

**Poverty exists –  
we can all do  
something about it.**



## Anti-Poverty Week 2024 Reports and Events

### Key National reports and activities

- **Big Issue** #721 and #722 on sale in October with full page ad for Anti-Poverty Week – [download A4Ad](#)

This year Anti-Poverty Week is supporting three national campaigns taking action to end poverty. The campaigns are mobilising people to take the following actions during Anti-Poverty Week:

- **Raise the Rate** [petition](#) calling on the Federal Government to raise the rate of JobSeeker, Youth Allowance and related payments to at least \$82 a day – in line with the Age Pension, to enable people going through tough times to live with dignity.
- **Everybody's Home** calls on all parties and Federal candidates to sign up to their [Roadmap to Reform](#) and commit to:
  - Raise the rate of JobSeeker and related payments
  - Strong consistent protection for renters
  - Phase in tax reform
  - Build 940,000 social homes within 20 years
- **End Child Poverty** host a [Chat for Change](#) - Print and display the [End Child Poverty Poster](#) , play a [video](#) , promote the [petition](#), [make a support video](#) to share on social media.
  - **Campaign Partners at Parliament House, Canberra** – Thursday 20 October  
End Child Poverty campaign partners met at Parliament House with key politicians to **advocate for legislation** to define, measure and set up reporting frameworks to address Child Poverty.



### Sunday 13 October

- **Everybody's Home** releases data on 'insane' rent hikes across Australia in [The Guardian](#)

### Monday 14 October

- **ACOSS** briefing paper [Poverty in Australia – Facts and Solutions](#)

### Tuesday 15 October

- [2024 Hunger Report](#) – Foodbank Australia
- [WEBINAR Locked Out: Poverty and the Australian Housing Crisis 1-2pm](#)  
Brotherhood of St Laurence event with: Dr Dina Bowman, BSL Social Policy and Research Centre, Facilitator; Maiy Azize, Deputy Director of Anglicare Australia and Chairperson of Everybody's Home; The Hon. Kevin Bell AO KC, former Victorian Supreme Court Judge and author of Housing: The Great Australian Right), and Juanita McLaren (advocate and expert by experience and research).
- [WEBINAR Repeat Failure - Why Australia's workforce programs aren't working 2-3pm](#)  
Anglicare Australia event with: Maiy Azize, Deputy Director of Anglicare Australia and author of Repeat Failure; Associate Professor Elise Klein of the Australian National University's Crawford School of Public Policy; Kristin O'Connell of the Anti-Poverty Centre.

### Wednesday 16 October

- **Rental Affordability Snapshot: [2024 Essential Worker Edition](#)** – Anglicare Australia

## Thursday 17 October – International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

- **Australia's Children's Commissioners & Guardians Joint Statement on Poverty** [under embargo]
- **[WEBINAR](#) - Reframing Housing as a Human Right 9:30 – 11am**  
Centre for Excellence in Child & Family Welfare
- **Key media events at [WA Government House](#) and [Adelaide Oval](#)**

## Friday 18 October

- **[WEBINAR](#) – The new frontier of exclusion: Digital Poverty 1-2pm**  
by The Smith Family and WorkVentures with Doug Taylor, CEO The Smith Family (moderator); Wendy Field, Head of Policy, Programs & Strategy, The Smith Family; Caroline McDaid, CEO, WorkVentures; Jessica Wilson, CEO, Good Things Foundation

## Key State and Territory events

### Australian Capital Territory

14/10 **[Anti-Poverty Week Community Forum](#)** – representatives from ACT Greens, ACT Labor, Canberra Liberals, and Independents for Canberra will outline how their parties, if elected, plan to tackle poverty in the ACT. Keynote address by Associate Professor Ben Phillips, ANU Centre for Social Research and Methods.

