Draft Program – Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14 August 2024

Day 1 – Tuesday 13 August 2024

Time	Session
7.30 – 8.45	**Registration open**
9:00 – 9.30	**Welcome to Conference** • Opening by Dr Michael Fotheringham, AHURI • Welcome to Country by Aunty Rosalind Coleman
9.35 – 10.30	**Plenary 1: Echoes across the Pacific – in conversation with Jemine Bryon** In this wide-ranging interview with AHURI Managing Director Michael Fotheringham, Jemine Bryon, Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Special Needs at the US Housing and Urban Development department (HUD) will discuss a variety of themes with familiar echoes across our conference program. **Presenter:** Jemine Bryon, US Housing and Urban Development department (HUD) **Facilitator**: Dr Michael Fotheringham, AHURI Link Wentworth Providing homes, building futures.
10.30 – 11.00	*Morning tea*
11.00 – 12.30	**Major Concurrent sessions**
	MC1: Domestic and family violence Domestic and family violence (DFV) is a key driver of homelessness for women and their children and young people, and numbers are increasing. This session will focus on effective and innovative responses to addressing homelessness for victim survivors of DFV. **Presenters:** • Gail Beck, RUAH • Elsie Blay, RUAH • Shorna Moore, Melbourne City Mission • Conor Pall, Melbourne City Mission • Suzanne Paynter, Safe Steps **Facilitator**: Shari McPhail, WAYSS
	MC2: Providing meaningful responses when there is no housing In the face of a persistent and dire housing crisis, how do services meaningfully support people experiencing homelessness when access to accommodation is severely limited. This session will explore learnings that can be replicated, and failings to avoid. **Presenters:** • Tony Davies, Social Futures • George Hatvani, Launch Housing • Tameka Thompson, Hutt St Centre **Facilitator:** Vicki Sutton, Melbourne City Mission

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11.00 – 12.30	**MC3: Evaluation for impact** The importance of robust assessments of homelessness policies and programs provides evidence to inform better homelessness policy and programs. This session will showcase a range of approaches to evidence the outcomes and impacts of homelessness interventions to understand what works and for whom and how this information can be used to end homelessness. **Presenters**: • Marion Bennett, Mission Australia • Trudi Ray, Haven Home Safe • Karen Hodgkiss, Homes Victoria **Facilitator:** Ruth Ambler, Department Human Services (SA)
12.30 – 1.30	*Lunch*
1.30 – 3.00	**Plenary 2: Closing the gap – priorities and reforms for housing and homelessness** The importance of robust assessments of homelessness policies and programs provides evidence to inform better homelessness policy and programs. This session will showcase a range of approaches to evidence the outcomes and impacts of homelessness interventions to understand what works and for whom and how this information can be used to end homelessness. **Presenters:** • Paul Coe, Birribee Housing • Delwyn Little, Wungening Aboriginal Corporation • Daniel Morrison Bird, Wungening Aboriginal Corporation • Neil Willmett, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Queensland **Facilitator:** Paula Coghill SOCIAL FUTURES Positive Social Change
3.00 – 3.30	*Afternoon tea*
3.30 – 5.00	**Concurrent Sessions**
	C1: Place based collaborations and solutions Place based collaborations are an important mechanism by which to address homelessness and drive reform within the homelessness system. Place based approaches can also be designed to meet the needs of specific cohorts, such as women and children experiencing homelessness and the LGBTQI+ community. This session looks at how organisations and government can work together for best impact. **Presenters:** • Kath Buden, Teremok in association with Shelter NSW • Jenna Nadiotis, Hume Community Housing Association • Orla Matthews, Adelaide North West Homelessness Alliance (UnitingSA) **Facilitator:** Julie Marsh, SA Housing Trust

