



TACKLING AFFORDABLE HOUSING (LIVING) IN WODONGA – ROUNDTABLE 2010

Date: Wednesday, July 28, 2010
Time: 9.15am to 3pm
Venue: Civic Centre, Wodonga

Facilitator: Cr Darren Ray, VLGA Director Policy and Public Affairs

With the following list of speakers, we aim to clarify local need, clearly demonstrate the roles of local and state government in affordable housing, as well as inspire and empower our audience to be thinking about what they can do toward making housing more affordable in our region.

PROGRAM

9.15am	Registration
9.45am	Cr Mark Byatt - Mayor of Wodonga <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome
10am	Gavin Cator - CEO, Wodonga Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local perspective Affordable living Role of local government
Each speaker will be given 15 minutes to present followed by a 5-10 minute Q&A session.	Clive Attwater - Director, SGS Economics and planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local action on affordable housing Definition of affordable housing Wodonga needs analysis
	Local developer - TBC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The true costs of development in Wodonga
11.15am	Morning tea
11.35pm	Olwyn Redshaw – OoH, Vic state government <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Role of the Victorian Government Current changes/initiatives for affordable housing at state level and how that impacts local government Opportunities in Wodonga
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	Jan Berriman – Consultant housing affordability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good neighbours that support sustainable communities Sustainable future for communities
12.45pm	Lunch



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- 1.30pm** Clive Attwater
- Draft Affordable Housing Action Plan
 - Introducing the workshop session

- 1.40pm** Workshop session for the Local Affordable Housing Draft Strategy
- Identified key needs and achievable strategies
 - Group discussion
 - Reporting back

- 2.15pm** Panel session
- All speakers to critique session

- 2.45pm** **Conclusion**
Cr Darren Ray - VLGA Director Policy and Public Affairs

Habitat for Humanity – Creating a local chapter (optional)

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- 4pm – 5pm** A meeting will be held to introduce Habitat for Humanity for those interested – with a view to creating a local chapter (working group).
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To find out more about booking your spot to create a local chapter with Habitat for Humanity, please read the attached brief. For more information on this workshop and to offer an expression of interest, please contact Kat Bennett on (02) 6022 9300.



Habitat for Humanity: A brief

Habitat for Humanity Australia is an incorporated association that works to support families to build and rehabilitate simple, decent houses. Habitat believes that building houses does much more than put a roof over someone's head. In clean, decent, stable housing:

- Families can provide stability for their children;
- A family's sense of dignity and pride grow;
- Health, physical safety and security improve; and
- Education and job prospects increase.

Habitat for Humanity Victoria has built 30 houses around the state with four more nearing completion. A further eight houses are in the planning stage to be started over the next few months: These will be at Shepparton, Wyndham Vale, Warragul and Aspendale. Habitat for Humanity is now working with Wodonga Council to increase this transformational ability of good housing. We are looking to make a difference in our community by setting up a Wodonga Habitat chapter. Chapters are a part of each local community that work alongside families and volunteers to build the Habitat houses.

To learn more about the work of Habitat for Humanity and the impact such a project could have on Wodonga families, please join us for this session. It will be facilitated by Habitat for Humanity personnel and will outline the details of the Habitat program.

To register for this workshop, please contact Kat Bennett on (02) 6022 9300.