

A Call for Contributions – November 2018

The November 2018: “Responding to Homelessness in The ACT” edition of *Parity*

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Introduction

All those involved with the response to homelessness in the ACT are invited to contribute to the upcoming November 2018 “Responding to Homelessness in the ACT” edition of *Parity*.

Parity is the national publication of the Council to Homeless Persons and is *the* national homelessness publication in Australia. (Please visit: www.chp.org.au/Parity)

One of the aims of this publication is give everyone working to respond to homelessness in the ACT the opportunity to have their say about the policy and service response to homelessness in the ACT. All people working in the relevant sections of government, those working in specialist homelessness services, mainstream government services, social housing providers, other related welfare sectors or in universities and other relevant research bodies, are invited to participate in this discussion and contribute to this edition.

The ACT Housing Strategy is planned for release in 2018 and this edition will provide an opportunity government, and all those involved with the homelessness, social housing and wider welfare sectors to highlight the role that they play in working to end homelessness in the ACT.

The edition will also discuss the issues arising from the Federal Government’s combined National Housing and Homelessness Agreement (NHHA).

Artwork

All contributors are welcome to submit any artwork, photographs or images that they would like to accompany their articles (should space allow). All those involved in artwork programs for people who are or who have experienced homelessness are invited to contact the *Parity* editor at parity@chp.org.au to discuss the inclusion of artwork produced by clients in this edition of *Parity*.

A Framework for Discussion: Responding to Homelessness in the ACT

The following chapter outlines are only intended as guidelines.

Chapter 1: Putting the Response to Homelessness in the ACT in Context

The aim of this chapter is to contextualise current homelessness policy and programs. A crucial part of understanding this context is to be clear about the history of, and the background to, the development of current homelessness policy in the ACT. For example, what was the impact of the 2008 Commonwealth Government’s *The Road Home* reforms to homelessness service delivery and in particular, the National Affordable Housing Agreement (NAHA) and the National Partnership

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Agreement on Homelessness? (NPAH) Similarly, what was the impact on homelessness service provision of the policies of previous ACT Governments?

- *In essence, what are the elements of continuity and discontinuity in the evolution and development of homelessness policy in the ACT?*

All government policies are built on the bones of previous policies, their purported successes and their perceived failures as well as being developed in response to the different values and principles of those in different governments.

In order to fully understand where we are at today, it is crucial to set out how these policy responses evolved and changed over time and what influenced these policy changes.

Chapter 2: Homelessness in the ACT (and the Capital region)

The aim of this chapter is to provide a map and an overall “picture” of the current state of homelessness in the ACT. This chapter would examine empirical issues like enumeration, the character and make-up of the homeless population, the location of those experiencing homelessness and base-line issues of homelessness demographics and any other information required to understand the size, nature, character and composition of the homeless population in the ACT.

This chapter will also seek to examine and discuss the distinct characteristics of homelessness in the ACT.

- How does homelessness in the ACT differ from that experienced in both state capital cities as well as rural area and regional centres?
- Are there differences in the nature and character of homelessness in Canberra and the rest of the ACT and its surrounds?
- What is the impact of the fact ACT is unique as the home of the national capital and in it being a product of nation building and government social engineering.

Chapter 3: The ACT Housing Strategy

The aim of this chapter is to set out how the ACT Governments newly developed Housing Strategy will replace the 2007-2017 Affordable Housing Action Plan, will work to provide affordable housing and in particular assist with the response to homelessness in the ACT.

This chapter will provide the opportunity for those responsible for the development and implementation of the Housing Strategy to articulate how the four key goals of the strategy will be met, that is:

1. Reducing homelessness
2. Strengthening social housing assistance
3. Increasing affordable rental housing
4. Increasing affordable home ownership.

This chapter will also provide the opportunity for all those involved with the response to homelessness and the provision of affordable housing the opportunity to comment on the Housing Strategy and how the Strategy reflects the consultation process involved in its preparation and in particular the work of the October 2017 Housing and Homelessness Summit.

Chapter 4: Program, Service and Practice Responses

The aim of this chapter is to examine program, service and practice responses to homelessness in the ACT and in particular, provide an opportunity for everyone operating at the coalface to share their expertise and the benefits of their experience.

- What are some examples of “best practice” in the service response to homelessness? Similarly, what are some examples of holistic and integrated program and service delivery models?
- What are some examples of successful collaboration and partnerships across both homelessness services and across different sectors?
- What has been the impact of a focus on relational practice in homelessness service provision?
- Likewise, what are some examples of innovative models of service provision that have attempted to respond to the specific characteristics of homelessness in the ACT?
- Both inner urban, metropolitan, outer-metropolitan, regional, rural and remote services and programs will be included to make sure that practice examples are representative of the whole state.

Chapter 5: Consumer and Client Input

The primary purpose of this chapter would be to provide an opportunity for people who are or have been homeless, and in particular people who are or have been clients or users of services, to have their say about the response to homelessness in the ACT and their experience of seeking and receiving homelessness assistance.

Chapter 6: Key Themes and Issues in the response to homelessness in the ACT

The aim of this chapter is to provide the opportunity and the scope for the discussion of a number of key issues that underpin and influence both the development of homelessness in the ACT and in particular, the policy and program responses to it.

These issues are not presented here in any order or hierarchy of importance. This list of issues and themes and issues is not intended to be exclusive or comprehensive. Potential contributors wishing to discuss other themes and issues they believe relevant to the response to homelessness in the ACT should do so.

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander homelessness
- Homelessness in regional the ACT and surrounds
- Domestic and family violence
- Young people leaving care
- Youth homelessness
- Rough sleeping
- Affordable housing
- The role of private rental
- The impact of the NDIS
- The role of Trauma Informed Care
- Responding to chronic or long-term homelessness
- Transitory homelessness in the ACT

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- Post-release issues for those exiting prison
- Integrated service delivery
- Migration and movement
- Meeting the needs of people who identify as LGBTQI
- Homelessness and health
- Mental health and homelessness
- Homelessness and visa status

Other specific issues and themes that could be pursued include responding to elderly homelessness, responding to the homelessness experienced by asylum seekers and refugees, mental health and drug and alcohol issues and the response to homelessness. This above list is by no means exhaustive.

Opinion Pages: The Framework for the Future

The aim of this section is to provide the space for policy makers, services providers, researchers, opinion makers, sector leaders and advocates to address the central question:

Where to now for the response to homelessness in the ACT?

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- Trauma is one's lifetime is virtually universal in homeless populations ¹
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- Kissane K 2008, 'Brumby calls for tough sentences', *The Age*, 29 October 2017, p. 8.

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- Greenblatt S, 'A special letter from Stephen Greenblatt', *Australian Council of Social Services*, 2017 <<http://acoss.org/media/greenblatt>>

Audio podcast:

Speaker/Hosts surname Initial, 'Title of episode', *Title of Podcast*, Year and date of Publication, <URL> (if available).

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- Todd B 2018, 'What homelessness looks like for women', *Stuff Mom Never Told You*, 14 March 2018 <<https://www.stuffmomnevertoldyou.com/podcasts/what-homelessness-looks-like-for-women.html>>

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- 2. Ibid. pp.32-33

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