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CHCSA 2005 Country and Remote CHOs Forum

This year's CHCSA Country and Remote CHOs Forum will be held in the "Cheese Room" at the ["Sunnybrae Function Centre"](#) on Friday 21st October 2005. This will be a lead up to the CHCSA AGM and the Member's Celebration Dinner later that evening. Registrations for the Forum are from 10.00am. This year's theme is "***Our Everchanging World***".

The Agenda for the Forum will include;

- A Concessions and Rebates Training Workshop for Country and Remote CHOs facilitated by David Kilner (from 10.30am - 12noon).
- Lunch (12noon - 12.45pm)
- Country and Remote CHOs Forum (12.45pm - 3.00pm) *featuring topics such as;*
 - *Regional Infrastructure for CHOs*
 - *IT Strategy for CHOs*
 - *Funding Agreement for Country & Remote CHOs*
 - *A Presentation from a Country CHO*
 - *Affordable Housing; Guest Speaker from the Affordable Housing Innovations Unit, Department of Families and Communities*
 - *Open Forum for Country and Remote CHOs*

This is a great opportunity for Country and Remote CHOs not only to get together to discuss topics and the effects specific to them, but to network with other individuals and CHOs. CHOs **must** be current financial members of the CHCSA in order to attend this event.

The CHCSA has forwarded the Agenda and papers to relevant Country and Remote CHOs. Registrations are essential. Please contact Anthony or Maria at the CHCSA on (08) 8362 1022 for further information or to book in. To Register online, please send an

e-mail to <mailto:info@chcsa.org.au>. (please remember to include any special dietary requirements).

CHCSA 2005 Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Member's Celebration Dinner

The CHCSA will hold its 8th AGM in the "Cheese Room" at the "[Sunnybrae Function Centre](#)" on Friday 21st October 2005 from 4.15pm (sharp) to 5.30pm.

Full Members are entitled to 3 votes at our AGM and Associate Members are entitled to 1 vote. CHOs **must** be current financial members of the CHCSA in order to vote at the AGM.

Following the success last year of our Member's Celebration Dinner, the CHCSA will be hosting this year's Dinner in the "Coach House" at the "[Sunnybrae Function Centre](#)" from 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start.

The CHCSA is pleased to advise that the [Minister for Housing, the Hon Jay Weatherill MP](#) will be our Guest Speaker at the Dinner from 6.30pm. Following the formalities (6.30pm - 7.00pm), the evening will feature a fabulous 3-course meal, refreshments, entertainment and giveaways.

Please note that representative/s of a CHO **must** attend the AGM to be eligible to attend the Member's Dinner and that their CHO **must** be a current financial member of the CHCSA. Attendance at the Member's Dinner will be limited per CHO.

Registrations are **ESSENTIAL**. Please contact Maria if you wish to check on the current status of your CHO. To register your attendance, please contact Anthony or Maria at the CHCSA on (08) 8362 1022 or send an e-mail to <mailto:info@chcsa.org.au> (please remember to include any special dietary requirements).

CHCSA "Introduction to Community Housing (ICH)" Course

The CHCSA wishes to advise that following high demand, the ICH Course scheduled for Tuesday 6th and Tuesday 13th **December** 2005 at its Central location (285 Payneham Road, Royston Park) has now been changed to **DAY** sessions which will run from 11am - 2.00pm (BYO Lunch) on the 6th and 13th December.

Both sessions are extended to incorporate what is normally a 3-session Course. Bookings can be made by contacting Anthony at the CHCSA on (08) 8362 1022 or online at http://www.chcsa.org.au/education_course.htm.

Swinburne University Scholarships Available ~ from SACHA

Each year, the South Australian Community Housing Authority (SACHA) makes available a number of Scholarships for the post-graduate courses in **Housing Management and Policy** run by the Swinburne University of Technology (Melbourne).

These scholarships are open to anyone who is a member/tenant, volunteer or staff of a registered Community Housing Organisation in South Australia.

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 or Planning.

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 applicant process will be forwarded to the CHOs shortly by SACHA with applications closing in early 2006. If you are interested in learning more about the Swinburne postgraduate courses in Housing Management and Policy, then please consider the below *information session*.

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

Please register your attendance by Monday 26th September 2005. For further information and to register, please contact **Frances Richards**, Education and Training Co-ordinator at SACHA on (08) 8207 0151.

Senior First Aid Training with Red Cross ~ Organised by SACHA - article by Anthony Gajic from the CHCSA

From the 31st of August to the 2nd of September 2005, **SACHA** had organised **FREE** training with the Red Cross at two locations, for any CHO Member/Tenant to attend. Bookings were essential so I wasted no time in taking up this fantastic opportunity to ensure that I would gain my **Senior First Aid Certificate**.

After completing this training, I strongly recommend to those that have an interest but have missed this opportunity to take full advantage should it once again be offered. And for those that booked and were unable to attend, I would encourage you to do yourself a favour and gain the knowledge from some of the best lessons you could ever learn.

Having to care for young ones was my initial reason for wanting to know the ins and outs of what I **NEED** to know to save a life and how to handle the cuts, grazes and to a greater extent snake bites, fractures and broken bones. My niece and nephew are both under the age of two and undoubtedly children will injure themselves at any given stage. I decided that I must be the responsible adult and ensure that I can be the best protector that I can be. And where I cannot protect, I can provide assistance as best as I am able in any given situation.

Not only did I gain the knowledge in how to deal with situations where First Aid would be required, but developed the confidence one needs. Because of the training participants go through, you are less likely to panic as you have already learnt the steps you need to know.

Fortunately, we practiced on mannequins. They didn't move, they didn't cry, bleed or exude offensive substances as a real life situation may. For those that have comfort in

their own personal space, mouth-to-mouth contact wasn't as intimidating on the 'second date'.

Our instructor, [Ms Glyn Richards-Pugh](#), was friendly, patient and dedicated in ensuring each participant knew they had to do. I was highly impressed with her method of approach and the openness she projected in allowing each of us to have a say. I would strongly seek her instruction in the future when I do my re-fresher in a few years time.

The course wouldn't have been as fun and interesting if it wasn't for the participants themselves. There were attendances by several SACHA staff, Co-operative Members, Association Staff and of course myself from the CHCSA. My first aid partner for the three days was an absolute pleasure to work with and I'm certain all of us enjoyed the time.

Since the completion of the Senior First Aid Training, I have had to make use of my skills in the CHCSA Offices. Fortunately, it was a minor paper-cut, and a good dosage of Antiseptic Spray for Cuts and Abrasions, worked a treat in soothing the pain suffered and worked to prevent infection. Hopefully, all situations will be as easy and for well wishes, Maria is doing just fine.

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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

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