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'Strengthening Community Housing CO-OPERATIVES' Workshop

The CHCSA will be holding a Workshop on **Saturday 26th November 2005** on the theme of **"Strengthening Housing Co-ops"**.

The workshop will run from **10am to 4.15pm** and will be held at the **Payneham Library Complex on OG Road, Klemzig**.

The purpose of the workshop is to enable Housing Co-operatives to explore ways of strengthening their work. There has been a fairly steady decline in the number of Housing Co-operatives over the past few years and despite efforts by SACHA and the CHCSA, others appear to be in difficulties.

The workshop will hear from a range of speakers from the Co-op Sector who will talk about;

- their experiences in overcoming common difficulties which face Housing Co-ops;
- developing and maintaining participation;
- effective management structures;
- developing viable financial systems; and
- asset management.

Rather than just looking at what goes wrong in Co-ops, the workshop will explore how to achieve sustainability.

There will be opportunities for small group discussion. The ultimate aim is to develop a package of ideas and suggestions, which will assist Co-ops to remain viable or overcome current challenges.

RSVP's are essential and must be received by **Wednesday 23rd November 2005**. Please contact the CHCSA on (08) 8362 1022 to book or via e-mail to <mailto:info@chcsa.org.au>.

Recent Policies, Research and Report Available Online

Thanks to **Carol Croce**, Executive Director of Community Housing Federation of Australia (CHFA) for advising CHCSA of the following;

- **Property owners in Australia: a snapshot**

Property represents more than half of all household assets in Australia and its share has been rising in recent years. Marion Kohler and Anthony Rossiter use household-level data to examine what determines the ownership of residential property and the holding of property debt by households in Australia. Their results suggest that the household's age, composition, income and wealth are important factors determining property ownership and gearing decisions. http://gemini.econ.umd.edu/cgi-bin/conference/download.cgi?db_name=ACE2005&paper_id=75

- **Housing and accommodation support initiative**

Social Policy Research Centre, University of New South Wales. This initiative aims to improve housing stability and community participation for people with mental illness through community based accommodation and coordinated support services. Stage one provides accommodation support places to over 100 people with complex mental health problems and high levels of psychiatric disability; the preliminary findings in this report suggest that this stage of the initiative is achieving most of its aims and working towards others. http://www.sprc.unsw.edu.au/reports/HASI_ReportISummary.pdf

- **Show me the money: financing more affordable housing**

Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute RMIT/NATSEM Research Centre. Mike Berry summarises the housing affordability picture and the forces driving the recent housing boom. He then addresses the policy challenge and looks at the way forward. He stresses that in order to make substantial advances in reducing housing stress related to declining affordability for at-risk groups, the states and Commonwealth must adequately and quickly address and solve the parlous financial condition of the state housing authorities. <http://mams.rmit.edu.au/ea5ncpup56st1.doc>

- **Housing and urban research working papers**

Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute RMIT/NATSEM Research Centre. The Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute RMIT/NATSEM Research Centre's working papers series provides an opportunity for all readers to access and respond to important papers before they are finalised and published. Authors can be contacted directly, and feedback from readers constitutes an important part in this policy-forming process. <http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=rmexhzst7c151>

Shelter SA 2005 Annual General Meeting Welcomes Adam Sampson, Director of Shelter UK as the Guest Speaker

Shelter SA will be holding its 2005 AGM on **Tuesday 18th October 2005** from 9.30am (for a 10am start) till 12.15pm, in the Boulevard Room of the Stamford Plaza Hotel, North terrace Adelaide.

Adam Sampson has long had an interest in issues of housing and homelessness, having spent a period working directly with the homeless in the late 1970s and early 1980s. During his time at Shelter, he has broadcast and campaigned for improved housing policies. He has sat on a number of Government working parties, including the Government Task Force on Home Ownership, and been closely involved in initiatives such as the Barker Review on Housing Supply. He is both a Fellow and a member of the Advisory Council of the Royal Society for the Arts.

Shelter UK is the leading provider of independent housing advice in the UK and each year it works with over 100,000 homeless or people housed in terrible conditions, through its network of over 50 advice centres. It also runs *Shelterline*, the UK's free 24 hour, national housing advice line, and *Shelternet*, a free, online housing advice website at <http://www.shelteruk.org.au>.

Please RSVP your attendance to Shelter SA by **14th October 2005** by phoning (08) 8221 6488 or via e-mail to <mailto:sheltersa@sheltersa.asn.au>.

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 the Coorong Housing Association*
 - *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).

<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>
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DIARY DATES

Saturday 8 th October	CHCSA Spanish Speaking Forum
Monday 10 th October	CHCSA Hills & Southern Forum
Tuesday 11 th October	CHCSA Northern Forum
Wednesday 12 th October	CHCSA Central Forum
Friday 14 th October	CHCSA Policy Committee Meeting
Friday 14 th October	CHCSA Management Committee Meeting
Friday 21 st October	CHCSA Country & Remote CHOs Forum, AGM and Member's Celebration Dinner - Sunnybrae Function Centre
Wednesday 26 th October	CHCSA Co-op Rep. Council
Wed 26 th - Fri 28 th October	2005 National Housing Conference - Perth WA
Wednesday 2 nd November	CHCSA Disability Focus Group (DFG) Meeting
Friday 4 th November	CHCSA Associations' Forum

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