



Anti-Poverty Weeks 2023 Reports and Events

This year in recognition of the Referendum on the First Nations Voice to Parliament being held on 14 October, and for the first time in its 21 year history, Anti-Poverty Week will run for two weeks from 15-27 October, incorporating Children's Week.

Child Poverty Reduction Act PETITION

We believe legislation to enshrine a commitment to end child poverty with measurable targets and actions to achieve this goal is the best way to #EndChildPoverty. This call to action is being coordinated by Anti-Poverty Week partner the Valuing Children Initiative. Visit [petition page](#)

Friday 13 October

- **Big Issue** #697 on sale 13-26/10 with full page ad for Anti-Poverty Week – [download A4poster](#)

Monday 16 October

- **Why does Australia continue to accept Child Poverty – and what can be done about it? - WEBINAR** and in person, Melbourne. Panel includes: Professor Sharon Bessel, ANU; Bronwyn Pike, Uniting Vic.Tas CEO; Deb Tsorbaris, CEO Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Welfare; David Tennant, Family Care Shepparton and APW Vic Co-Chair; and APW Vic Co-Chair; Jenny Davidson, Council for Single Mothers and Their Children.

Tuesday 17 October – International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

- **Parliamentary Friendship Group to End Poverty meeting to mark Anti-Poverty Week Invitation only** - Co-chairs Alicia Payne MP and Bridget Archer MP host a [panel discussion](#) on key issues related to poverty by key national organisations: ACOSS; Foodbank Australia and Melbourne Institute, 11.30am-12.30pm Parliament House, Canberra. Release of Melbourne Institute reports.

Wednesday 18 October

- Release of Melbourne Institute/Life Course Centre Poverty related **REPORT** plus [Roundtable Tackling poverty and disadvantage through data-informed decision-making](#), Brisbane. (note 4 reports in total from Melbourne Institute being released over the 2 weeks of APW).

Thursday 19 October

- **Anglicare Australia's [Pens against Poverty](#)** student writing competition [awards ceremony](#) hosted by the Governor General at Government House, Canberra.
- **Ending Child Poverty in Australia [WEBINAR](#)** – hosted by Brotherhood of St Laurence. Panel: Professor Sharon Goldfeld, Director of the Centre for Community Child Health at The Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne; Myra Geddes, Goodstart Early Learning GM Social Impact; and a person with lived experience. Moderated by Travers McLeod, Brotherhood of St Laurence Executive Director, and member of APW National Facilitating Group.
- **Combatting child poverty in Australia: what are the challenges and how can we overcome them? [WEBINAR](#)** – organised by Centre for Community Child Health. Panel includes: Melissa Stone – Financial Counsellor, Uniting VicTas; Prof Sharon Goldfeld – Director, Centre for Community Child Health; Dr Ana Gamarra Rondinel – Research Fellow, Melbourne Institute, Applied Economics & Social Research; Juanita Pope – Interim CEO, Victorian Council of Social Service.

WEEK 2

Monday 23 October

- Release of **2023 Foodbank Hunger [REPORT](#)**
- **Play, participation & poverty- How our policies can create fairer, healthier futures for children & young people**, by **NAPCAN [WEBINAR](#)** 2-3:30pm AEDT. Featuring: Dr Alex O'Donnell, University of Tasmania; Sally Weir NT Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities; Rachel Fosdick, Palmerston and Regional Basketball Association; Hyahno Moser, Australian Institute of Play.

Tuesday 24 October

- Release of **AHURI "Poverty and Australian Housing" [REPORT](#)**

Thursday 26 October

- Release of **Anglicare Australia REPORT – [Essential Connections: the Internet as an essential service](#)** - how poverty limits access to the internet, and how this exacerbates poverty.

Friday 27 October

- Release of [Insight Exchange](#) animation on child support "[Please Dad...](#)"

Key State/Territory events and reports

Australian Capital Territory

- 20/10 [APW Media conference](#) - community sector speakers on poverty and inequality in the region
- 20/10 [Salvos - Community Hub BBQ](#) – local services mingle and showcase their work

Australian Capital Territory (cont)

20/10 [Tesla tower lit up blue](#)

25/10 [Community Table/lunch Volunteering ACT –](#) ACTCOSS, Volunteering ACT at Food Coop Shop and Cafe

New South Wales

25/10 [Understanding Youth Poverty's Trajectory](#) - A Wayside Chapel Perspective, Facebook live
Older Women's Network NSW event (TBA)

Queensland

18/10 [Roundtable](#) by invitation on **Tackling poverty and disadvantage through data-informed decision-making** – Melbourne Institute and Life Course Centre, University of Queensland

20/10 [The Big Breakfast](#), Townsville by Community Gro Inc

Northern Territory

6/10 Release of [Quarterly NTCOSS Cost of Living Report](#)

26/10 [Poverty Awareness BBQ](#) – Darwin Sober-Up Shelter, Mission Australia

27/10 [Anti-Poverty Week BBQ](#), Goyder Square, Palmerston, Mission Australia

South Australia

15-19 [ABC Radio Afternoon](#) interviews – [listen live](#) from 1:30pm (SA time)

15-27 [Light ups](#) and [billboard displays](#) in key public spaces for Anti-Poverty Week

16/10 [Leaving Poverty Behind](#) – artist and cartoonist Simon Kneebone in conversation with SACOSS CEO Ross Walmsley

18/10 [Anti-Poverty Week Expo and BBQ](#) by Uniting Communities, The Spire Community and the Clayton Wesley Uniting Church.

Tasmania

20/10 **Ending Child Poverty in Tasmania**, [Panel discussion](#) with TASCOS CEO, Adrienne Piccone, Mark Gaetani, St Vincent de Paul Society National President, Dr Paul Blacklow, University of Tasmania Economics Lecturer, Nicole Day, Uniting Vic-Tas Family Services Senior Manager.

Victoria

16/10 **Why does Australia continue to accept Child Poverty – and what can be done about it?- WEBINAR** and in person, Melbourne. 12:00-1:00pm: Professor Sharon Bessel, ANU; Bronwyn Pike, Uniting Vic.Tas CEO and APW Vic Co-Chair; Deb Tsorbaris, CEO Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Welfare; David Tennant, Family Care Shepparton and APW Vic Co-Chair; Jenny Davidson, Council for Single Mothers and Their Children.

West Australia

20/10 [Business News event](#) with key parliamentarians including Minister Anne Aly, Liberal Senator Dean Smith and members of the business community, to feature in WA Business News.