

23-24 June 2025

Venue: H.C. Coombs Centre
122A Kirribilli Avenue, Kirribilli NSW 2061

Conference agenda

Day 1 – Monday 23 June 2025

Time	Agenda item
7:30 am	Coffee, tea and breakfast
8:30 am	Michele Bullock, Reserve Bank of Australia Conference opening and Acknowledgement to Country
8:40 am	Dr David Gruen, Australian Bureau of Statistics Opening remarks
8:50 am	Session 1 – Supply (organised jointly with the Productivity Commission) Danielle Wood, Productivity Commission Louisa Borland, Productivity Commission <i>Housing Construction Productivity: Can we fix it?</i> Brendan Coates, Grattan Institute <i>Building the homes we need: How to unlock housing choice in Australia's cities</i> Christian Vallence, Treasury <i>Housing supply and the Commonwealth</i> Break [morning tea] Jonathon Khoo, Australian Bureau of Statistics <i>From address to dwellings: Building a register of dwellings for Australia</i> Andrew Barker, Committee for Economic Development of Australia <i>Size matters: Why construction productivity is so weak</i> Discussant: Peter Tulip, Centre for Independent Studies Chair: Gemma Van Halderen, Department of Social Services
12:30 pm	Close session 1 and lunch
1:15 pm	Session 2 – Demand Ryan Banerjee, Bank of International Settlements <i>Monetary policy and housing markets: insights using a novel measure of housing supply elasticity</i> Dr Gianni La Cava, e61 <i>The Australian Rental Market: New Insights from Micro Data</i> Martin McCarthy, Reserve Bank of Australia Natasha Bradshaw, Treasury <i>Overview and early analysis of the new Wealth, Housing and Asset Module (WHAM!)</i> Break [afternoon tea] Jonathan Hambur, Reserve Bank of Australia Declan Twohig, Reserve Bank of Australia <i>Do Housing Investors Pass-through Changes in Their Interest Costs to Rents?</i> Discussant: Claude Lopez, Reserve Bank of Australia Chair: Dr Maria Yanotti, University of Tasmania

4:30 pm	Close session 2
5.30 pm	The Hon Clare O'Neil MP, Minister for Housing
6:00 pm	Introduction: Dr David Gruen, Australian Bureau of Statistics Michael Stutchbury, Editor-at-large, The Australian Financial Review <i>A Great Australian Dream</i>
7:00 pm	Conference dinner

Day 2 – Tuesday 24 June 2025

Time	Agenda item
7:30 am	Coffee, tea and breakfast
8:30 am	Session 3 – Distribution Professor Robert Breunig, Australian National University <i>Measuring the changing size of intergenerational transfers in the Australian tax and transfer system</i>
8:55 am	Elayne Grace, Actuaries Institute <i>Housing in Australia: Financial Journeys Through Affordability, Retirement and Climate Challenges</i>
9:20 am	Matthew Bowes, Grattan Institute <i>Renting in retirement: Why Rent Assistance needs to rise</i>
9:45 am	Break [morning tea]
10:00 am	Peter Tulip, Centre for Independent Studies <i>Super for Housing</i>
10:25 am	Matt Flavel, Department of Social Services <i>A tale of two pensioners – a closer look at the wealth of Age Pensioners</i>
10:50 am	Discussant: Aruna Sathanapally, Grattan Institute Chair: Brenton Goldsworthy, Australian Bureau of Statistics
11:45 am	Sarah Hunter, Reserve Bank of Australia Closing remarks/wrap up/summary/key takeaways
12:00 pm	Close conference and lunch