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Homelessness Australia

'Australian Federation of Homelessness Organisations', has changed its name to **Homelessness Australia**.

Homelessness Australia is the national peak body advocating for people experiencing homelessness in Australia and those who provide services to them. Senator Nigel Scullion, Minister for Community Services, recently announced funding for Homelessness Australia to organise and host a national homelessness conference in 2008.

More information about Homelessness Australia can be found at their Website. Please click [here](#).

Homelessness, Health and Housing Expo 2007 ~ by Shelter SA

Are you working in the homeless, health and/or housing sector? Would you like to gain a greater awareness of the range of services available? Would you like to promote activities and services provided by your organisation?

Then why not get involved in the Homelessness, Health and Housing Expo. Everything that is offered on the day is completely free, including the BBQ and the live entertainment.

The 2007 Homelessness, Health and Housing Expo will be held on Tuesday 13th November 2007 at Whitmore Square from 10am - 2pm.

So if you think your organisation might want to get involved or contribute to this unique Adelaide event and support a healthy housing future for all South Australians, just give Margo a call at Shelter SA on (08) 8221 6488 or via [e-mail](#).

Registrations close on the **31st of October 2007**. Photos from last year's event are also available on the Shelter SA website: go to www.sheltersa.asn.au just scroll down the page and click on the Homelessness, Health and Housing Expo 2006 section.

CHCSA Associations' Forum ~ Friday 7th September 2007

The CHCSA wishes to advise Members that the principal topic for September's Associations' Forum will be the **Appeals System for Housing Associations**.

Staff from the Office for Community Housing will attend the Forum at 9.45 to discuss developments with the appeals system and possible changes to the internal appeals system for Housing Associations. The Associations' Forum is from 9.30am to 12noon on **Friday 7th September 2007** at CHCSA, 283-285 Payneham Rd, Royston Park.

CHCSA Southern Forum ~ Monday 10th September 2007

Ms Maria Demasi of the CHCSA will be in attendance to present information on the interim **Registration of Interest process** for Housing Co-operative Membership.

If you are not entirely sure about how this process works, or should you wish to gain further details, please come along to the next Southern Forum Meeting to be held at the Noarlunga Health Village, Alexander Kelly Drive, Noarlunga Centre.

The forum starts at 10am and goes until 12noon, on **Monday 10th September 2007**.

New Web Resource for Young People with Disabilities ~ Press Release from Minister Weatherill's Office

A new **disability web resource** will help families share information with those who provide care or services to their child.

Disability Minister **Jay Weatherill** said the launch of the, **What I'd Like You To Know About Me web resource** – www.aboutme.org.au - for families of young people with disabilities, will help to create an on-line 'book' or profile of their child.

The State Government has provided \$30,000 in funding for the resource, which has been developed by non-profit disability organisation **Life's for Living**.

Life's for Living was established in 1987 to provide a support service to people with disabilities or complex needs.

Mr Weatherill said the resource had less of a 'clinical' feel and was instead also focused on the personal attributes of a child, such as their skills and abilities - as well as their support needs.

"We're pleased to have assisted this resource with \$30,000 in funding – providing a valuable tool for the families of children and young people with disabilities," Mr Weatherill said.

"This resource is designed to relate a child's history, disability, support needs and milestones, so families do not have to keep repeating this to people such as medical staff and teachers. It also allows families to have more control of how their child's life story is told and to influence the way that others see and support their child."

Life's for Living chief executive officer Lis Burtnik said the resource had been developed with much input from families and service providers.

"Throughout the resource, there is information by family members in the form of quotes, tips and stories - this information is to help people think about their child and the way they want others to see them," Ms Burtnik said.

The website is divided into three age group categories – 0-6, 6-12, and 12+. Information about a child can be put under such headings as Introducing Me, Skills and Abilities, My Emotions and This is What You Need to Support Me - all written in the first person

National Housing Co-operatives' Conference 2007: Reflection, Celebration & Vision ~ by Community Housing Federation of Victoria (CHFV) ~ repeated item

CHFV is pleased to advise that they will be hosting a **one day National Housing Co-operative Conference**. The conference will be held at State Netball & Hockey Centre in Royal Park, Melbourne on **Thursday 20th September 2007**, and will be a time for Reflection, Celebration & Vision of the Housing Co-operative model in Australia.

The conference is for Housing Co-operative tenants, housing workers, service providers, policy makers, state and local government delegates, academics and others focused on and interested in retaining a vibrant and viable Co-operative housing model.

Included in the program is:

- A selection of short films celebrating Co-op tenant stories
- International & national key-note guest speakers and presentations
- Nine concurrent dynamic workshop options
- Networking and discussion opportunities
- Conference dinner and entertainment
- Post Conference Event: A half day bus tour of some of Melbourne's Community Housing.

Further information including Program, costs and Conference Registration Forms are available from the Conference Website. Please click [here](#).

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DIARY DATES

Wednesday 5th September	CHCSA Disability Focus Group Meeting
Friday 7th September	CHCSA Associations' Forum
Saturday 8th September	CHCSA Spanish Speaking Forum
Monday 10th September	CHCSA Hills & Southern Forum
Wednesday 12th September	CHCSA Central Forum
Friday 14th September	CHCSA Co-operatives Representative Council
Friday 14th September	CHCSA Policy Committee

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