

Welcome to the UniSA AHURI Research Centre 2019 Bulletin

From early 2019 we welcomed several new colleagues to UniSA and our Research Centre. In early February we co-hosted the [2019 Australasian Housing Researchers' Conference](#) in partnership with the University of Adelaide. Several Centre researchers presented at the conference, which offered a diverse program including national and international keynote speakers as well as presentations from local, interstate and international delegates. Prior to the 2019 AHRC, AHURI held its annual Top-up Scholars Symposium, where UniSA AHURI Top-up scholars **Jessica Porter**, **Laura Hodgson** and **Christa Viljoen** presented. Centre Director **Christine Garnaut** participated as PhD supervisor.

NHRP2020 submissions and 2019 AHURI Cities and urban research strategy

Over the last 6 months we have been active in promoting and assisting applications for research funding through AHURI, UniSA's RTIS and external sources. UniSA researchers led 3 applications that our centre submitted for NHRP 2020 funding and contributed as team members on 5 submissions led by AHURI research centres at RMIT, Curtin, Swinburne, UNSW, and the University of Adelaide.

In May AHURI called for applications for projects under its Cities and Urban research strategy. Our centre submitted 3 applications, and although none was successful, **Stefanie Dühr** is a member of the team on the project '*Local Government Co-ordination: Metropolitan Governance in Twenty-first Century Australia*' led by RMIT.

We wish to congratulate and thank all the researchers who contributed to funding application submissions for the NHRP2020 round and the Cities and urban research strategy. Information regarding NHRP 2020 funding outcomes will be made available on the Centre's website in April 2020.

UniSA AHURI Research Centre Occasional Grant

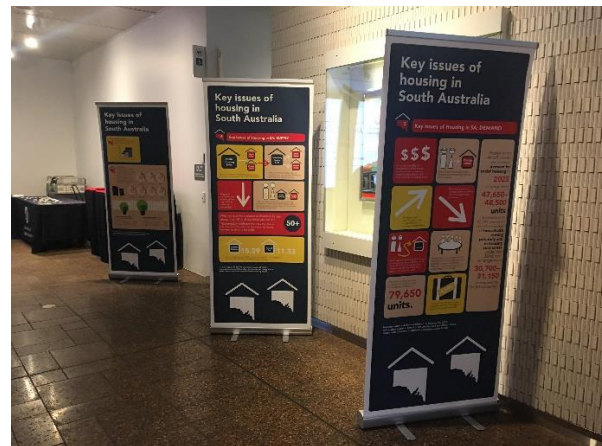
The Centre's recent occasional grant opportunity awarded three applications with \$10,000 each for the following projects: **Tammy Hand** (PSW, ECR Lead), **David MacKenzie** (PSW) and **Sean McNelis** (Swinburne): *Social Housing and Young People*; **Stefanie Dühr** (AAD, Lead Researcher), **Stefan Peters** (ITEE) and **Hulya Gilbert** (RA): *'Evidence-informed' metropolitan planning in Australia? Investigating spatial data availability, integration and governance*; and **Selina Tually** (TAASE/BUE, Lead Researcher), **Veronica Coram**

(BUE/RA), **Carole Zufferey** (PSW), **Victoria Cornell** (ECH), **Megan Corlis** (Helping Hand), **Diana O'Neil** (Helping Hand) and **Daniel Aitchison** (Anglicare): *Forgotten Australians and the housing system*. We would like to thank all applicants and acknowledge their commitment to preparing these applications. Whether or not your team's application was successful, we strongly encourage you to continue to foster the connections that you have established through the application process with colleagues in other AHURI Research Centres and universities, and with industry partners.

2018-2019 NHRP Project Progress

UniSA AHURI Research Centre funded projects led by, and/or on which our Centre researchers are team members were completed in 2019. AHURI published '[Understanding Specialist Disability Accommodation funding](#)' by **Andrew Beer**, **Kathleen Flanagan**, **Julia Verdouw**, **Braam Lowies**, **Elizabeth Hemphill**, and **Gina Zappia**, and '[An effective homelessness system for older Australians](#)' by **Andrew Beer**, **Charmaine Thredgold**, **Carole Zufferey**, **Andrew Peters**, and **Angela Spinney**.

