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# Transforming Housing Project Update

*Transforming Housing is an action research project focused on influencing and supporting the transformation of the housing policy and delivery environment in Victoria*

Transforming Housing through research, industry engagement and advocacy

In this project update The Transforming Housing Partnership reflects on the 2017 Housing Summit and recent research updates and looks forward to a focus on supporting innovative affordable housing projects, investigating surplus government land with the potential for affordable housing provision and investigating the impact of a Bond Aggregator model and institutional investment in affordable housing in Australia

As always, Transforming Housing is committed to;

- Policy reform, development and advocacy
- Innovative project development, delivery support and evaluation
- Industry capacity building
- Action research and research capacity building and dissemination





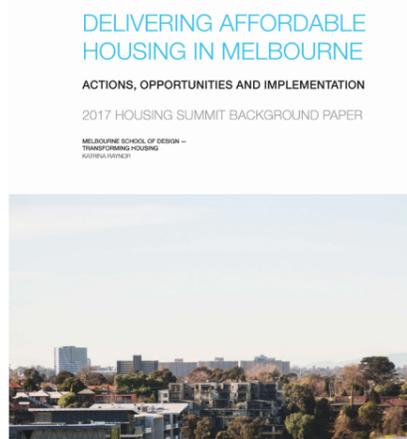
## Public Event Recap: Affordable Housing in Victoria: What's Next

On August 2nd, Transforming Housing hosted a public event to share new research findings, report on the outcomes of the 2017 Housing Summit and share an update on the Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation's Affordable Housing Challenge.

[Recordings and slides from the event are available on the Transforming Housing website.](#)

*Professor Carolyn Whitzman* delivered a sobering overview of Victoria's housing crisis, highlighting the dramatic deficit of housing affordable to households on very low to moderate incomes.

*Dr Katrina Raynor* shared findings from the [2017 Housing Summit](#) hosted in June, providing an overview of the [Summit Summary report](#). In particular, she highlighted the research network's commitment to researching the location and value of surplus government land and investigating the impact of the Bond Aggregator model on affordable housing in Victoria.



*Professor David Ribar* presented preliminary findings from a new research project assessing the impact of public housing stock transfers from the State Government to Aboriginal Housing Victoria.

*Dr Ilan Wiesel and Fanqi Liu's* presentation compared spatial patterns in the distribution of state government funding for infrastructure and services in Sydney in Melbourne.

Using data from state budget capital project statements from 1998/9 to 2015/16, the analysis covered a wide range of infrastructures and services, including transport, roads, utilities, amenities, public housing, education, health, justice and other government and community facilities. The

results highlighted a significant decline in the total level of state government investment in infrastructure and services since the mid-1980s.

The comparison also pointed to the different priorities of the NSW and Victorian state governments. In particular, Victoria has increasingly prioritised investment in metropolitan Melbourne while investment has prioritised regional areas in NSW. There are higher levels of investment in education facilities in Melbourne than in Sydney. There are low levels of investment by the NSW government in Sydney's most disadvantaged urban areas, in stark contrast to Victoria's more redistributive approach that prioritised such suburbs. While Sydney is more extreme than Melbourne, both cities displayed a highly centralised pattern of investment, where a disproportionate level of funding is allocated to the inner city.

*Catherine Brown*, CEO of the Lord Mayors Charitable Foundation presented an update on the Foundation's Affordable Housing Challenge and spoke of the role of philanthropy in supporting and facilitating affordable housing.



