

# Aboriginal Remote Housing Forum

12-13 March 2015  
Greek Hall, Darwin, NT

Aboriginal Peak Organisations  
Northern Territory

An alliance of the CLC, NLC, CAALAS, NAAJA and AMSANT

NT Shelter



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## Remote NT Aboriginal Housing Forum *“Home Is Where the Heart Is”*

12–13 March 2015 (Two full days)  
Greek Community Hall,  
17 Chapman Road, Nightcliff  
(across the road from Essington School – map on last page)

A landmark forum for Aboriginal people and organisations in the NT to come together to highlight housing issues affecting our communities and homelands.

### Key Objectives:

- Share experiences of housing management including issues of overcrowding;
- Tenancy management, maintenance of dwellings and homelessness;
- Identify and promote alternative models of housing management that include a role for Aboriginal organisations;
- Hear from housing experts;
- Engage with Commonwealth & Territory Governments about housing; and
- Develop a network of Aboriginal organisations and community members who want to work on housing.

## DAY 1 – Forum preliminary session (11am-1pm)<sup>1</sup>

Session	Topic	Speakers
10.30 – 11.00	Registration	
11.00 -11.30	Welcome and introduction	David Cooper Housing films to be screened
11.30 – 12.00	Overview of Housing in NT	Toni Vine Bromley (NT Shelter) – Housing in the NT Lauren Walker (NAAJA) – Homelessness Katie Gordon (CAALAS) – Housing issues in central Australia
12.00 – 1.00	Workshop session: Sharing experiences on Aboriginal housing	Following from the overview of NT Housing workshop participants will be invited to share their experiences with Aboriginal housing. Short presentations from community housing organisations.
1.00– 2.00		LUNCH

## DAY 1. Thursday 12 March

Session	Topic	Speakers
10.30 – 2.30	Registration	
1.00 – 2.00	Lunch	
2.00	FORUM OFFICIAL START	
2.00– 2.10	Welcome to country	Donna Jackson, Larrakia TO
	Welcome and introduction	David Ross (CLC) and Theresa Roe (APONT) – Co-Chairs

<sup>1</sup> Due to the state funeral of the Late Mr Tilmouth, the program has been rearranged, however the Forum preliminary session (11am-1pm) will be available for all participants. The forum will now officially start at 2pm on Thursday 12 March, with lunch provided from 1pm. APONT apologises for the inconvenience.

2.10 – 2.25	<b>Historical overview of remote housing - how did we get to where we are now?</b>	Mr Tony Jack, Community leader from Robinson River and Borroloola area
2.25 – 3.00	<b>Summarise current remote housing arrangements and hear community perspectives on housing</b>	Andrew Clapham, General Manager, NT Department of Housing  Walter Shaw, Tangentyere Council  Annunciata Wilson (Treasurer) and Patsy Loynes (GM) from Peppimenarti/Deewin Kurim AC
<b>3.00 -3.15</b>		<b>AFTERNOON TEA</b>
3.15 – 4.15	<b>Small group work: Is the remote housing system working?</b>	Overview of National Partnership Agreement on remote Indigenous Housing – Lauren Walker (NAAJA)  Small group discussion for leaders from remote communities and the representatives of Indigenous organisations to identify strengths and weaknesses of the current system.
4.15 – 5.15	<b>What are remote communities and Aboriginal organisations doing?  Hearing the achievements, challenges and aspirations of local communities and Aboriginal housing providers  (10 minute presentations)</b>	Thamarrurr Regional Aboriginal Authority Corporation (TRAAC) (Wadeye)  Groote Eylandt & Bickerton Island Enterprises (GEBIE) - Grant Burgoyne (Manager) and Alfred Mamarika (Director)  Laynhapuy Homelands - Barayuwa Munnungurr (Chairman) and Ms Diane Heenan-Jalil (Manager Infrastructure Services)  Chairs – wrap up – session to continue on Day 2.

## DAY 2. Friday 13 March

Session	Topic	Speakers
8.15 – 8.30	Welcome Day 2	David Ross and Theresa Roe- Chairs
8.30 – 9.00	Continued... <b>What are remote communities and Aboriginal organisations doing?</b> <b>Hearing the achievements, challenges and aspirations of local communities and Aboriginal housing providers</b>  <b>(10 minute presentations)</b>	Yilli Reung Housing Assoc.- Colin Tidswell (CEO)  Central Australian Affordable Housing Company – Sue McGregor (Manager)
9.00 – 10.00	<b>Learning from other experiences: Perspectives from international and national experiences</b>  <b>Presentations from a NZ colleague and 2 well known academics working on Indigenous housing research.</b>	Prof. Paul Memmott – University of Queensland  Daphne Habibis – Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute  Victoria Kingi, Papakainga Solutions Ltd, New Zealand. Papakainga Solutions Ltd has brokered and managed a number of housing and land development projects. Victoria has also been a member of the Social Housing Reference Group advising the Minister on housing issues.
10.00-10.30	<b>What can we learn from understanding Australian community housing model? What is its potential for the management of remote Indigenous housing?</b>  <b>(10 minute presentations)</b>	Yumba Meta, Townsville - Dushyanthi Thangiah (CEO)  Common Ground Port Augusta – Kirsty Dadleh
10.30 – 10.45		<b>MORNING TEA</b>
10.45 – 11.15	Continued.. <b>What can we learn from understanding Australian community housing model? What is its potential for the management of remote Indigenous</b>	Emama Nguda Aboriginal Corporation – Maureen O’Meara (CEO), Fred Stacey (Special Adviser) and Steve Bevington (CHL)

	<b>housing?</b>	CHO business model – Hal Bisset
<b>11.15 – 12.15</b>	<p><b>Developing solutions</b></p> <p><b>Small group work and participants choose a stream:</b></p> <p><b>Stream 1:</b> What is needed to increase diversity and supply of housing in remote communities?</p> <p><b>Stream 2:</b> What is needed to improve housing management in remote communities?</p> <p><b>Stream 3:</b> Homelands – how can the problems of supply, diversity and management of housing on homelands be addressed?</p> <p><b>Stream 4:</b> Town camp and urban issues - how can the problems of supply, diversity and management of housing in town camps be addressed?</p>	Small group discussion providing opportunity for leaders from remote communities and the representatives of Indigenous organisations to discuss solutions raised at the forum for improving housing in their community
<b>12.15– 1.00</b>		<b>LUNCH</b>
<b>1.00 – 2.30</b>	<b>Report backs and roundtable discussion/responses.</b>	<p>Plenary participation but specific comments and responses will be provided by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NT Minister for Housing, The Hon. Bess Nungarrayi Price MLA</li> <li>• Victoria Kingi</li> <li>• Toni Vine-Bromley, NT Shelter</li> </ul>
<b>2.30– 2.40</b>		<b>TEA</b>
<b>2.40 – 4.00</b>	<b>Session for Aboriginal representatives, organisations and NGOs only.</b>	<p>Confirm outcomes from the forum</p> <p>Identify ways forward and a network to progress these issues</p>

## MAP OF THE VENUE LOCATION

Please find below a copy of a map for the location of the venue. Greek Community Hall, 17 Chapman Road, Nightcliff (across the road from Essington School). If you get lost please ring Colleen on 0401 593 114 or Theresa on 042 999 1765.

