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Affordable Housing Initiatives - Assistance ~ by Inter Church Housing Unit

Community Housing Organisations (CHOs) that are interested in developing Expressions of Interest in affordable housing projects should be aware that assistance may be available under some circumstances from the **Inter Church Housing Unit (ICHU)**.

Although primarily established to assist church communities, the Unit may be prepared to assist organisations, which do not have a church affiliation.

Graham Ross, Manager of the ICHU, has provided the following information:

"In my role as the Manager of the ICHU, I provide a service to any churches interested in developing a proposal to create a NEW joint venture.

Please note, though I am prepared to assist other interested parties as well, it is however on a priority basis after I have assessed the preliminary information received from groups."

For further information, please go to the ICHU website at <http://www.ichu.on.net/index.htm> or phone Graham on (08) 8332 4522.

Information Sessions – Expressions of Interest for Affordable Housing Projects

CHOs are reminded that **Expressions of Interest in Affordable Housing Projects** are now being called by the **Affordable Housing Innovations Unit** in the Department for Families and Communities.

Expressions of Interest close on 23rd December 2005. A background document is available from the Internet at <http://www.familiesandcommunities.sa.gov.au>

Public information sessions about the new program are being held at venues across the State.

Remaining sessions will be held as follows:

Date	Information Session	Location
Tuesday, 15 November 2005 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm	Metro North	Office of the North Building 22 Woomera Road Edinburgh Ph: 8307 5020
Wednesday, 23 November 2005 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm	Port Augusta	The Australian Arid Lands Botanic Gardens
Tuesday, 29 November 2005 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm	Central Metro	Level 8, Conference Room Terrace Towers

To register to attend, please e-mail the unit at <mailto:ahiu@dfc.sa.gov.au>.

The Housing Plan for South Australia ~ Follow-up Forum

Shelter SA will be facilitating a forum, which will report back on the **Housing Plan for South Australia** with Progress Reports and Plan for Implementation.

Peter Smith, Deputy CEO for Department for Families and Communities (DFC) leads the list of Guest Speakers, to give an insight into the implementation of the Housing Plan for South Australia. Peter and other guest speakers will reveal the status of a number of strategically important and significant projects, which will shape the future of housing in this State.

The Forum will be held on Tuesday November 22nd from 8.45am - 1pm in the Boulevard Room, Stamford Plaza, North Terrace, Adelaide. (Morning Tea will be provided).

The Program will feature;

- Welcome and Introduction
- Policy Responses for the Housing Plan
- Affordable Housing Initiatives
- High Needs Housing Initiatives
- Community Renewal
- Urban Regeneration
- Finance and Strategies
- Panel of all the Speakers

Gary Wilson, Shelter SA
Peter Smith, DFC
Phil Fagan-Schmidt, DFC
Zofia Nowak and David Caudrey, DFC
Jude Allen, DFC
Paul Ogden, DFC
Andrew Clapham, DFC

RSVPs are essential. Please RSVP to Cheryl at Shelter SA by **Friday 18th November 2005** by phoning (08) 8221 6488 or via e-mail to <mailto:sheltersa@sheltersa.asn.org>.

'A Community for all Ages - Building the Future' ~ 7th National Speakers Series

The National Speakers Series promotes age-friendly built environments. Launched by the Australian Government Minister for Ageing, Julie Bishop, the series is sparking a dialogue between professionals involved in the design of Australia's built environments.

It brings together people in organisations and government bodies – including architects, planners, urban designers, builders, policy makers, and academics.

The National Speakers Series is being delivered through seminars and workshops, facilitated by well-known social commentator and analyst, Dr Keith Suter.

The theme of the series is **A Community for All Ages – Building the Future**. Minister Bishop announced it in an address at the Royal Australian Institute of Architects Conference, in Melbourne on 22 April 2005.

The series responds to the fact that some older Australians have to go into residential aged care because their housing is not appropriate, rather than because they can't look after themselves. Other older Australians have to enter residential aged care because they live in social isolation, in poorly designed communities.

This is unacceptable to the individuals involved. **The National Speakers Series** underscores the fact that the vast majority of older Australians want to be able to choose to stay in their homes and their communities.

This will be the **7th National Speakers Series** event on the theme '**A Community for All Ages - Building the Future**'. Previous seminars have been well received by a broad range of people such as architects, developers, builders, planners, urban designers, government officials, practitioners, and many others interested in increasing their awareness of the need to design the built environment to sustain health and well-being.

The Seminar is scheduled for **Friday 2nd December 2005** at the Hilton Adelaide from 9.30am - 2.30pm. Speakers at the **Adelaide** seminar include, the Minister for Ageing, the Hon. Julie Bishop MP, the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of Adelaide, Michael Harbison, Paul Ogden (South Australian Housing Trust), Kirsty Kelly (Jensen Consulting), and Peter Hall (Victor Harbour Council).

Further information and on-line registrations are available via their Website, please go to; <http://www.health.gov.au/internet/wcms/publishing.nsf/Content/ageing-agefriendlybuilt-event-adelaide.htm>.