## Upcoming: Innovation in Affordable Housing Showcase

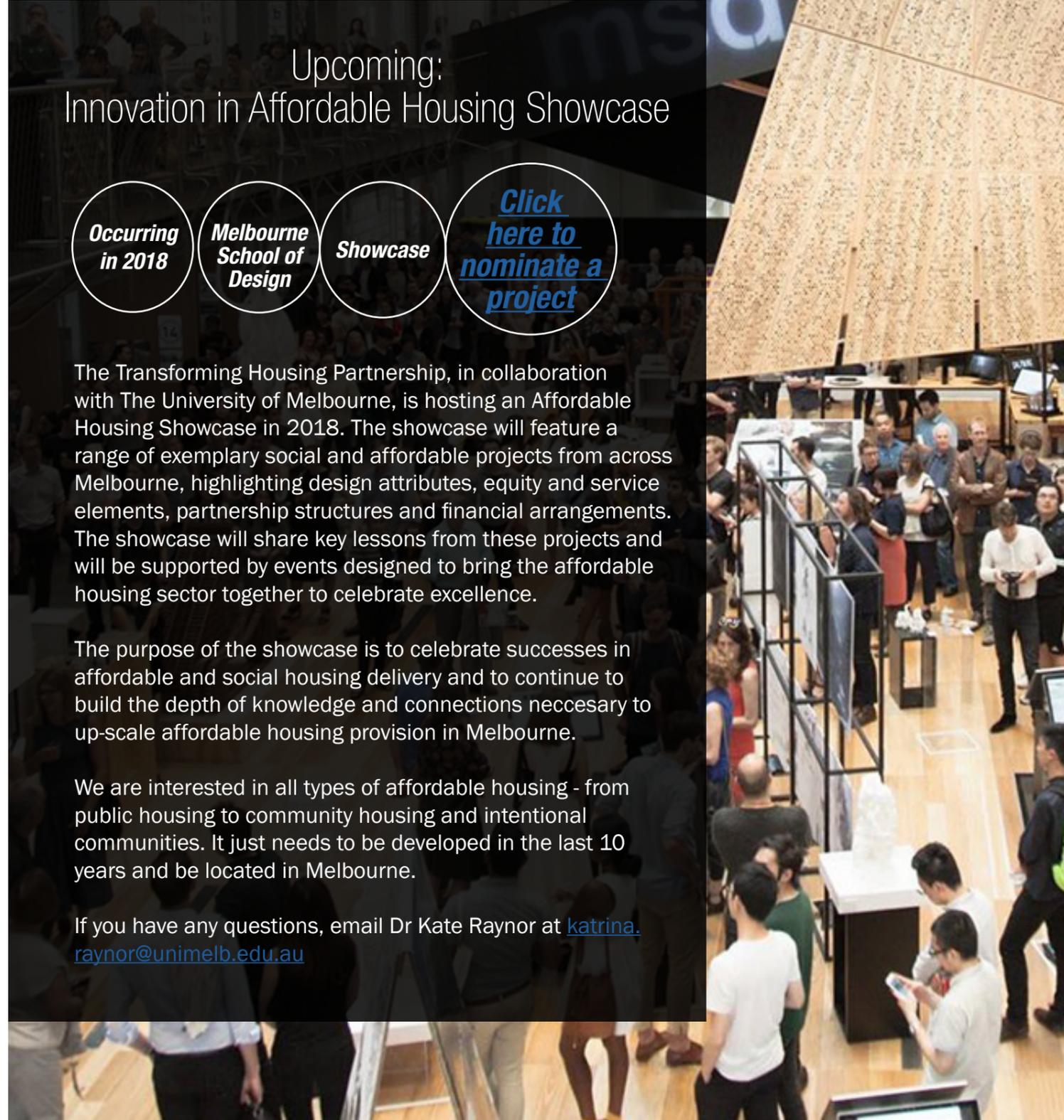


The Transforming Housing Partnership, in collaboration with The University of Melbourne, is hosting an Affordable Housing Showcase in 2018. The showcase will feature a range of exemplary social and affordable projects from across Melbourne, highlighting design attributes, equity and service elements, partnership structures and financial arrangements. The showcase will share key lessons from these projects and will be supported by events designed to bring the affordable housing sector together to celebrate excellence.

The purpose of the showcase is to celebrate successes in affordable and social housing delivery and to continue to build the depth of knowledge and connections necessary to up-scale affordable housing provision in Melbourne.

We are interested in all types of affordable housing - from public housing to community housing and intentional communities. It just needs to be developed in the last 10 years and be located in Melbourne.

If you have any questions, email Dr Kate Raynor at [katrina.raynor@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:katrina.raynor@unimelb.edu.au)



# Recent Transforming Housing Researcher Outputs

The below publications have all been authored or co-authored by researchers associated with Transforming Housing since the beginning of 2017. They showcase the breadth of knowledge and research interests embedded within the network.

Badland, H., Foster, S., Bentley, R., Higgs, C., Roberts, R., Pettit, C., & Giles-Corti, B. (2017). *Examining associations between area-level spatial measures of housing with selected health and wellbeing behaviours and outcomes in an urban context.* *Health & Place*, 43, 17-24. doi:<http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.healthplace.2016.11.003>

Palm, M., & Niemeier, D. (2017). *Does Placing Affordable Housing Near Rail Raise Development Costs? Evidence From California's Four Largest Metropolitan Planning Organizations.* *Housing Policy Debate*, 1-19.

Raynor, K., Mayere, S., & Matthews, T. (2017). *Do 'city shapers' really support urban consolidation? The case of Brisbane, Australia.* *Urban Studies*, 0042098016688420.

Ribar, D. C., & Tseng, Y.-P. (2017). *Introduction to the Policy Forum on Australian Homelessness.* *Australian Economic Review*, 50(2), 195-196. doi:10.1111/1467-8462.12223

Warren-Myers, G., & McRae, E. (2017). *Volume home building: The provision of sustainability information for new homebuyers.* *Construction Economics and Building*, 17(2), 24-40.

Whitzman, C. (2017). *Creating Child-Friendly Living Environments in Central Cities: Vertical Living Kids.* *Risk, Protection, Provision and Policy*, 3-18.

Wiesel, I., Bullen, J., Fisher, K. R., Winkler, D. and Reynolds, A. (2017) *Shared home ownership by people with disability*, AHURI Final Report No. 278, Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute, Melbourne, <http://www.ahuri.edu.au/research/finalreports/277>, doi:10.18408/ahuri-7104001

# Transforming Housing In the News

[Melbourne population: Casey, Whittlesea, Wyndham boom suburbs shapes bird's eye view](#)

Dr Matthew Palm, August 9 2017, Herald Sun

[A 20-minute city sounds good, but becoming one is a huge challenge](#)

Prof Carolyn Whitzman, July 8, The Conversation

[Melbourne property prices: 12,000 families now live in Melbourne high-rises](#)

Prof Carolyn Whitzman, July 8, Domain

[Private school explosion on Melbourne's fringe.](#)

Prof Carolyn Whitzman, July 6, The Age

[Vested interests behind 'city shapers' often subvert higher-density policies.](#)

Dr Katrina Raynor, April 21, Domain and The Conversation

[Shared home ownership helps people with disability.](#)

Dr Ilan Wiesel, April 7, Phys.org



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## Be Involved

There are many ways to be involved with Transforming Housing. Visit the [Transforming Housing website](#) for event and research updates.

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