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Thank You to CHCSA Members and to the Sector

Thank you to all our Members and Friends that helped to make our **2005 Country & Remote CHOs Forum / AGM / Members Celebration Dinner** an overwhelming success. **The CHCSA had recorded;**

- 31 people at our Country and Remote CHOs Forum
- 96 people at our AGM
- 104 people attended our Member's Celebration Dinner

We have received phone calls and e-mails from quite a few of our Members who say that they had a wonderful time, enjoyed the entertainment and the scrumptious food. Although it was quite a long day for some of us, unwinding and dancing away the stress made it a perfect way to cap off a great day.

The CHCSA wishes to thank the **Minister, the Hon Jay Weatherill MP**, whom as our Guest Speaker, spoke quite proudly and enthusiastically about Community Housing and how it stands out as a leader in the provision of Affordable Housing, not only in SA but nation-wide. **Thank you** to Gabby Hummell, Senior SACHA Staff, Sector Reps to SACHA Board, CHCSA Staff and Volunteers, Sunnybrae Function Centre, and most importantly, thank you to all our Members for your continued support and enthusiasm.

Congratulations to the following people who were elected to respective positions;

Management Committee:

- Noel Hocking (Frederic Ozanam Housing Association) - Associations' Rep.
- Kerry Gray (Red Shield Housing Association) - Associations' Rep.

- Heather Hockey (Mid-Murray Homes Housing Association) - Associations' Rep.

Policy Committee:

- Vicki Lachlan (The Women's Housing Association) - Associations' Rep.
- Jeannette Hanney (PEACH Co-operative) - Co-operatives' Rep.

Co-operatives' Representative Council:

- Stewart Henderson (La Luna Housing Co-operative)
- Sarah Henderson (La Luna Housing Co-operative)
- Philip Studt (Glasshouse Housing Co-operative)
- Kasey Groothedde (Paris Flat Housing Co-operative)
- Evette Johnson (Copper Triangle Housing Co-operative)
- Barbara Onderstal (Independent Housing Co-operative)

A Special thanks to all our Country and Remote CHOs members that made a special trip down for the day.

"Developing a National Affordable Housing System for Australia: Building on Research and Practice" ~ publication by National Community Housing Forum (NCHF)

This Publication aims to summarise the changes necessary for the community housing sector to take up the challenge and become a major player in the development and growth of new affordable housing models. It does so by drawing upon the extensive research and practice of the last decade, identifying major themes, and highlighting key tasks for different stakeholders.

Several major themes have emerged in the debate about new affordable housing models. As these are summarised it will become evident that the themes are all interconnected.

- Private investment: the key to growth in the affordable housing sector
- Inclusionary zoning: capturing land value gain for affordable housing
- The social and economic benefits of community housing
- Developing a culture of risk management in the community housing sector
- Increased focus on the skills of the governing body
- The importance of a regulatory framework for community housing
- The importance of policy stability to enable long term planning and investment
- Towards a sustainable industry: building the capacity of the community housing sector

The 16 page Publication is available for viewing or downloading from the NCHF Website, please go to

http://www.nCHF.org.au/downloads/developing_an_ah_system.pdf.

'Volunteer Refugee Program' ~ Anglicare SA

Anglicare has recently been successful in securing a five year tender to provide accommodation and support services to refugee's entering Australia under the Integrated Humanitarian Settlement Strategy. Anglicare are looking for volunteers to

assist in various accommodation related aspects of the services. Some of the duties include;

- Sourcing donations of household furniture.
- Transporting goods to and from the Anglicare Warehouse to individual homes.
- Assisting with installation of washing machines, setting up beds, arranging furniture, hanging curtains etc.
- Sorting and packing small household goods, toys and other accessories in the Warehouse ready for delivery to new arrivals.
- Working directly with new arrivals in their homes to achieve goals identified in their Successful Tenancies Plan, i.e. demonstrating use of appliances, home hygiene, cost saving in the home etc.

For a copy of the full Volunteer Job Description, further information or a volunteer registration form please contact Tricia O'Donovan at Anglicare on (08) 8209 5435 or e-mail <mailto:todonovan@anglicare-sa.org.au>.

CHCSA "Introduction to Community Housing (ICH) Course" - November and December 2005

The CHCSA wish to advise Members that the two (2) November 2005 ICH Courses, one scheduled at the Central location and one at the Southern location are now both **FULLY BOOKED.**

The December ICH Course scheduled for the Central location still has vacancies, the details are;

- To be held at the CHCSA Training Room, 285 Payneham Road, Royston Park, from **11am to 2pm** (BYO lunch) on Tuesday 6th and Tuesday 13th December 2005. To Book, please contact Anthony at the CHCSA (08) 8362 1022. Alternatively, you can book on-line; please go to http://www.chcsa.org.au/education_course_form.htm

Homelessness, Health and Housing Expo 2005

The **2005 Homelessness, Health and Housing Expo** will be held this year on **Tuesday 15th November 2005** at Whitmore Square in the City from **10am - 2pm.**

This is a multi-agency event with representation from across the homeless, health and housing sectors. The Expo provides informal opportunities for interaction with a variety of organisations and homeless people and it's **free!** There will be live music and a **free** BBQ for all.

This year, the CHCSA will have a marquee and will be joined by some Member CHOs who will be there to answer questions on Community Housing and Housing Co-operatives as well as display and promote brochures and services.

For further information, please contact Anthony at the CHCSA on (08) 8362 1022 or via e-mail to <mailto:info@chcsa.org.au>.

'Strengthening Community Housing CO-OPERATIVES' Workshop~repeated item

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>.

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DIARY DATES

Wednesday 2nd November	CHCSA Disability Focus Group (DFG) Meeting
Friday 4th November	CHCSA Associations' Forum
Tuesday 8th November	CHCSA Northern Forum
Wednesday 9th November	CHCSA Central Forum
Saturday 12th November	CHCSA Spanish Speaking Forum
Monday 14th November	CHCSA Hills & Southern Forum
Tuesday 15th November	Homelessness, Health and Housing Expo

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