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Housing Co-operative Seeks Registrations of Interest from Prospective Members to fill Immediate Vacancies

Paris Flat Housing Co-operative houses low-income people in the Western Suburbs (Bowden/Brompton). They are seeking registrations of interest to fill **immediate vacancies** from people with a view to becoming Prospective Members of the Co-op.

Successful applicants will need to meet the regulatory criteria as defined by Government as well as the criteria set out by the Co-op.

Fellow Co-ops are encouraged to contact Paris Flat for further information or if they have any suitable people on their current waiting lists.

Please contact the Paris Flat Housing Co-op Chair, Helen, direct on (08) 8241 7116 or via post to PO Box 119, Brompton SA 5007.

"Accounting, Property and Tenancy Management Software for Community Housing Organisations in South Australia" ~ An Information Booklet

The CHCSA is pleased to advise that its latest publication as named above is now available from the CHCSA.

This Booklet provides information on computer software suitable for the use of Community Housing Organisations (CHOs). The type of software mentioned in this booklet includes software for tenancy management, property management, financial accounting and related CHO purposes.

CHOs have tended to grow in size and complexity. Governments have imposed stronger accountability requirements. Accreditation systems have been developed which require more stringent and thorough management processes. The taxation system has grown more complicated. CHOs are asked to do more with limited resources and must maximise outputs for every dollar spent. CHOs require timely and often in-depth information for management purposes. CHOs which rely on volunteers find that management workloads can be onerous and are looking for simple efficient systems to minimise volunteers stress.

This Booklet summarises software packages available, specifications and costs. The CHCSA will be posting out a copy of the Booklet to each Member Co-op and Association.

Thank you to the sector members who assisted in the development of this Booklet (they are named in the Acknowledgments at the front of the Booklet). Thank you to SACHA for printing this Booklet.

Invitation to attend Community Housing Opening

SACHA would like to extend an invitation to members of Housing Co-operatives and Associations to attend the official opening of four community housing properties at **27 -29 Moncur Street, Woodcroft on Wednesday 7th December 2005 at 12noon.**

The Minister for Housing, the **Hon Jay Weatherill MP** will perform the Official Opening of these 4 properties which will belong to **Arkadia Housing Co-operative** and **Glencoe Housing Co-operative.**

Drinks and refreshments will be served immediately after the opening. RSVPs are essential. Please contact **Gemima Fusco** at SACHA by Friday 2nd December 2005 by phone on (08) 8207 0121 or via e-mail to <mailto:gemima.fusco@dfc.sa.gov.au>.

Legal Advice and the New SACHA Funding Agreement

The CHCSA wish to advise Members that the Legal Advice received with regard to the New SACHA Funding Agreement is now available for viewing or downloading via the CHCSA Website. Please go to; <http://www.chcsa.org.au/docs/Memorandum%20of%20Advice.pdf>

CHCSA Offices Christmas/New Year Closure

The CHCSA wish to advise Members that it will be closing for the Christmas/New Year period on Friday 16th December 2005 and will re-open on Monday 9th January 2006.

No CHCSA Forums, Meetings, Education and Training Courses will be held in January 2006. Calendars and Timetables for 2006 will be available on the CHCSA Website for information before the Office Christmas closure this year.

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DIARY DATES

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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