

Join us to halve child poverty by 2030



Anti-Poverty Week 2022 Reports and Events

- From 25/8 invite CEOs and politicians to take our [Halve Child Poverty Pledge](#) see our [Pledge Gallery](#)

Key National reports and events

Friday 14 October

- ACOSS/UNSW Sydney [Poverty and Inequality Partnership](#), [Poverty in Australia Snapshot 2022, REPORT](#) (to kick off the Week) stated that 1 in 8 people, including 1 in 6 children, are living in poverty in Australia. Child poverty was a significant focus of the media stories on this report and continued to be raised throughout the week.

Monday 17 October

- [Foodbank Hunger Report 2022, REPORT](#) which revealed 1.3 million children lived in a household where someone or everyone went hungry last year.

Tuesday 18 October

- Anti-Poverty Week, [Still Too Much Child Poverty in the 'Lucky' Country, BRIEFING PAPER](#) and Media Release [All politicians urged to commit to halve child poverty](#)
- Anti-Poverty Week, [New Zealand tackles Child Poverty BRIEFING PAPER](#)
- [Pathways to Eradicating Poverty in Australia, CEDA WEBINAR](#), 12-1pm AEDT Speakers include The Hon Amanda Rishworth, Federal Minister for Social Services; Anne Hollonds, National Children's Commissioner; Toni Wren, ED Anti-Poverty Week.

Thursday 20 October

- Anglicare Australia's [Nothing Left to Give: Emergency relief across the Anglicare Australia Network, REPORT](#), 20/10/22 report which sharp surge in demand for help, including with food, rent and bills.
- [Women's Safety and Financial Security CONFERENCE](#) ANU Canberra from 8:50am
- [Tackling child poverty through policies and payments, Brotherhood of St Laurence WEBINAR](#) 12-1:00pm AEDT, Prof. Miranda Stewart, National Children's Commissioner Anne Hollonds, Dina Bowman form BSL and an expert by experience, will explore issues with the current family payment (Family Tax Benefits) system and their impacts on child and family poverty.

- **NAPCAN Webinar on Poverty and Keeping Children Safe**
A conversation with Prof Bridgid Featherstone, UK University of Huddersfield on ground-breaking research from the UK and other countries that shows how poverty and inequality impact the context in which child abuse and neglect occurs.
- **Senate Inquiry into Poverty** – first public hearings, Abbotsford, Victoria.

Friday 21 October

- UnitingCare Australia and ANU Centre for Social Research and Methods, **Household Financial Stress and Financial Wellbeing in Australia**, **REPORT** which confirmed single parent families are twice as likely to suffer financial stress compared to couples with children; 8 in 10 people on Jobseeker have the lowest financial wellbeing; renters experience much higher financial stress.

Key State/Territory reports

- **Finding Home – release of white papers on housing and income support** which spotlight affordability and accessibility challenges for people with disabilities, **ACT Advocacy for Inclusion**. 17 October. Also ACT Poverty Fact sheet being released.
- ***Aftershock: Addressing the Economic and Social Costs of the Pandemic and Natural Disasters, Report Four - Child Wellbeing and Development*** by NCOSS, 19 October.
- ***18/10 Can't afford to live: the impact of the rising of cost of living on Victorians and Tasmanians on low incomes– research report launch event***, Melbourne 10:00 – 11:30am, 18 October. Speakers include Greens Senator Janet Rice; APW VIC Co-Chairs Bronwyn Pike, CEO Uniting Vic.Tas and David Tennant, CEO Family Care Shepparton; Prof Erin Wilson, Centre for Social Impact, Swinburne; Emma King, VCOSS CEO.

