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ONLINE FORUM: *HOUSING JUSTICE AFTER LOCKDOWN*

Victoria's Renters and Housing Union (RAHU), in partnership with 3CR Community Radio, will host an online forum this Wednesday to discuss housing justice post-lockdown.

The legislative, economic, and public health fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic exposed and intensified the systemic failures of our housing system—most notably in Naarm/Melbourne, which endured the world's longest lockdown.

But the crisis also spurred grassroots organising and collective action among renters—namely the 2020 rent strike that ultimately led to the formation of RAHU. Since then, the Union has campaigned for rent relief, led the way in calling for an eviction moratorium, and supported individual renters in clawing back over \$123,000 in 2021 alone.

This Wednesday, RAHU and 3CR Community Radio are collaborating to present the online forum *Housing Justice After Lockdown*, in conversation with speakers from *Homes Not Prisons* and the *Support Network for International Students* (SNIS).

Housing Justice After Lockdown is a discussion on the fight for housing rights in an evolving crisis, as well as lessons learned through the pandemic to date, to map out a pathway toward a fairer, more just system post-lockdown. Following the panel discussion, a member of RAHU's Renters Rights Support Team will answer audience members' rental questions in a live Q&A session.





WHEN

Wednesday, February 9, 2022, 5.30-7pm (AEDT)

WHERE

Zoom event via Eventbrite. The event will be recorded and include a live transcript

WHO

Eirene Tsolidis Noyce

General Secretary, *Renters and Housing Union*

Ness Gavanzo

Interim Coordinator, *Support Network for International Students*

Sara Stilianos

Steering Group Member, *Homes Not Prisons*

Priya Kunjan

Broadcaster, *3CR Thursday Breakfast* and *Women on the Line*

The post-event Q&A will be led by a member of the Renters Rights Support Team.

Tickets are available for free through [Eventbrite](#).

For media opportunities, contact media@rahu.org.au or 0468 474 526

This event takes place on the unceded Wurundjeri and Boon Wurrung lands of the Kulin Nation. We pay our respects to elders past and present, and while the forum is free of charge, encourage non-Indigenous attendees to Pay the Rent as part of this commitment.

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