constitution.

Our responsibility

On the basis of information provided by the committee of management we have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements in accordance with the significant accounting policies adopted as set out in Note 1 to the financial statements and APES 315: Compilation of Financial Information.

Our procedures use accounting expertise to collect, classify and summarise the financial information, which the Committee of Management provided, in compiling the financial statements. Our procedures do not include verification or validation of procedures. No audit or review has been performed and accordingly no assurance is expressed.

The special purpose financial statements were compiled exclusively for the benefit of the committee of management. We do not accept responsibility to any other person for the contents of the special purpose financial statements.

Name of Director:

Bernard Hardy

Address: Level 1 Ethos House, 28 Ainslie Place CANBERRA ACT 2601

Dated this 13th day of September 2013
HOMELESSNESS AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED
A.B.N. 38 006 376 407

CERTIFICATE BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

I, Narelle Clay of Southern Youth & Family Services, PO Box 23 WOLLONGONG NSW 2520 and I, Liz Fritz of Blair Athol Accommodation & Support Program, 93 Golden Four Drive BILLINGA QLD 4225 certify that:

(a) We are members of the committee of Homelessness Australia Incorporated.

(b) We will attend the annual general meeting of the association to be held on 18th day of November 2013.

(c) We are authorised by the committee to sign this certificate.

(d) This annual statement will be submitted to the members of the association at its annual general meeting.

Committee Member: ____________________________
Narelle Clay

Committee Member: ____________________________
Liz Fritz

Dated this _______ day of ___________ 2013
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF HOMELESSNESS AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED
A.B.N. 38 006 376 407


I have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Homelessness Australia Incorporated (the association), which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2013, and the income and expenditure statement, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory information and the statement by members of the committee.

Committee’s Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee of Homelessness Australia Incorporated is responsible for the preparation of the financial report, and has determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act ACT 1991 and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee’s responsibility also includes such internal control as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor’s Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on my audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, as described in Note 1, are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. I conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that I comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor’s judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity’s preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity’s internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF HOMELESSNESS AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED
A.B.N. 38 006 376 407

Auditor's Opinion

In my opinion, the financial report of Homelessness Australia Incorporated presents fairly, in all material respects the financial position of Homelessness Australia Incorporated as of 30 June 2013 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, and the Associations Incorporation Act ACT 1991.

Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution

Without modifying my opinion, I draw attention to Note 1 of the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist the association to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act ACT 1991. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

Signed by Auditor

Mr Stephen Bray

Address: 78 Hurley Street MAWSON ACT 2607

Dated this 6th day of September 2013
AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION
UNDER SECTION 307C OF THE CORPORATIONS ACT 2001
TO THE DIRECTOR OF
HOMELESSNESS AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED

I declare, that to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2013 there have been:

(i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the audit; and

(ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Name of Auditor: Mr Stephen Bray

Address: 78 Hurley Street MAWSON ACT 2607

Dated this 6th day of September 2013
There are 105,237 reasons to care about homelessness.

State and Territory distribution of people experiencing homelessness on Census night (rate per 10,000)

Number of people

105,237

Width of slice represents state’s proportion of national population

Area of slice represents number of homeless persons in the state

NSW 40.8
VIC 42.6
WA 42.8
SA 37.5
TAS 31.9
QLD 48.5
NT 730.7
ACT 50.0

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