



Community Housing Council of South Australia Inc (CHCSA)

"The Peak Body for Community Housing Organisations in SA"

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PRELIMINARY NOTICE - CHCSA 2005 COUNTRY FORUM, AGM AND CELEBRATION DINNER

The CHCSA would like to provide '*preliminary notice*' to members that our 2005 AGM will be held on **Friday October 21ST October 2005** at the Sunnybrae Function Centre, Regency Park.

A **Celebration Dinner** for Members and invited Guests will follow the AGM that will include a 3-course meal, refreshments, entertainment and give-aways.

A **Country Forum** for country and remote CHOs will be held earlier in the day on Friday 21st October 2005 at the same venue. More information will be provided as details become finalised, **so please mark this date in your diaries.**

NEW ENVIRONMENTAL RATING TOOLS FOR BUILDINGS ~ Department of Environment and Heritage

The South Australian Government has contributed \$360,000 to the **Green Building Council of Australia** to develop environmental building rating design tools, consistent with the **Green Star Rating System** for the Education and Health sectors.

The tools will be known as ***Green Star – Health*** and ***Green Star - Education***.

• ***Green Star – Education*** promises to maximise the health of children and is likely to make young people more aware of the importance of sustainable building practices.

• ***Green Star - Health*** will reduce greenhouse gas emissions from hospitals, which are amongst Australia's largest emitters of greenhouse gases.

The rating tools will also provide an opportunity for achieving improved indoor environmental quality to assist in faster patient recovery.

The Green Star tools will help to reduce the day-to-day costs of running buildings and will influence future construction design. The rating tools are for different phases of the building life cycle (e.g. design, construction and operation).

For more information visit the Green Building Council of Australia website at:

<http://www.gbcaus.org/>

NEW ZEALAND'S NATIONAL COMMUNITY HOUSING PEAK ORGANISATION **~ Call for Papers**

Community Housing Aotearoa, Inc (CHAI) is the new National Peak organisation for Community Housing in New Zealand. CHAI is calling for papers, presentations, case studies and workshops for the 2005 (New Zealand) National Community Housing Conference scheduled for 3-5 November 2005 in Auckland, New Zealand. The theme for this Conference is ***“MADE IN THE COMMUNITY: GIVING PEOPLE CHOICE, VALUE AND SECURITY THROUGH COMMUNITY HOUSING”***.

They welcome participation from the broad range of people, organisations and sectors involved in affordable community housing. Proposals should relate strongly to the conference theme and broadly fit within one of the following areas:

A. Delivery and Management of Affordable Community Housing

B. Financing Community Housing

C. Planning Policy and Affordable Community Housing

(Local and central government practitioner focus).

D. Affordable Housing Products

E. Workshops: Two- three hour workshops on practical topics: e.g. how to: set up a housing association, write rental management policies, develop a local authority affordable housing policy and strategy etc.

To contact CHAI please e-mail <mailto:support@communityhousing.org.nz> or via post to PO Box 11 543, Manners Street, Wellington, New Zealand.

PUBLIC INFORMATION (P.I.) SESSIONS ON COMMUNITY HOUSING

The CHCSA held a **Public Information Session** on Wednesday 24th August 2005. Attendance and feedback were positive with participants eager to learn about Community Housing. The sessions are intended to inform participants on many areas such as, eligibility, differences between Associations and Co-operatives, Requirements and Obligations etc. The Session is delivered via a visual and verbal presentation, with the opportunity for those in attendance to direct questions at the end of the presentation.

At the end of this Session, participants are then able to make an informed decision as to whether they are suited to community housing and vice-versa before proceeding with forwarding applications to suitable community housing organisations and undertaking the "Introduction to Community Housing Course".

As CHCSA continues to provide details of its sessions to various Resource Centres, Trust Offices, SACHA, Community Services organisations, the Messenger Press and through its Members, bookings will increasingly become necessary.

There is one more Public Information Session scheduled for 2005;

- **Wednesday 23rd November 2005, 7.00pm - 9.00pm**
- To be held at the Education Development Centre, Corner Port Road and Milner Street Hindmarsh. (Same end as the Entertainment Centre).

Further information and bookings on-line is available via the CHCSA Website at http://www.chcsa.org.au/education_session.htm. Thank you to SACHA for their continued support in the delivery of these Sessions.

NEW INITIATIVES IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING - AN INFORMATION FORUM ~ repeated item

The CHCSA, in conjunction with the **Affordable Housing Consortium of SA Inc**, is holding a forum on new initiatives in affordable housing. The forum is being held in response to announcements about affordable housing in the recently released State Housing Plan.

The Forum is scheduled for **Wednesday 7th September 2005 from 1pm - 4.30pm**. The Venue is the **Torrens and Trinity Rooms** at the **Payneham Library Complex**, Corner of O.G. Road and Turner Street, Felixstow.

The purpose of the Forum is;

- to help inform CHOs about current initiatives locally and interstate in affordable housing
- to give CHOs the opportunity to provide some initial input into the development of affordable housing strategies in South Australia.

The Program includes;

- **Mr Phil Fagan-Schmidt**, Manager of the Affordable Housing Initiatives Unit, will talk about the role of the Unit in light of the 'State Housing Plan
- **Mr Brendan Moran**, General Manager of SACHA, will give his perspective on affordable housing
- **Mr Matthew Woodward**, Executive Officer of MACHA, will talk about MACHA's current affordable housing initiative in the City
- **Ms Vicki Lachlan**, Chairperson of the Affordable Housing Consortium, will discuss two proposals by the Consortium to assist in expanding affordable housing
- **Mr Ciarán Synnott**, Executive Officer of CHCSA, will give some examples of affordable housing interstate, based on his attendance at the recent National Affordable Housing Conference.

Please **RSVP to the CHCSA on (08) 8362 1022** or via e-mail to <mailto:info@chcsa.org.au> by **Friday 2nd September 2005** at the latest.

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DIARY DATES

Friday 2 nd September 2005	CHCSA Associations' Forum
Wednesday 7 th September 2005	CHCSA Disability Focus Group Meeting
Wednesday 7 th September 2005	New Initiatives in Affordable Housing - Information Session
Monday 12 th September 2005	CHCSA Hills & Southern Forum
Tuesday 13 th September 2005	CHCSA Northern Forum
Wednesday 14 th September 2005	CHCSA Central Forum
Wednesday 28 th September 2005	CHCSA Co-op Rep Council Meeting

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