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3.30 – 5.00	**C2: Shaping services and research with lived experience involvement and peer work** This session will share the lessons learned from involving people who have experienced homelessness in shaping policy and service delivery. It will also discuss the important role of peer workers in shaping policy. **Presenters:** • Claire Doherty, St Vincents Hospital Melbourne • Michelle Debert, Communify Qld • Helen Matthews • Robyn Martin, RMIT University • Matthew Scott, St Vincents Hospital Melbourne **Facilitator:** Dr Sonia Masciantonio SYC
3.30 - 5.00	**C3: Aboriginal led practice** This session highlights the importance of Aboriginal-led homelessness responses. Aboriginal led responses recognise the transformative power of community building and are grounded in cultural learnings to deliver compassionate and culturally safe practices that ensure Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's unique needs are met in a respectful space and manner. **Presenters:** • Maria Anderson, The Salvation Army NT • Pauline Boscato, St Patrick's Community Support • Brett Goring, St Patrick's Community Support • Suzanne Naden, Bungree Aboriginal Association • Amielia (Millie) Wall, Kirrip **Facilitator:** Monique Wiseman, Birribee Housing
	C4: How private rental is being accessed and sustained Programs to transition people from emergency accommodation and refuges often rely on the private rental market. This session considers private rental subsidy and support schemes for people facing insecure housing outcomes but who do have some capacity to support themselves in private rental housing. **Presenters:** • Carley Thomas, Toora Women • Nicole Peterman, Mission Australia **Facilitator:** Raquel Carvajal, Department Communities & Justice

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3.30 – 5.00	**C5: Better homelessness responses for under-served groups** Every day, Australia's homelessness services face the harsh reality of trying to assist people in the context of few if any housing options and highly constrained supports that are appropriate to their situations. This session explores solutions that: support unaccompanied children; assist women to move from incarceration to community living; and help people without residency status in Australia. **Presenters:** • Bam Bunyalak, St Vincent's Health Network • Ceri Harbisher, Catherine House • Erin Longbottom, St Vincent's Health Network • Dr Catherine Robinson, University of Tasmania • Cristy Pamment, Catherine House **Facilitator:** Kate McGarry, Baptist Care SA
	C6: Think Local An increasing number of local governments have been finding their place in homelessness response efforts and advocacy to other levels of government. This panel discussion will consider what exactly can and should local government contribute toward our country's efforts to end homelessness? **Presenters:** • Ilia Houridis, City of Adelaide • Leanne Mitchell, Churchill Fellow • Linda Page, City of Launceston • Naomi Spooner, Moreton Bay Council • Barney Wilson, City of Melbourne **Facilitator:** Emma Greenhalgh, National Shelter
5.00 – 6.30	**Welcome Reception** Exhibition Precinct, Adelaide Convention Centre

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Day two – Wednesday 14 August 2024

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6.30 -8.30	Beyond Banking Networking Breakfast, Adelaide Convention Centre
7.30 – 8.45	**Registration open**
9:00 – 9.15	**Welcome to Day 2**
9.15 – 10.45	**Plenary 3: Working together to end homelessness – away and at home** The phrase 'Ending homelessness' is increasingly used in Australia and has been widely adopted internationally. However, we need clear definitions and a real understanding on how to deliver it. Featuring international perspectives, this session explores how we can create systemic change to make homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring. **Presenters:** • Tim Richter, Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness **[Keynote]** • David Pearson, Australian Alliance to End Homelessness • Carmel Haugh, Micah Projects **Facilitator:** Dr Tom Alves, AHURI
10.45 -11.15	*Morning Tea*
11.15 – 12.45	**Major Concurrent sessions**
	MC4: Commissioning and funding services to deliver the best outcomes This session explores commissioning strategies that build on the strengths and resources of service providers, specialists, lived experts, communities, governments, and the many collaborative partners who contribute to the health and wellbeing of people facing homelessness. **Presenters:** • Shaya Nettle, Toward Home Alliance (Adelaide SE Alliance) • Rhubee Neale, Toward Home Alliance (Adelaide SE Alliance) • Jessie Robinson, Homelessness NSW • Clare Rowley, SA Housing Trust **Facilitator:** Marion Bennett, Mission Australia
	MC5: Cultural right to mobility This session explores the concept of mobility and approaches to support mobility in a contemporary context. It will offer firsthand insights and tangible solutions, derived from on-the-ground experiences, to cultivate a community-driven approach to homelessness that respects cultural values and effectively addresses housing challenges. **Presenters:** • Natalie Clark, Department of Communities and Justice NSW • Aaron Ken, SA Housing Trust • Zac Matysek, NATSIHA • Skye Thompson, Aboriginal Housing NT **Facilitator:** Stacey Broadbent, Aboriginal Community Housing Limited

