



Community Housing Council of South Australia Inc (CHCSA)

"The Peak Body for Community Housing Organisations in SA"

Weekly E-Bulletin 33/05 - Friday 16th September 2005

Contents:

- **"Affordable Housing ~ Sustainable Homes" - A southern Housing Round Table Forum**
 - **"Putting it Together ~ A Partnership Kit" - for Community Housing Providers and Potential Partners to Develop Affordable Housing ~ from CHFA**
 - **Health Researchers want to hear from Residents on low-incomes**
 - **Scholarships Available to Community Housing Members - from SACHA**
 - **CHCSA 2005 Country Forum, AGM and Member's Celebration Dinner**
-

"AFFORDABLE HOUSING ~ SUSTAINABLE HOMES" - A SOUTHERN HOUSING ROUND TABLE FORUM

Mindful of the **'Call to Action'**, as outlined by the National Summit on Housing Affordability, the *Southern Housing Round Table (SHRT)* is planning a forum of stakeholders in the southern region of Adelaide, which will pursue the development of strategies for implementation of the directions outlined in the State Housing Plan (May 2005).

The Forum will be opened by **Hon Minister Jay Weatherill MP** and Key Note address will be delivered by world-renowned speaker **Professor Julian Disney**. A panel of four other high level presenters will help to 'construct workable solutions' by bringing different perspectives upon the notion that affordable housing and access to services are essential ingredients of sustainable homes.

The *'Affordable Housing ~ Sustainable Homes'* forum will be held during Anti-Poverty Week at the Port Noarlunga Arts Theatre at **8.30am to 1pm on Wednesday 19th October 2005**. Enquiries and bookings can be directed to Pam Watson on (08) 8384-9124 or via e-mail to <mailto:Pam.Watson@dfc.sa.gov.au>.

"PUTTING IT TOGETHER ~ A PARTNERSHIP KIT" - for Community Housing Providers and Potential Partners to Develop Affordable Housing – CHFA

Community Housing Federation of Australia (CHFA) has released the above titled booklet. It is the result of input from a variety of stakeholders involved with community housing partnerships. It aims to furnish organisations seeking to develop community housing with a reference framework for entering into partnerships.

This Booklet includes;

- Considering and Building Partnerships
- Types of Partnerships
- Selecting a Partner
- Managing the Project
- Risk Assessment
- Strategic Planning
- Business Plan
- and many others.

The Booklet is available for download from the CHFA Website at <http://www.chfa.com.au/>, alternatively, CHFA can send you a hard copy of the Kit for only \$10 per copy including postage and handling. E-mail CHFA at <mailto:chfa@chfa.com.au>.

HEALTH RESEARCHERS WANT TO HEAR FROM RESIDENTS ON LOW-INCOMES ~ from Paul Laris

Low-income residents of some Adelaide postcodes will receive \$30 retail vouchers for being interviewed about their neighbourhood and their health. **Flinders University** is researching why people living in some suburbs live longer and healthier lives than those living in other suburbs and is seeking assistance from community housing tenants. As part of the study, researcher **Paul Laris** wants to hear from people living in [postcodes 5066, 5082, 5169](#) or [5113](#) who are on a weekly take-home income of \$250 or less (plus \$50 per dependent child).

People who take part will be interviewed by Paul for about an hour and a half and asked about what its like living in their neighbourhood and the role it might play in their health and wellbeing. The interviews are recorded and can be done in your own home or somewhere else you choose, like a neighbourhood house or coffee shop. The interviews will be completely confidential and no information will be released that identifies anyone taking part. The research is funded by the [National Health and Medical Research Council of Australia](#). It's a way to tell governments how everyday life affects our health – and how we might build healthier neighbourhoods for the future.

The \$30 vouchers can be spent at any Coles-Meyer store (including Coles, Target, Office Works etc). The catch is that only 5 people from each postcode are needed (and some are already gone in 5113 and 5169) – so its first in first served until all places are filled. If you live on a low-income in one of the postcodes and are interested, please call Paul on (08) 8356 2274. **The CHCSA will update you in this bulletin as places are filled.**

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE TO COMMUNITY HOUSING MEMBERS ~ from SACHA

Each year the [South Australian Community Housing Authority \(SACHA\)](#) makes available up to **two** Scholarships for the *Graduate Certificate* in Social Science in Housing Management & Policy run by the Swinburne University of Technology (Melbourne). Last year SACHA also introduced one scholarship for *Graduate Diploma* in Social Science in Housing Management. Due to the amount of interest received SACHA are pleased to offer these opportunities again in 2006.

These Scholarships are open to anyone who is a member, volunteer or staff of a registered Community Housing Organisation.

Applicants need a minimum of **five years** work experience in housing management and administration or in a related area such as the community sector. Alternatively, a degree in Humanities, Social Science, Business, Architecture, Planning or have previously completed the Graduate Certificate in Housing Management & Policy.

