

A Call for Contributions – November 2019

The November 2019: “Responding to Homelessness in Tasmania” edition of *Parity*

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Introduction

All those involved with the response to homelessness in Tasmania are invited to contribute to the upcoming November 2019, “Responding to Homelessness in Tasmania” 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)

Alongside grounding consideration of homelessness in Tasmania in the voices and experiences of those who have lived it, one of the aims of this publication is give everyone working to respond to homelessness in Tasmania the opportunity to have their say about the policy and service response to homelessness in the state. All people working in the relevant sections of government, those working in specialist homelessness services, mainstream government services, social housing providers, those involved in grassroots activism and community campaigns or in universities and as well as relevant research bodies, are invited to participate in this discussion and contribute to this edition.

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 Tasmania

The following chapter outlines are only intended as guidelines.

Chapter 1: The Lived Context of Homelessness in Tasmania

The primary purpose of this chapter is to ensure that discussion of homelessness in Tasmania is first grounded in the knowledge and experience of those who have lived it. The chapter provides an opportunity for people who are or who have been homeless to reflect on and analyse their experiences of homelessness and the kinds of supports they may have received or accessed to help resolve these. Of particular interest are insights into the supports that were found to be most useful as well as insights into the support and service gaps experienced.

A diverse range of experiences is ideally sought – including from single women, children and young people, refugees and older people.

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Where appropriate, CHP would like to provide support to organisations and individuals to ensure the perspectives of those with lived experience of homelessness are included. For further information, please contact Noel Murray, Parity Editor (parity@chp.org.au or 0466 619 582)

Chapter 2: The Policy Context of Homelessness in Tasmania

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 Tasmania. 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 Agreement on Homelessness? (NPAH) and the more recent National Housing and Homelessness Agreement (NHHA). Similarly, what was the impact on homelessness service provision of the policies of previous Tasmanian Governments?

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

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

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

Chapter 3: Interrogating Homelessness in Tasmania

The aim of this chapter is to provide a map and an overall "picture" of the current state of homelessness in Tasmania. 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 Tasmania.

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

- How and in what ways does homelessness in Tasmania differ from that experienced in other states and territories?
- What are the differences in the nature and character of homelessness in Tasmania's major cities and in the rest of Tasmania and its surrounds, particularly its rural areas and regional centres?

Chapter 4: The Tasmanian Affordable Housing Strategy and Affordable Housing Action Plan

The aim of this chapter is to set out how Tasmania Governments *Affordable Housing Strategy and Action Plan* will work to provide affordable housing and in particular assist with the response to homelessness in Tasmania.

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This chapter will provide the opportunity for those responsible for the development and implementation of the *Affordable Housing Strategy and Action Plan* to articulate its key goals, and how they will be met, and implemented.

In particular, how will these policies work to:

1. reduce homelessness, in particular for children and young people and older people
2. strengthen social housing assistance
3. increase affordable rental housing
4. increase 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 *Affordable Housing Strategy and Action Plan*.

Chapter 5: Formal and informal Responses to Homelessness in Tasmania: From Community-organising to Service Innovation

The aim of this chapter is to examine grassroots advocacy as well as program, service and practice responses to homelessness in Tasmania. This chapter provides an opportunity for those working to end homelessness through advocacy as well as service provision to reflect on what they see as currently successful and as still needed in responses to homelessness in Tasmania.

- What are the grassroots advocacy activities that have emerged in response to homelessness? Is this 'new' advocacy in Tasmania? What about the current state of homelessness in Tasmania has prompted an apparent increase in collective community action and concern? What impacts has grassroots support and activism had on the general public and on individuals experiencing homelessness?
- To what extent are formal services and supports changing in response to homelessness in Tasmania? How well-matched are our service-offerings to the need of those homeless in Tasmania? What are the new and emerging services in Tasmania?
- What are some examples of "best practice" in the formal service response to homelessness? Are there examples of holistic and integrated program and service delivery models in Tasmania?
- What are some examples of successful collaboration and partnerships across both homelessness services and across different sectors?
- Likewise, what are some examples of innovative models of service provision that have attempted to respond to the specific characteristics of homelessness in Tasmania?
- In recognition of the particular challenges posed by Tasmania's dispersed population, examples of urban, suburban, regional, rural and remote services and programs are sought.

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

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 Tasmania and in particular, the policy and program responses to it.

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The issues are not listed in any order or hierarchy of relevance or importance. Likewise, the 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 Tasmania should do so.

- Aboriginal homelessness
- Homelessness in rural and regional Tasmania
- Domestic and family violence
- Crisis accommodation
- Women's homelessness
- Young people leaving care
- Youth homelessness
- Rough sleeping
- Affordable housing
- Boarding and rooming houses
- 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 Tasmania
- 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 Tasmania?

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Expressions of Interest:

To assist the development and preparation of the edition it would be of great assistance to the work of the edition Steering Committee to be sent an expression of interest (EOI) in contributing to this edition.

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The deadline for expressions of interest is Friday July 5th.

NB: The expression of interest process is to assist the work of the Steering Committee. Not submitting an EOI DOES NOT MEAN you cannot contribute to the edition.

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- Identify the references using superscript. For example:
- Trauma is one's lifetime is virtually universal in homeless populations 1

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- References are listed in numerical order in the Bibliography at the end of the document.
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Author's surname, initial(s), year of publication, 'Title of article', *Title of Journal*, volume number, issue number, Page number(s).

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- Trevithick P 2003 'Effective Relationship Based Practice', *Journal of Social Work Practice*, vol.17, no.2, pp.163-176.

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- Kissane K 2008, 'Brumby calls for tough sentences', *The Age*, 29 October 2017, p. 8.

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Author's surname (if known) Initial, 'Page/Blog/Document Title', *The person or organisation responsible for the website*, Year of Publication (if known) <URL>

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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).

For example:

- Todd B 2019, 'What homelessness looks like for women', *Stuff Mom Never Told You*, 14 March 2019 <<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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