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Asset Management Planning Workshop ~ Update

Comhouse and **CHCSA** would like to thank those Community Housing Organisations (CHOs) and members that attended this Forum at Payneham yesterday. The Forum was represented by 18 CHOs. The CHCSA has uploaded the PowerPoint presentation to its Website for interested people to view or download. <http://www.chcsa.org.au>

The CHCSA encourages all Members that have any questions or seek further clarification from the presentation, that they contact Comhouse direct. They would be more than happy to take feedback and answer any questions.

Comhouse can be contacted via phone, (08) 8235 1422; fax (08) 8235 1566;
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Registration of Interest for Community Housing Co-operatives

The CHCSA wishes to advise members that commencing from Wednesday 19th March, we will be trialing the new "**Registration of Interest for Community Housing Co-operatives**" Form as part of the current "*interim*" Central System we manage on behalf of Government and Housing Co-operatives. This serves as a lead-in to the implementation of the Community Housing Register for Housing Co-operatives and Associations currently under development.

We wish to remind Housing Co-operatives to contact the CHCSA as vacancies in your Co-operative arise or are about to, or even to add to your own 'waiting list'.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact Maria Demasi at the CHCSA on (08) 8362 1022.

Hoarding - Whose Problem is it? ~ Southern Housing Round Table

The Southern Housing Round Table invites agencies to participate in an interagency forum focused upon the development of an integrated and co-ordinated approach to the incidence of Hoarding and Squalor in the Southern region.

- Incidents involving Hoarding and Living in Squalor seem to be everyone's problem but who is taking responsibility for the solution?
- We all know this is a complex issue but what can be done about it?

The Aims of the Forum are;

- To raise the awareness and understanding of the factors which contribute to the incidence of hoarding and living in squalor.
- To increase understanding of the associated social, legal, financial and psychological issues and consequences.
- To begin to develop appropriate, effective and co-ordinated inter-agency responses to address the issue of Hoarding in the Southern region and beyond.

Guest Presenters at the Forum include;

- The Hon John Hill - Minister for Health
- Chris Button- Public Health and Safety, City of Onkaparinga
- Dr Chris Lease - Director Applied Environmental Health, Department of Health

The Forum will be held on Tuesday 8th April 2008 from 8.30am - 4.30pm (Breaks and lunch included), at the South Adelaide Football Club. There is a cost of \$70 per person and seats are limited.

CHCSA has uploaded the Flyer and Registration Sheet to its Website. Please click <http://www.chcsa.org.au>.

Future Proof Seminar ~ Thinking Differently for a Sustainable Future with Emma Synnott ~ Australasian Housing Institute (AHI)

Future Proof- Thinking Differently for a Sustainable Future seminar (1/2 day)

The AHI are pleased to announce our next half-day seminar focusing on sustainability.

Emma Synnott, currently of international firm ARUP and following more than 3 years in London where she provided advice on sustainable development to the Mayor of London and the London Sustainable Development Commission will share her experience and insights into how we can take a truly sustainable approach to housing that considers social, community and health issues in a holistic, sustainable framework.

This half-day seminar will be held on **Tuesday 22nd April 2008 at the Mecure Grosvenor Hotel from 9.30am to 1.00pm. The cost is \$90 for AHI Members and \$120 for non-Members.**

Further information and registration form can be obtained from the AHI Website. Please click <http://www.housinginstitute.org/events/events.php>.

Towards a Common Equity Model in South Australia ~ A Special Forum for Housing Associations and Co-operatives ~ repeated item

A new way of managing volunteer-run Housing Associations and Housing Co-operatives in South Australia is currently being examined by a working party of interested Co-operatives,

Associations, Office for Community Housing and the Community Housing Council. The proposal is known as the '**Common Equity Housing Model**' and is modelled on the Common Equity Housing Program, which has been running in Victoria for the last twenty years.

The purpose of the Forum is to report progress on the development of the Common Equity Housing Model and seek feedback from Housing Associations and Housing Co-operatives on the **Roles and Functions Consultation Paper** for the South Australian Common Equity Housing body. **A copy of the Consultation Paper is available for viewing or download from the <http://www.chcsa.org.au>.** Please feel free to share it and discuss it within your organisation.

A senior representative of the Department for Families and Communities has been invited to address the Forum.

CHCSA is currently negotiating for several members of Victorian Housing Co-operatives to attend the Forum and address participants on their experience of the Victorian Common Equity Housing Program (CERCs).

Participants will have an opportunity to ask questions of the visitors.

We will be seeking your views on whether we should proceed with the development of the Common Equity Housing model in South Australia and if so, how?

A light lunch will be provided.

This Forum will be held on **Tuesday 15th April 2008** from **10am - 3.00pm** at the Payneham Library Complex & Community Facilities (Torrens & Trinity Rooms) 2 Turner Street, FELIXTOW (Corner O.G. Road).

RSVPs are Essential. Please contact the CHCSA on (08) 8362 1022 or via <mailto:info@chcsa.org.au>.

We gratefully acknowledge the support of the Office for Community Housing in making this Forum possible.

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DIARY DATES

Monday 17th March	CHCSA Hills & Southern Forum
Friday 21st March	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - GOOD FRIDAY
Monday 24th March	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - EASTER MONDAY
Wednesday 2nd April	CHCSA Disability Focus Group Meeting
Friday 4th April	CHCSA Associations' Forum
Wednesday 9th April	CHCSA Central Forum
Friday 11th April	CHCSA Co-op Rep Council

Friday 11 th April	CHCSA Policy Committee
Saturday 12 th April	CHCSA Spanish Speaking Forum
Monday 14 th April	CHCSA Hills & Southern Forum
Tuesday 15 th April	Towards a Common Equity Model in South Australia - Special Forum

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