COMMUNITY HOUSING
Industry Association Victoria

Call for Abstracts: CHIA Vic 2027 Conference

Built with Purpose: Growing the impact of community housing

Introduction:

CHIA Vic is calling for expressions of interest to present at its 2027 conference, to be held in Melbourne from June 9-10.

The CHIA Vic biennial conference highlights new ideas in social housing, tackles the challenges in policy and delivery and showcases leading practice in housing management.

The theme of the CHIA Vic 2027 Conference is *Built with purpose: growing the impact of community housing*.

The Victorian community housing sector has grown rapidly in recent years. With the sector now providing homes to more than 28,000 families, community housing is playing a bigger role than ever in addressing the housing crisis. The CHIA Vic 2027 Conference will focus on how to further grow the community housing sector's impact, improving housing services and systems and the lives of low-income households.

Submission details:

Please submit a conference abstract of up to 250 words and a presenter bio of no more than 100 words.

The abstract should address how the proposed presentation aligns with the conference theme of purpose and impact. Presentation themes could include:

- Research on demographics, industry trends, urban planning and placemaking
- Innovation in dwelling delivery, funding models or tenant services
- Leading practice in tenancy management, tenant participation, or cultural safety

Abstracts should be submitted to admin@chiavic.com.au by Friday 11 December 2026.

Selection criteria

The selection panel will consist of CHIA Vic staff, a CHIA Vic Board member and an academic advisor.

The panel will consider the extent to which the abstract:

- addresses the conference theme
- presents a new idea or approach
- addresses challenges and opportunities for the community housing sector
- has the capacity to influence policy and/or practice
- highlights innovation and leading practice

Key information:

- CHIA Vic 2027 Conference: Built with purpose: growing the impact of community housing
- 9 and 10 June 2027 in Melbourne
- Call for Abstracts - submissions close: Friday 11 December 2026
- Submissions to be emailed to admin@chiavic.com.au