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"Strengthening Housing Co-operatives Workshop" ~ Guest Speakers Announced

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 4.30pm** and will be held at the [Payneham Library Complex, Corner of OG Road and Turner Street, Felixstow](#).

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.

The CHCSA is pleased to confirm that the Guest Speakers for the Workshop are;

- **Robert Buchanan - Association for Resourcing Co-operative Housing (ARCH) in NSW - Keynote Speaker**
- **Pat Ray - Keynote Speaker**

- Victoria Dennington - (PEACH Co-op)
- Kasey Groothedde - (Paris Flat Housing Co-op)
- Fay Partridge - (Riverland Housing Co-op)
- Elaine Henn - (Sunrise Housing Co-op)
- Domingo Garcia (CHCSA) - to be confirmed.

Brendan Moran, General Manager of SACHA will attend the last hour of the workshop to give a SACHA perspective

To view the Program for the Workshop, please go to <http://www.chcsa.org.au/>.

Lunch and Refreshments will be provided. **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>. Please advise of any special dietary requirements.

2005 National Awards for Excellence in Community Housing

The 2005 National Awards for Excellence in Community Housing were presented on 27th October 2005 during the Conference Dinner at the National Housing Conference in Perth.

Numerous not-for-profit housing organisations from around Australia have been honoured with awards, which are designed to recognise best practice in community housing.

The CHCSA extends its congratulations to the Award recipients;

- **The National Award for Overall Excellence in Community Housing**

Best Achievement	Central Tablelands Housing Association
High Commendation	Cumberland Housing Co-op Ltd
High Commendation	Havelock Housing Association Inc
- **The National Award for Excellence in Service to Tenants and Communities**

Best Achievement	Hills Community Support Group
High Commendation	Najidah Association Inc
- **The National Award for Excellence in Service to Tenants and Communities in Rural and Remote Areas**

Best Achievement	Housing Roma
Best Achievement	Karratha Youth Housing Project
- **The National Award for Excellence in Asset Management**

Best Achievement	Cumberland Housing Co-op Ltd
High Commendation	Havelock Housing Association Inc
- **The National Award for Excellence in Organisational Management**

Best Achievement	Havelock Housing Association Inc
High Commendation	St George Community Housing Co-op Ltd
- **The National Award for Excellence in Corporate Governance**

Best Achievement	Cumberland Housing Co-op Ltd
High Commendation	St Bartholomew's House Inc

The Awards are presented by the **National Awards Council** and auspiced by the National Community Housing Forum. The Awards are made possible through the support of government and corporate sponsors.

Congratulations to **National Community Housing Forum (NCHF)** and **Community Housing Coalition of WA (CHCWA)** for the hard work gone into the organisation of the 2005 Awards and the Presentation.

If you have any questions about the Awards or would like hardcopies of the materials, please contact the NCHF on (02) 9211 0422 or via e-mail to <mailto:awards@nchf.org.au>. Further information is also available at NCHF's Website, please go to <http://www.nchf.org.au/awards.html>.

Australasian Housing Institute (AHI) Professional Excellence in Social Housing Awards

The **AHI Professional Excellence in Social Housing Awards** are a great way to recognise and showcase the achievements and diversity of social housing practice and the positive impact social housing professionals (remunerated and volunteer) can have in the lives of individuals, families and communities.

If you are aware of colleagues or a group of colleagues that have really made a difference in social housing this year, or if there is someone whose social housing career deserves recognition, the AHI encourages you to submit a nomination.

Nominees do not have to be Australasian Housing Institute members, but a member of the AHI must endorse the nomination. For assistance with endorsement of nominations or for more information about the Awards, contact Eileen Gillin - Office Manager - Australasian Housing Institute on (02) 6493 6411 or e-mail to <mailto:admin@housinginstitute.org>. Further information is available from the AHI Website, please go to <http://www.housinginstitute.org/news/news.php>.

Nominations close on Friday December 2nd 2005.

Nominations for Awards **are not** restricted to waged professionals or the staff of state and territory housing authorities. The Australasian Housing Institute recognises, values and respects the contributions of all social housing professionals including the many dedicated volunteer housing professionals who contribute so much of their time and energy to achieving good outcomes for social housing tenants and communities.

CHCSA "Public Information Session" ~ November 2005

The last **Public Information Session** on Community Housing for 2005 is scheduled for **Wednesday 23rd November 2005 at the Education Development Centre**, Corner of Port Road and Milner Street, Hindmarsh **from 7.00pm - 9.00pm**

Would you like to know more about Community Housing? Or perhaps you might like to know more about Co-operatives and Associations? These questions and many others including "*Am I eligible?*" and "*How do I apply?*" can be answered on the night. The **P.I.Sessions** are structured to enable the general public to be informed on Community Housing. The information provided on the night will be relevant for those seeking to learn more about this form of housing as well as explaining what housing options are available and the obligations and responsibilities of associated with them. Questions fielded at the end of the session are designed to enable the public to make informed decisions when considering Community Housing as a Housing Option.

IMPORTANT: You will need to register with the CHCSA to ensure your placement to the P.I.Session. To book, please contact Anthony on (08) 8362 1022. You may also leave a message on our answering machine detailing your name and contact number. Alternatively, you can book on-line directly from the CHCSA Website. The link to the on-line P.I.Session Bookings page is;

http://www.chcsa.org.au/education_session_form.htm

United Way S.A. 2005 Zoo Outing - FREE tickets available

United Way SA is hosting its first ever **Zoo Outing** for sick or disadvantaged children, young adults and the "young at heart" including those with severe and multiple disabilities.

The **Zoo Outing** will be held on **Saturday 26th November** at the Adelaide Zoo, Frome Road, Adelaide. The Adelaide Zoo is home to over 3,400 animals and almost 300 species of exotic and native animals, birds, reptiles and fish exhibited in magnificent botanic surroundings expanded onto eight hectares.

United Way SA are pleased due to the generosity of South Australian businesses, to offer "**free**" tickets. Each person attending must have a ticket, and entry is limited to one person per ticket.

For further information or to request a 'ticket order form' for your organisation, please contact Edan on (08) 8227 0322.

Homelessness, Health and Housing Expo 2005 ~ repeated item

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>.

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DIARY DATES

Tuesday 8th November	CHCSA Northern Forum
Wednesday 9th November	CHCSA Central Forum
Friday 11th November	CHCSA Policy Committee
Saturday 12th November	CHCSA Spanish Speaking Forum
Monday 14th November	CHCSA Hills & Southern Forum
Tuesday 15th November	Homelessness, Health and Housing Expo
Wednesday 23rd November	CHCSA Co-op. Rep. Council
Wednesday 23rd November	CHCSA Public Information Session
Saturday 26th November	"Strengthening Co-ops" Workshop

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