4th National Homelessness Conference "The Great Australian Dream? Waking up to Homelessness" ~ Advance Notice

The Australian Federation of Homelessness Organisations (AFHO) is proud to host the 4th National Homelessness Conference is scheduled for 1st - 3rd March 2006 at the Sydney Convention Centre, Sydney.

AFHO is the national peak body working to prevent and respond to homelessness in Australia. AFHO seeks to improve community awareness and understanding of the issues facing the 1 in every 200 Australians who are homeless. It also aims to represent the interests of more than 1,300 homeless assistance services across Australia.

"The Great Australia Dream? - Waking up to Homelessness", highlights the tension between the taken-for-granted aspiration among many Australians for home ownership and housing security and the actual realities of life for those who experience homelessness.

The Conference will focus on continued development of a strategic response to homelessness in Australia including:

- strategies to prevent homelessness
- homelessness service system development
- improved responses from other service systems to Australians experiencing homelessness

The Conference Themes include;

- addressing structural causes of homelessness
- promoting strengths, sharing good ideas
- removing barriers to better outcomes for homeless Australians
- Australian Homelessness in 2015? future policy and service responses to homelessness.

Early Bird Registrations are due on or before **16th January 2006**. For further information, Conference Program and Registration, please go to the AFHO Conference Website at <http://www.afho.org.au/conference/>.

"Creating Livable Assets - Australasian Conference on Asset Management" ~ Australasian Housing Institute (AHI) ~ Advance Notice

The **Australasian Housing Institute** will be hosting the Australasian Conference on Asset Management in Social Housing, "**Creating Livable Assets - Australasian Conference on Asset Management**".

The Conference is scheduled for **Wednesday 8th February 2006** at the Royal on the Park, in Brisbane, Queensland.

The AHI welcomes your contributions, comments or requests for workshop content.

The Final program and registration details will be circulated in the next few weeks. If you are not an AHI member and would like to be added to the conference mailing list, please send an e-mail containing your contact details to; <mailto:admin@housinginstitute.org>.

A draft program can be found at the AHI Website at <http://www.housinginstitute.org> just follow the link under "Events & Seminars".

New Reports Available for Viewing or Downloading

- **Developing Appropriate Exit Strategies for Housing Regeneration Programmes (AHURI)**

This report presents the findings of a project undertaken by the AHURI Southern Research Centre to review current practices and develop appropriate exit strategy models for housing regeneration programmes. *From the Executive Summary, page IV:*

"Exit strategies can provide a planning implementation framework for State Housing Authorities to sustain the benefits of housing regeneration expenditure once renewal programmes have formally ended.

"From the review undertaken for the Positioning Paper, it is evident that community empowerment is the most favoured strategy deployed by Australian State and Territory Housing Authorities to sustain the benefits of regeneration investment. Only in Queensland has the housing authority begun to develop explicit exit strategies including project management arrangements to manage housing estates for the period after the regeneration project has been completed."

The report finds that the diversity of regeneration initiatives makes pinpointing a single model difficult. However evidence suggests that successful current practice in part depends on strategic planning early in the regeneration process

To view or download the full report, please go to http://www.housing.infoxchange.net.au/library/vic/social_debate/items/2005/11/00032-upload-00001.pdf.

- **Indigenous Access to Mainstream Public and Community Housing (AHURI)**

This research led by Paul Flatau of the AHURI Western Australia Research Centre in collaboration with Lesley Cooper and others from the Southern Research Centre, examines access of Indigenous households to mainstream public and community housing, and the extent to which Indigenous people, particularly those with unmet housing needs, face access barriers and experience difficulties in sustaining their tenancies.

The report shows that access by indigenous people to mainstream public housing has increased in the past four years with the number of newly assisted indigenous tenants growing by 11.6 per cent over the period 2000-01 to 2003-04. There is a need to further

boost the stock of larger dwellings to reduce overcrowding for indigenous households in mainstream public housing and to continue to improve the sustainability of tenancies.

To view or download the full report, please go to

http://www.housing.infoxchange.net.au/library/vic/community_housing/items/2005/10/00154-upload-00001.pdf.

"Strengthening 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 4.30pm** 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;

- **Rob Buchanan - Association for Resourcing Co-operative Housing (ARCH) in NSW - Keynote Speaker**
- Pat Ray - Family Accommodation Services Forum
- 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 (Spanish Speaking Worker - CHCSA)

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.

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DIARY DATES

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
Friday 25th November	CHCSA Management Committee Meeting
Wednesday 23rd November	CHCSA Public Information Session
Saturday 26th November	"Strengthening Co-ops" Workshop
Friday 2nd December	CHCSA Associations' Forum
Wednesday 7th December	CHCSA Disability Focus Group
Saturday 10th December	CHCSA Spanish Speaking Forum
Monday 12th December	CHCSA Hills & Southern Forum
Tuesday 13th December	CHCSA Northern Forum
Wednesday 14th December	CHCSA Central Forum
Friday 16th December	CHCSA Christmas Office Closure

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