

# **Tenancy Week 2007**

## **ACT, Canberra, Australia**

**Approximately one third of the ACT population are tenants. Most people experience renting at least once in their lifetimes, regardless of background or situation. More and more people are staying in rental properties longer for a variety of reasons.**

The month of October is a significant month in terms of tenancy, both in the ACT and internationally. On the first Monday, International Tenants Day is celebrated around the world, and Canberra follows this celebration with ACT Tenancy Week.

International Tenants Day originated in 1986 when the French tenant organisation CNL proposed a special world day for tenants. The council of the International Union of Tenants agreed, and decided that it coincide with World Habitat Day (the first Monday in October). On this day throughout the world housing and tenancy issues are promoted and expounded. Issues such as rights for tenants, affordable rental, and tenant participation in all matters related to housing highlight the universality of tenancy.

In the ACT, this day coincides not only with the Labour Day long weekend, but also school holidays. In order to ensure the maximum exposure and involvement with the community we in the ACT concentrate our energies on Tenancy Week, which follows soon after. Organisations involved in its planning and operation include the Tenants' Union ACT, ACT Shelter and Housing ACT. There will be more services and organisations participating throughout the week.

Since 1995 Tenancy Week has aimed to highlight tenancy issues, promote the different forms of tenancy in the ACT, as well as services for tenants.

The week is intended to promote tenants' and the wider community's awareness of:

**TENANCY RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES;  
WHERE TO GO FOR TENANCY ADVICE AND INFORMATION;  
TENANCY ISSUES; and  
HOW TO AFFECT CHANGE REGARDING TENANCY AND HOUSING**

### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

#### **Mon 1 October:**

International Tenants Day – for more info go to <http://www.iut.nu/>

#### **Tues 2 October:**

Canberra Museum and Gallery (CMAG)

- Launch of Tenancy Week
- Launch of YWCA "Calm Living" booklet
- Launch of HOME and exhibition by public and community housing tenants.  
Exhibition will run from 2 – 12 October, see below for details

#### **Wed 3 October:**

- DV and Tenancy workshop
- Tenancy information stall at Tuggeranong Hyperdome

**Thurs 4 October:**

- Tenancy information stall at Westfield Belconnen

**Fri 5 October:**

- Tenancy information stall at Westfield Woden
- Awards presentation for HOME exhibition

**2 – 12 October**

HOME, an exhibition of artwork by tenants living in public and community housing.  
Theo Notaras Multicultural Centre, above CMAG, London Circuit, Civic. 9am – 4pm  
weekdays, 11am – 4 pm weekends.

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