The Certificate comprises of 4 subjects:

- * Housing Practice
- * Australasian Housing Systems
- * Housing Organisation and Management **or**
Transforming Leadership in Housing Enterprise
- * *Plus one elective subject;*
 - Managing Diversity
 - Asset Management

More detailed information regarding the application process will be forwarded to CHOs shortly with applications closing in early 2006.

If you require further information on these Scholarships, please contact Frances Richards, Education and Training Co-ordinator at SACHA on (08) 8207 0151.

If you are interested in learning more about the Swinburne postgraduate courses in Housing Management & Policy, then please consider attending the below **information session**.

When: Monday 10th October 2005 (*venue details will be provided when you register*)
Time: 1-2pm (*lunch provided*)
Presenters: Scott Ewing, Swinburne University, as well as current and past students

This session will provide information about distance education courses designed for people who work in the public and community housing sectors offering opportunities to:-

- develop your critical and lateral thinking skills
- broaden your understanding of business issues
- enable you to utilise your workplace knowledge to gain an accredited qualification in Housing Management and Policy
- engage in a stimulating and challenging learning environment *and*
- improve your career development opportunities

If you are interested in attending please register your attendance with Frances Richards at SACHA on 8207 0151 by Monday 26th September.

CHCSA 2005 COUNTRY FORUM, AGM AND MEMBER'S CELEBRATION DINNER ~ Guest Speaker is the Minister for Housing, the Hon Jay Weatherill MP

The CHCSA wish to advise members that our **2005 AGM** will be held on **Friday 21ST October 2005** at the [Sunnybrae Function Centre, Regency Park](#).

The day will start with the **Country and Remote CHOs Forum from 10am - 3.00pm** (includes lunch). This will be followed by the **AGM from 4.15pm - 5.30pm**. Country and Remote CHOs have been sent their information packs today for the Forum.

The day will conclude with a **Celebration Dinner** for Members and invited Guests arriving from 6.00pm. The formalities, which feature the **Minister for Housing, the Hon Jay Weatherill MP** as our Guest Speaker will be from 6.30pm - 7.00pm. This will be followed by the dinner, which includes a 3-course meal, refreshments, entertainment and give-aways.

A formal Invitation has been forwarded to all of our Members last week. **AGM Packs** will be forwarded to Members over the next few days **RSVP's are due by Monday 17th October 2005**, **please remember to advise of any special dietary requirements.**

It is important that Members note the following;

- Community Housing Organisations **MUST** be current financial members of the Community Housing Council of SA Inc (CHCSA) to be eligible to vote at the AGM and to attend the Member's Dinner
- Representative/s **MUST** attend the AGM in order to be eligible to attend the Member's Dinner
- Attendance at the Member's Dinner is limited per CHO that meet the above 2 points

If you have any questions or would like to confirm the current financial status of your Organisation, please contact Maria at the CHCSA on (08) 8362 1022.

| | |
|---|--|
| <p>STAFF Executive Officer - Ciarán Synnott Manager, Admin/Finance/Communications - Maria Demasi Administration Officer - Ante Gajic Senior Policy Officers - Matt Fisher & David Kilner Spanish Speaking Worker - Domingo Garcia</p> | <p>CASUAL TRAINERS AND VOLUNTEERS Casual Trainers – Liz McCarthy, David Edwards and Graeme Gow Volunteers – Renfrey Ansell and Evette Johnson</p> |
|---|--|

DIARY DATES

| | |
|--|---|
| Wednesday 28 th September 2005 | CHCSA Co-op Rep Council Meeting |
| Monday 3rd October 2005 | PUBLIC HOLIDAY |
| Wednesday 5 th October 2005 | CHCSA Disability Focus Group Meeting |
| Friday 7 th October 2005 | CHCSA Associations' Forum |
| Saturday 8 th October 2005 | CHCSA Spanish Speaking Forum |
| Monday 10 th October 2005 | CHCSA Hills & Southern Forum |
| Tuesday 11 th October 2005 | CHCSA Northern Forum |
| Wednesday 12 th October 2005 | CHCSA Central Forum |
| Friday 21st October 2005 | CHCSA Country & Remote CHOs Forum, AGM and Member's Celebration Dinner - Sunnybrae Function Centre |

Community Housing Council of SA Inc (CHCSA)
283-285 Payneham Road, Royston Park SA 5070
Ph. (08) 8362 1022
E-mail info@chcsa.org.au Website <http://www.chcsa.org.au>

If you want to unsubscribe to the E-Bulletin, please click on the following link and place the word "unsubscribe" in the Subject header. <mailto:info@chcsa.org.au>

Disclaimer

CHCSA makes every effort to provide accurate and useful information in its E-Bulletin and other publications but accepts no liability for the use of the material by individuals or organisations. Individuals or organisations may need to seek independent professional advice regarding their specific situation.