Key State/Territory events

Australian Capital Territory - ACT Anti-Poverty Week **Launch** & release of Poverty in ACT Factsheet. ACT Anti-Poverty Week **Forum**, Canberra 12:15-1:00pm 17 October AEDT - Fed MP Canberra, Alicia Payne; Director of ANU Children's Policy Centre, Poverty & Inequality Research Centre, Professor Sharon Bessell; ANUSA Student Assistance Advisor, Mr Hassan Riaz; UnionsACT Campaign Organiser, Kasey Tompkins. The National Carillion, Federal Treasury building and **Telstra Tower** will be lit up to end poverty. Plus there is be a **Youth Art Competition**. See more **ACT activities/events**

New South Wales – **NCOSS Conference Vision, Voice and Value**, 17-18 October will feature sessions relevant to Anti-Poverty Week and encourage participants to sign the Halve Child Poverty Pledge and post to social media. See more **NSW activities/events**.

Queensland – **Community BBQ** to launch of APW QLD 16 October. **Is Australia the 'Lucky Country' for all? Panel Discussion recorded by ABC RN Big Ideas**, 17 October (**on air 20/10**) Facilitator Big Ideas host Paul Barclay in discussion with Qld Family and Children's Commissioner Natalie Lewis, ANU Crawford School of Public Policy's Professor Sharon Bessell, QLD Youth & Family Services CEO Cath Bartolo AM, sponsored by HESTA, hosted by The Hon. Jonty Bush, Member for Cooper, organized by PeakCare. **Wesley Mission QLD, Panel Discussion on halving child poverty in Brisbane. Policing Insecurity: Debt, Fraud, Data and the Automated Welfare State, Lecture** University of Qld 19 October. See more **QLD activities/events** including lights ups on bridges, banners and street art.

South Australia –Key events by SA Children’s Commissioner including Citizen’s Jury discussion [Does South Australia need school provided meals?](#) 20 October and **Climate Justice Workshop** 18 October– plus [public space light ups and messages](#) for Anti-Poverty Week. See more [SA activities/events](#)

Tasmania – Tasmanian Anti-Poverty Week [Launch Hobart](#) 10:30am 18/10, Tasmania Commissioner for Children and Young People Tasmania, Leanne Mclean; Kim Haworth Divisional Commander, Salvation Army Tasmania; Jeremy Pettet, Executive Officer Tasmania, Uniting Vic.Tas

Organisation stalls, children’s activities, storytime at Hobart Library. Lights up at University of Tasmania plus lots of community events around Tasmania and radio messages. See more [TAS activities/events](#).

Victoria – Release of child poverty and wellbeing videos created by Centre for Children’s Policy at ANU in collaboration with Family Care Shepparton and Uniting Vic. Tas. Launch of research report [Can’t Afford to Live](#) by UnitingVic.Tas and Swinburne University Centre for Social Impact, 10-11:30am 19 October. Also events in Geelong and Dandenong. See more [VIC activities/events](#).

West Australia – Let’s work together to halve child poverty by 2030 – [Symposium](#) organised by Anti-Poverty Week WA 9:00am-1:00pm 17 October, Government House Perth, WA
The Hon Dr Anne Aly MP Fed Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Youth; Jacqueline McGowan-Jones WA Commissioner for Children and Young People; Assoc Prof Francis Mitrou Program Head, Population Health; Telethon Kids Institute, Glenda Kickett Manager, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships and Engagement and Therapeutic Services, Aboriginal Children and Families; Australian Childhood Foundation, Bella Burgemeister Youth Advocate; Adj Prof Tony Pietropiccolo AM Director Centrecare Inc; Founder Valuing Children Initiative. A [Community Kitchen](#) with free lunch 18 October, [Roundtable](#) on Poverty in WA, 21 October. Children’s videos and social media tiles. See more [WA activities/events](#).

Prior to Anti-Poverty Week, we released the following aimed at increasing knowledge about poverty and action which could reduce it

August 2022:

Updated Fast Facts [Poverty and Housing](#) and [Child & Family Poverty](#)

[Child support failure costs children and Budget](#), Briefing and Media Release, 18/10/22

July 2022:

Letter to Ministers Gallagher and Rishworth and [Updated Women, Violence and Poverty Briefing](#), 22/7/22