AHURI commissioned the UniSA AHURI Research Centre to create visual representations of selected data for a report prepared by the University of Adelaide AHURI Research Centre on housing supply and demand in South Australia. Ian Gwilt (AAD) and Melinda Goughwin (AAD) worked on this project. Selected data was presented on banners prepared for the AHRC in February and displayed at our August networking event.



Key issues of housing in South Australia from Housing SA Data Visualisation project

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Our Centre's ongoing AHURI funded research includes the project 'Urban Indigenous homelessness: much more than housing' led by **Deirdre Tedmanson** with **Alwin Chong**, **Skye Akbar**, **Selina Tually**, **Ian Goodwin-Smith**, **David MacKenzie**, and **Daphne Habibis** (UTAS); and the Swinburne-led 'Housing and housing assistance pathways with companion animals: risks, costs, benefits and opportunities' on which **Selina Tually** is a team member.

Three Minute Thesis

Congratulations to UniSA AHURI PhD Top-up Scholar **Jessica Porter** who won the UniSA Business School 3MT final (and also the People's Choice Award) and was awarded second place in the UniSA Three Minute Thesis competition for her presentation '[Homeless in the bush](#)'.

AHURI PhD Top-up Scholarship

In addition to current Top-up scholars **Jessica Porter** and **Laura Hodgson**, we congratulate doctoral candidate **Sara Mirhadi** who is our newest recipient of an AHURI PhD Top-up scholarship.

UniSA AHURI Research Centre networking event

The Research Centre's annual networking event was once again held in the Jeffrey Smart Forum at City West.



UniSA AHURI Research Centre Networking Event.

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Despite the unfortunately cold, wet and windy weather on the evening of August 20 we received a good turn-out of industry partners and UniSA researchers. Several Centre colleagues presented their research:

- **Andrew Beer** 'Understanding Specialist Disability Accommodation funding';
- **Deirdre Tedmanson** 'Urban Indigenous homelessness: much more than housing';
- **Sara Mirhadi** 'Place Attachment in Transition; A Critical Evaluation of Design Elements and Human Perceptions of Migrants' Houses in Australia';
- **Selina Tually** 'Housing and housing assistance pathways with companion animals: risks, costs, benefits and opportunities';
- **Damian Madigan** 'Co-housing for Ageing Well: A Collaborative Design Research Project' and 'The Rightsize Service: City of Sydney Alternative Housing Ideas Challenge – The Search for Integrated Social Equity';
- **Christa Viljoen** 'Financial planning of older women in Australia in three different living arrangements'

Media

Damian Madigan was interviewed on [Channel 9 News](#) regarding his work on Cohousing for Ageing Well, and his research with Alysia Bennett (Monash) and Dana Cuff (UCLA) for [The Rightsize Service](#) mentioned in [ArchitectureAU](#) and [The Fifth Estate](#). **Jessica Porter** was interviewed by [The Border Watch](#); by ABC Radio's [Breakfast with Courtney Howe ABC South East SA](#); and on ABC Radio National with Simon Lauder ABC South East NSW.

National Housing Conference

Centre members attended the National Housing Conference in Darwin this year. **Damian Madigan** presented 'The Missing Middle: increasing the density and diversity of housing in Australia's suburban cities'; and **Andrew Beer** discussed 'Affordable housing: working with local government'. The conference was also attended by the Centre's Administrative and Project Officer **Jack Wilde**.

Updated Centre website address

Please note the UniSA AHURI Research Centre has an updated website at a new address:

<https://www.unisa.edu.au/research/ahuri/>

Christine, Braam and **Jack** from the AHURI Research Centre at UniSA have thoroughly enjoyed working with our Centre members and external partners in 2019. We wish you all a restful and joy-filled festive season and we look forward to our collaborations in 2020.

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