

POLITICS IN THE PUB



**Blackburn's Family Hotel - Saturday 28 June at 2.30pm.
15 Parke St. Katoomba**

HOUSING IN CRISIS

ADMISSION FREE

"As more and more young people face being locked out of the housing market by soaring prices, it's time to acknowledge the obvious. The roaring popularity of the property investment - aided by generous tax breaks - is turning us into a nation of landlords." Clancy Yeates, SMH 18 November 2013

"Homelessness worsened in NSW by 20% between 2006 and 2011" Kirsty Needham Sun Herald 15 June

"Australia now has 100,000 people who are homeless...a significant proportion of these are young Australians, under 26 ... many find it mind boggling that in a country as wealthy as Australia homelessness exists at all" Simon Nettle SMH 14 June

Speakers

Paula Rix

Senior Policy Officer (Education and Outreach), Shelter NSW

"Today there seems to be an increasing chasm between the winners and losers in accessible, affordable, safe and secure housing, It 's my hope that an awareness of the economic, political and policy drivers at play in the housing system will put us in a better position to consider solutions to address the housing crisis"



Gareth Houghton

Until recently a Blue Mountains Youth Worker - *will speak about how the housing crisis effects young people in the Blue Mountains and his experience regarding the greatest barriers young people face in obtaining and sustaining tenancies.*

Barney Gardner

Convenor of the Millers Point, Dawes Point and Rocks Public Housing Group.

"Now this working class area is being gentrified, the government deems I am not good enough to live here anymore. This area has been public housing for over 100 years - no government has the right to evict the people who protected and nurtured the heritage and culture of Millers Point - the oldest suburb in Australia's first European settlement."



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