

**PowerHousing Australia Conference: Session Plan**

at 14 February 2012

**TUESDAY: 13 March**

5pm - 7pm

**Assetic Strategic Asset Management**, Silver Sponsors will hold a **MASTERCLASS in Best Practice** of Asset Management - Level 1, Canberra Suite

**WEDNESDAY: 14 March**

**PLENARY: Level 2**

**Finance Breakout: Lower Ground**

**Operations Breakout: Lower Ground**

**Governance Breakout: Level 1**

8.30 - 9.00

**REGISTRATION** and collection of Delegate Packs

9.00 - 9.15

**Welcome & Opening;** Lvl 2 Australia Ballroom;

9.15 - 10.45

**Hypothetical: 2020 VISION:** Dr Tim Williams will lead a panel to explore the impact of possible and probable social, political and financial events to create a vision of housing in Australia in 8 years time. Panel Members will include Dr Owen Donald, Chair National Housing Supply Council, Sean Innis, Group Manager Housing, Homelessness and Money Management, FaHCSIA and Mike Allen, Chief Executive of Housing NSW and PowerHousing CEOs Ken Marchingo and Jan Berriman

10.45 - 11.10

**MORNING TEA:** Lvl 1; Parkside Room

11.15 - 12.30

**If Risk is analagous to Opportunity, how much does Risk Mitigation planning stifle entrepreneurial activity?** Facilitated by Paul Somerville [Haven] and featuring Tony Cotter, CEO, Gallions Housing Association, UK

**IT Procurement in the Community Housing Sector; the impact on whole of organisation.** Facilitated by Allan Wilkerson [Access Housing] and PowerHousing Members

**Critical Governance issues to prepare for the future;** Facilitated by Steve Coffey, CEO of Liverpool Mutual Homes with Guest Speaker Julie Garland-McClellan from AICD

12:35 - 1.15

**LUNCH:** Lvl 1; Parkside Room

1.20 - 2.15

**Global and National Economic Update;** Facilitated by Mark Highfield, CFO BlueCHP with Guest Speaker Mr Robert Henderson, Chief Economist, Markets, National Australia Bank

**Stock Transfers - the Risks and Issues. [Double session]** Facilitated by Niall Hensey [Haven] and featuring Geraldine Howley, CEO, InCommunities, UK, Mike Allen, Housing NSW, Garry Ellender, CEO Access Housing and John Nicolades, CEO Bridge Housing

**Issues Management and Reputation & the Media [Double session].** As our organisations grow, we draw more Government and Media attention.

2.20 - 3.15

**Benchmarking Project Update.** Facilitated by Mark Connolly [Hume CHA] and featuring Roger Jameson from Housing Information Solutions and Peter Trahar, St George CH

Every recipient of Stock Transfers must consider the Financial, Place & People issues.

Facilitated by Manuel Muelle, Director, Collaborative Enterprises, Housing Partnership Network and presented by Heather Gilmore, Director of HG Communications. This double session will workshop Issues, Stakeholder and Influencer identification.

3.20 - 4.05

**AFTERNOON TEA:** Lvl 1; Parkside Room

**4.10 - 5.30** **Policy settings, institutional arrangements and the capacity of the Australian affordable housing sector: where are we at and where are we heading?**  
Facilitated by Dr Ian Winter, Executive Director of AHURI and featuring a presentation from Associate Professor Vivienne Milligan. Panellists include Sean Innis, FaHCSIA and Dr Owen Donald, Chair of the National Housing Supply Council.

**6.30 - 10.30** **BANQUET:** featuring a delicious 3-course meal, entertainment from **Jelly Bean Jam**, presentation of Awards, and opportunity for dancing and networking.

**THURSDAY 15 March**

**9.00 - 9.15** **Summary of Day 1.** Our Conference rapporteur is **Dr Tony Gilmour**, independent consultant to the Affordable Housing Sector.

**9.15 - 10.30** **Up-skilling our Boards.** The trend to "upskill" not for profit Boards is increasing as organisations grow larger and exposure to risk increases. We will explore the issues of what makes a good Director, what is good governance and how do we attract the right candidates. Facilitated by Scott Langford, PHA Director with panellists Geraldine Howley, Tony Cotter and Steve Coffey from the UK, Chris Benton, Chairperson of Argyle Community Housing and Mark Highfield, CFO BlueCHP.

**10.30 - 10.55** **MORNING TEA - Lvl 1; Parkside Room**

**11.00 - 11.55**

**IT Selection & Implementation of New Systems: the Financial implications;** Facilitated by Mark Connolly; Featuring Roger Jameson, Housing Information Solutions and PowerHousing Members

**Management of Indigenous Issues in Urban and Remote Regional locales.** How organisations manage the challenges from Victoria, NSW and NT; Featuring Michael Calvert, CEO Aboriginal Housing Victoria, Karen Walsh St George CH and Jan Berriman, CEO Central Australian AHC

**Change, Engagement & Retention Workshop [Double Session];** Facilitated by Tom Bledsoe, President of Housing Partnership Network and featuring Suellen McCaffery, Manager People & Development [St George CH]

**12.00 - 12.55**

**Mergers & Acquisition - Growing at What Cost?** Facilitated by Mark Highfield [BlueCHP] and featuring Steve Coffey, CEO, Liverpool Mutual Homes, UK and Matthew Woodward, CEO Unity Housing.

**NRAS: Where are we at? And where could we be? Maximising NRAS Opportunities;** Facilitated by Paul Weech, Housing Partnership Network with Guest speaker Dr Tony Gilmour and PHA Member.

Suellen will focus on the four quadrants of change, a model of change management, which SGCH successfully used to lead their people through organisational change in 2011

**1.00 - 1.40** **LUNCH: Lvl 1 Parkside Room**

**1.45 - 2.40**

**Purchasing: doing things differently to save money through Out-Sourcing and Aggregated Buying.** Facilitated by Paul Somerville [Haven] with Guest Speakers Jodiann Hobson, Ernst & Young and Margie Carlson, Housing Services Corporation, Ontario.

**Community Development: Tenant Participation;** Enriching the lives of our Tenants and Communities and benefitting our organisations. Facilitated by Allan Wilkerson [Access Housing] and featuring Geraldine Howley, CEO, InCommunities, UK, Karen Walsh of St George Community Housing and Hayley Austin, Bridge Housing

**Good practice in a changing regulatory environment: national regulation and governance.** Facilitated by Judy Line, CEO Womens Housing Ltd and featuring Victoria Trigg, Vice Chair Womens Housing Ltd, Scott Langford, PowerHousing Director and Greg Budworth, CEO Compass Housing and PHA Chairman

**2.45 - 3.45** **International Housing Partnership:**  
What is the IHP? Why does it make sense? Why do we invest in it? What are we learning from each other, what are we doing together, how does it make what we do better and how do we build on our individual strengths? Facilitated by Larry O'Brien with country representatives Greg Budworth for Australia, Tony Cotter for the UK, Margie Carlson for Canada and Larry Swanson for the US.

**3.50 - 4.10** **AFTERNOON TEA: Lvl 1, Parkside Room**

**4.15 - 5.00** **CLOSING PLENARY:** Dr Tony Gilmour will deliver a precis of the Conference proceedings and ask the question, What have we achieved in the last 2 days?

**6.00 - 8.00** **COCKTAIL RECEPTION:** For those Members staying for the Workgroup meetings on Friday, and for any Guests and Members in the mood for a post-conference confab, you are cordially invited to the final social networking event of our Conference.