



## **CHFV ANNOUNCES FULL LINE-UP FOR INAUGURAL CONFERENCE**

21 June 2011

**With slightly less than one month to go until CHFV Conference 2011, Community Housing Federation of Victoria today confirms its full line up of Panellists and Discussion Leaders for this important event.**

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CHFV has recruited a high level group of experts to make coordinated contributions to a day-long discussion around how the community housing sector can build sustainable funding streams into the future.

Under the guidance of Conference MC, Ciaran Synnott - CHFA Board Director & Executive Officer of CHCSA – the day will start with an opening address from CHFV CEO Jacqui Watt in regards to setting out the vision for CHFV Conference 2011 and what the organisation is seeking to achieve through the agenda.

This will be followed by an address from the Deputy Leader of the Liberal Party and State Minister for Housing, the Hon. Wendy Lovell. CHFV is extremely pleased to have the Minister's participation in the conference and looks forward to her contribution.

The discussion agenda will then feature four major sessions of 60 minutes each. These sessions will be managed by a Discussion Leader who will structure the session to allow contributions from each panellist as well as draw on the expertise of each panellist in a guided discussion.

“From the outset, we were very determined that this conference was not a ‘talk-fest’ but sought contributions from the most qualified and appropriate experts around the issue of future funding, particularly how community housing must structure itself to be considered an attractive investment opportunity to the private sector,” says Ms Watt.



The session topics, Panellists, and Discussion Leaders are as follows:

**‘Funding the future of affordable housing’**

What are the key investment criteria that super funds must satisfy in order to consider any investment, and what are the solution options for community housing in satisfying that investment criteria.

Panellists

- Saul Eslake  
Program Director, Grattan Institute
- Trish Donohue  
Executive Manager of Investments, Cbus Superannuation Fund

Discussion Leader

- Steve Staikos  
Policy & Public Affairs Officer, CHFV

**How do we make a whole-of-government approach work?**

Panellists

- Margaret Crawford  
Executive Director, H&CB, DHS
- Owen Donald  
Chairman, National Housing Supply Council
- Gary Spivak  
Housing Development Officer, Port Phillip City Council
- Steve Bevington  
Managing Director, Community Housing Ltd
- Cath Smith  
CEO, Victorian Council for Social Services

Discussion Leader

- Darren Ray  
Policy & Public Affairs Officer, Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA)



## **Financial models within community housing? What can be realised?**

### Panellists

- Anthony Hardy  
Director, Housing Registrar
- Rowan Dowland  
General Manager, mecu
- Scott Mesley  
Partner, KPMG
- David Bartlett  
Associate Director – nabCorporate, National Australia Bank
- Neil Youren  
Director, Affordable Housing Solutions

### Discussion Leader

- Alex Dunnin  
Director of Research, Rainmaker Information

## **Alternative market solutions to funding growth**

### Panellists

- Michael Lennon  
CEO, Housing Choices Australia
- Mike Allen  
Director of Housing, Housing NSW
- Elisabeth Judd  
Senior Manager, ACT Government Chief Minister's Office
- Carol Croce  
CEO, Community Housing Federation of Australia
- Peter Seamer  
CEO, Growth Areas Authority

### Discussion Leader

- Cath Noye  
Manager Special Projects – Workplace Distribution, Cbus



At the conclusion of these sessions, CHFV CEO Jacqui Watt will then present a 'Review of the day's progress: Beginning to integrate all we've heard'. The session will start to synthesise the outcomes of each session into a whole, begin to identify pathways forward, and identify key strategic considerations.

After the rigours of a day of strategic thinking and discussion, participants are warmly invited to attend the CHFV Conference Dinner. The full event details are as follows:

**CHFV Conference 2011**

Tuesday July 19 from 8.45am – 5.00pm  
Etihad Stadium – Victory Room

**CHFV Conference Dinner**

Tuesday July 19 from 7.00pm – 10.30pm  
Etihad Stadium – Limelight Room

*Parking available under the stadium*

[See event details online.](#)

*Community Housing Federation of Victoria represents the State's 73 community housing organisations, from the industry's largest organisations that own and/or operate thousands of properties housing many thousands of tenants, to the smallest one or two dwelling operations. The larger organisations (eight Housing Associations and 31 Registered Housing Providers) are responsible for proactively growing the State's stock of community homes and to that end receive capital grants from Federal and State Governments.*

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