### New South Wales

- 13/10 Podcast 'Conversations with The Smith Family' on Digital Poverty  
Doug Taylor, CEO of The Smith Family speaks with Caroline McDaid, CEO of WorkVentures, Listen on [Apple Podcasts](#) or [Spotify](#), or watch the [video](#)
- 17/10 **Parliamentary Briefing on Digital Poverty**, NSW Parliament House – The Smith Family and WorkVentures
- 18/10 **[WEBINAR](#) – The new frontier of exclusion: Digital Poverty 1-2pm**  
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### Queensland

- 15/10 **[Art with Heart](#)** – Art class at Mission Australia's Brisbane Homeless Service 1-4pm
- 15/10 Community meals and BBQs in Brisbane by [Micah Projects](#), [Community Friends](#), and Bundaberg by [IMPACT Community Services](#)
- 16/10 **[Breakfast for families](#)** of Benevolent Society's Beaudesert Kindergarten (closed)
- 17/10 **[Breakfast for families](#)** of Benevolent Society's Acacia Ridge Long Day Care Centre (closed)
- 18/10 **[Free BBQ and health and welfare services](#)** in Mackay by Community Accommodation & Support Agency (CASA) 10AM-12PM

### South Australia

- 13/10 Helen Connolly, Commissioner for Children & Young People SA with Kerrie Akkermans, CEO of Community Centres SA on 5AA from 4pm – then on Community Conversations [podcast](#).

- 15-19 [ABC Radio Afternoon](#) interviews – [listen live](#) from 1:30pm (SA time)
- 15-27 **Light ups and billboard displays** in key public spaces across [Adelaide](#) and [Mt Gambier](#)
- 15/10 [Conversation with Australian Charities & NFP Commissioner, Sue Woodward](#) – SACOSS
- 16/10 [Low Cost Living Fair, Beulah Park](#) 10am-2pm by Uniting Communities – Free entertainment, arts & craft, family friendly activities, low cost food
- 16/10 **Poverty Premiums [report launch](#)** – by SACOSS. Why it costs more to be poor 11-11:30am
- 17/10 **[Press Conference](#) at Adelaide Oval** – around 60,000 seats representing the number of SA children living in poverty. Speakers and organisations include: APW Co-Chairs Helen Connolly, Commissioner for Children & Young People SA and Shane Maddocks, CEO ac.care with Women in Poverty CEO, Aradia Sayner and CEOs of: Centre Care; Uniting Country SA, Vinnies SA; Single Mother Families Australia (SMFA); Baptist Care SA.

## Tasmania

- 12/10 Launceston Benevolent Society [Open Day](#) – free BBQ and homelessness services 9am-3pm
- 16/10 [Surviving Poverty](#) – evening of panel discussion with service providers, video interviews with people experiencing poverty and feature film Rosie – about a family dealing with housing stress.
- 17/10 Hobart Lunchtime event with installation of 100 lunchboxes
- 17/10 Free BBQ in the park – [North Hobart](#) and [Smithton](#) – NW Tasmania

## Victoria

- 15/10 **[WEBINAR](#) Locked Out: Poverty and the Australian Housing Crisis 1-2pm**  
Brotherhood of St Laurence event
- 16/10 **[FORUM](#) - Inequality – can we find justice?** By new community group Fight Against Inequality  
FAIN - Maritime Union Auditorium 10am – 2pm
- 16/10 [Dingley Village Emergency Services Directory launch](#) 12-2pm  
By Make a Difference Dingley Village with City of Kingston Mayor, Jenna Davey-Burns.
- 17/10 **[WEBINAR](#) - Reframing Housing as a Human Right 9:30 – 11am**  
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## West Australia

- 13-19 [Free online financial education courses](#) by City of Rockingham Council
- 13/10 [Thrifty Clothing Swap](#) by City of Rockingham Council 12:30 – 3pm
- 17/10 **[Listening to our Children](#) – WA Government House event 10am-4pm**  
Listening to our Youth - Governor of WA, Chris Dawson and youth with lived experience; mentoring Healthy Children - Emeritus Professor Donna Cross; Mark Glasson WACOSS Chair