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	MC6: Embedding lived experience in policy – challenges and opportunities The session explores what has been learnt from including people with lived experience in policy and program design. The session will discuss how organisations can embrace people with lived experience to work with them and to drive improved outcomes for people experiencing homelessness. **Presenters:** • Duncan Bainbridge, Lived Experience Reference Group • Ian Campbell, Street Up • Skye Constantine, University of Queensland • Alan Earls, Public Interest Advocacy Centre (PIAC) • PJ Humphreys, Sunshine Coast Council • Charmaine Jones, Public Interest Advocacy Centre (PIAC) • Dr Sonia Masciantonio SYC • Chris Thirkell, Lived Experience Speaker **Facilitator:** Shorna Moore, Melbourne City Mission
12.45 – 1.45	**Lunch**
1.45 – 3.15	**Concurrent sessions**
	C7 Overcoming barriers to accessing health services People experiencing homelessness have higher rates of emergency department presentation and hospital admission. This session explores evidence that improving access to healthcare through outreach programs, delivering vaccines in trusted community places, and protecting this vulnerable population from weather-related illness reduces Emergency Department presentations and improves health outcomes. **Presenters:** • Noah Bray, Brisbane South PHN • Dr Anne Jenkins, ACT Health Directorate • Leanne Papas, Micah Projects • Jon Swain, Sydney City Council **Facilitator:** Dr Lauren Moulds, Department Human Services
	C8 Building the best models of supportive housing This session explores how to build the best models of housing for people escaping domestic and family violence (DFV). Rather than the traditional shared house environment, this session will discuss use of the core and cluster model and a new innovative model providing flexibility to services and users. **Presenters:** • Dr Deb Batterham, Swinburne University of Technology & Launch Housing • Marcus Baumgart - BCBA Studio • Janet Saunders, Hobart Women's Shelter **Facilitator:** Dr Tom Alves, AHURI

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1.45 – 3.15	**C9 Reducing homelessness following institutional exits** People leaving institutions and institutional care have disproportionately high rates of homelessness. This session focusses on learnings from programs aimed at preventing people from cycling back into homelessness, including the importance of cross agency and collaborative governance. **Presenters:** • Regina Brady, Community Restorative Centre • Ricky Skiathitis, RSL Care • Rob Seaton, Wesley Mission **Facilitator:** Shaya Nettle, Toward Home Alliance
	C10 Practical examples of lived experience at work The inclusion of lived experience voices and expertise is still nascent in the Australian homelessness sector and policy. This session shares practical examples of how the voices of people with lived experience of homelessness can be included and how their voices enrich service delivery and planning. **Presenters:** • Tamina Boundey, Sonder • Lisa Kosandiak, Sonder • Michelle Moss, Queenslanders with Disability Network • Lorna Robinson, Australian Alliance to End Homelessness • Brooke Oliver, Australian Alliance to End Homelessness • Dr Gregory Smith, Southern Cross University • Jasmen Youldale, Queenslanders with Disability Network **Facilitator:** Fiona Curnow, SA Housing Trust
	C11 Rowing in the same direction – optimising partnerships Support programs working in partnership are important to alleviating homelessness, particularly when they are targeted in specific locations. This session shares the lessons learned from four initiatives to suggest what worked and did not work, and how these lessons can inform the development of similar models in other regions **Presenters:** • Dr Rebecca Duell, Brisbane Youth Service • Jennifer Joynt, Kāinga Ora - Homes and Communities • Jane Jujnovich, Kāinga Ora - Homes and Communities • Dr Fiona Oates, QShelter • Leah Watkins, Housing Choices WA **Facilitator:** Dr Renee Lane, AHURI

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1.45 – 3.15	**C12 Intervening early to prevent homelessness** Providing support at the right time can prevent and reduce homelessness by reducing risk factors, lowering barriers to maintaining housing, increasing the speed of obtaining accommodation, and alleviating pressure on the homelessness service system. This session looks at system level strategies to reduce the number of people falling into homelessness. **Presenters:** • Fiona Caniglia, Shelter • Kate Ihanimo, CentraCare Inc **Facilitator:** Sandy Pitcher, Department Human Services (SA)
3.15 – 3.45	**Afternoon tea**
3.45 – 5.00	**Plenary 4: Where to from here for the Australian homelessness system** A panel of leaders in homelessness across Australia will reflect on 'what's next' for the Australian homelessness system, and discuss key priorities moving forward. **Presenter:** • Deb Buckskin South Australian Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation Network/ NATSIHA • John Engler, National Shelter (Shetler NSW) • Rachel Hunter • Dominque Rowe, Homelessness NSW **Facilitator:** Emma Rebellato, ABC
5.00	**Conference Close**

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