



Australian Network
for Universal
Housing Design

Strategic Plan 2011 - 2013

All Australians want communities that are sustainable, livable and that include everyone. They want to know that the homes they live in, the streets they walk and the communities they access are designed with their needs in mind, now and in the future.

ANUHD's vision is for all new and extensively modified homes to be built to accommodate universal design features.

We believe that a universal design approach will ensure that the homes we build today are more capable of responding to the changing needs of home occupants. A universally designed home, is easy to enter and move around in and can be more cost effectively adapted if, and when, needs change.

To achieve this goal we advocate for the introduction of universal housing design provisions in the Building Code of Australia for all new and extensively modified housing.

We recognise this goal may be achieved, in full or in part, by other means. We are therefore an active partner in the National Dialogue on Universal Housing Design which will oversee the Livable Housing Design initiative. We will work collaboratively with the members of the Dialogue to achieve the aspirational target of 25% of all new housing to the silver standard by 2013.

GOALS

1. Contribute to national initiatives for inclusive communities through the adoption of universal housing design in Australia.
2. Support State & Territory initiatives that are working towards the achievement of this goal.

OBJECTIVES

- Develop and maintain a network of members across Australia.
- Participate in the National Dialogue on Universal Housing Design.
- Maintain a website of up-to-date information on universal housing design initiatives and information.
- Establish strong, effective and mutually respectful relationships with Government, key housing industry stakeholders and consumer groups.

ACTIONS

1. Hold monthly teleconferences hosted by the Convenor and an annual face-to-face meeting with the members.
2. Support a representative of the National Dialogue on Universal Housing Design.
3. Work in partnership with the auspicing agency (PWD) in the administration of the Network and the management of the ANUHD website.
4. Participate in activities and forums which promote inclusive communities as determined by the Network members.