



**Australian Network
For Universal
Housing Design**

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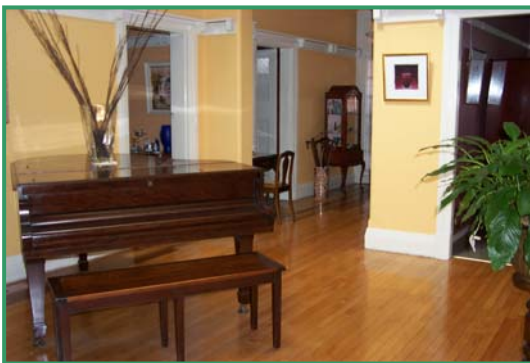
Official Advisor to the NSW Government

Presents the Inaugural

National Forum on Universal Housing: *Unlimited by Design*

A smarter approach to sustainable housing development.

Meeting the diverse needs of homeowners across the lifespan.



Courtesy of LandCorp, The Elements Sustainable Home, Atwell

Wednesday 8 November 2006

Avillion Hotel

- On World Square -

389 Pitt Street

Sydney NSW 2000

**An essential event for housing industry
representatives, designers, builders, local
government, health professionals and
homeowners.**

Opening Welcome & Address



Senator the Honorary Santo

Santoro,

Minister for Ageing

(Video Address)



Ita Buttrose AO OBE

Businesswoman, Author, Journalist &

Media Personality

Patron of Active Ageing Week



Home is a place you grow up wanting to leave, and grow old wanting to get back to.

~John Ed Pearce ~

INTRODUCTION

The family home is the single most important financial asset Australian's acquire in their lifetime. Regardless of whether we own our own home, or rent within the public or private market, living in a quality-designed home that meets our needs is essential to our sense of wellbeing and community.

However, our current housing poses a number of questions:

- Are the homes we are building today meeting our current needs?
- Do our traditional housing models have the potential to meet the changing life expectations of our community?
- In building, design and living in our 'Dream Homes' have we overlooked the reality that our needs and our lifestyles change over time?
- Is today's housing 'future-proof'?

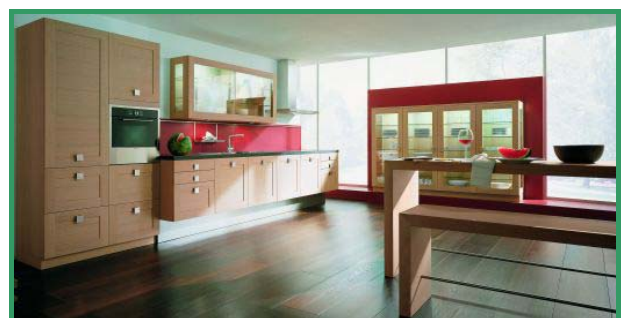
The impact of population diversity on housing need comes at a time when debates around housing affordability and environmental sustainability dominate political and industry debate.

The **Inaugural ANUHD National Forum on Universal Housing** will provide a constructive forum to discuss the range of policy, regulatory and market based initiatives promoting universal housing design in Australia within a spirit of co-operation.

The Forum will discuss how universal design offers a way forward to developing socially responsible housing, capable of meeting the needs of home occupants both now and in the future.

THEMES

- **Questions of Need** - Demographic and social challenges;
- **Unlimited by Design** - Planning and Designing housing for all;
- **Innovation through Inclusion** - Showcasing Universal housing initiatives and designs;
- **Socially Responsible Development** - The essential link between environmental, economic and social sustainability.



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WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Housing industry representatives:
 - Architects and Interior Designers
 - Planners
 - Private certifiers
 - Property developers
 - Volume home builders
 - Construction professionals
 - Home builders
 - Real estate agents
- Local and State Government representatives:
 - Town & Social planners
 - Development assessment officers
 - Community service managers
- Health professionals:
 - Occupational therapists
 - Health strategists
 - Health planners
- Government policy representatives
- State Housing and Planning Agencies
- Housing related Financiers and Economists
- Housing researchers
- Consumer representatives from sectors including:
 - Disability & Ageing
 - Environment
 - Community

FORUM SECRETARIAT

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Dr Diana Olsberg

Head of the School of Sociology and Anthropology,
University of New South Wales

Dr Olsberg's current research interests include sociological and economic aspects of ageing, in particular the values, attitudes and aspirations of Australia's Baby Boom Generation.

Mr Ross Clark

General Manager – Operations

Royal Institute of Architecture (RAIA)

An architect by training, Ross specializes in projects for health, ageing, housing and disability services. He has authored several significant publications on design for ageing and disability.

Mr Graeme Innes AM

Disability Discrimination Commissioner, **Human Rights and Equal Opportunities Commission**

Lawyer, Mediator and Company Director Graeme has been a Human Rights Practitioner for 25 years. In 1995, Graeme was admitted as a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for his contribution to the development of Commonwealth disability discrimination legislation.

Dr Catherine Bridge

Director Home Maintenance & Modification Clearing House, Faculties of Health Science & Architecture,
University of Sydney

Dr Bridge is currently the Director of the 'Home Modification Information Clearinghouse' and project leader of the 'Environments for positive ageing' group within the Faculty of Health Sciences.

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ABOUT ANUHD

The Australian Network for Universal Housing Design is a national collective of organizations, agencies and housing providers who support the call for universal design in housing.



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ANUHD supports the call for:

1. Recognition of the diverse housing needs of the community;
2. Inclusion of universal housing principles in traditional housing models;
3. Development of effective policy responses and initiatives which support universally accessible housing development;
4. Acknowledgement of the essential inclusion of universal design in sustainable housing design and development;
5. Introduction of universally accessible housing design requirements into the Building Code of Australia (BCA).

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AIMS OF THE FORUM

In many OECD countries, universal design has emerged as an essential element within socially, environmentally and economically sustainable housing development.

The National Forum will seek to:

1. Demystify common misconceptions regarding universal housing design;
2. Promote compatible international and national housing initiatives which incorporate universal design within sustainable development initiatives;
3. Showcase proactive initiatives, planning codes or voluntary regulations which actively improve the accessibility of housing across the lifespan;
4. Stimulate discussion on the housing needs of ageing baby boomers and generations beyond;
5. Provide opportunity for developers and designers to showcase innovative, universally designed housing developments;
6. Provide opportunity to discuss the value of universal housing design within:
 - Sustainable design
 - Community capacity building
 - Residential planning and development
 - Health and wellbeing
 - Community development

Sponsorship and exhibition opportunities are available. For further information please contact Amelia Starr on (+61 2) 9211 2269.

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