



## **Community Housing Council of SA Inc. (CHCSA)**

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#### **Accounting Software for Community Housing Organisations (CHOs) Expo**

Last Friday (24<sup>th</sup> February) an enthusiastic crowd of CHOs and others explored the ins and outs of software for community housing. Four different software providers showcased and explained the benefits of their products for CHOs to a large audience. All of the products displayed provide tenancy and property management software. It is evident that all the providers have conducted extensive research into the needs of CHOs, adding numerous features to make life quicker and simpler for the people who run the systems in CHOs.

The number and quality of the questions asked showed that CHOs have done their homework and know their requirements when it comes to software. After the presentations, providers set up display tables and participants were able to wander about and ask more detailed questions.

At least some of the presenters indicated that they would make demonstration CD's of their software available so that CHOs can have a closer look at these products. CHCSA will keep CHOs posted on the availability of these demonstration CDs.

CHCSA also has further information provided to us by the software developers. CHOs are welcome to access this material at the Council.

#### **CODA Software for CHOs - Demo Available for Download ~ from Bruce Foote, Proprietor of MDB Consulting**

**CODA** is tenancy and asset management software which was developed in partnership between the Office of Housing (Victoria), members of the Community Housing Federation of Victoria (CHFOV) and MDB Consulting.

This product was one that was showcased last week at our "Software Expo". Bruce Foote writes, *"thanks again for the opportunity to demonstrate our software to some of your members. As discussed there, I neglected to let people know that we have a "demo" copy of CODA available for download."*

There is **NO COST** involved. If you are interested, please send an e-mail to Bruce at <mailto:bruce@mdb.com.au> and he will forward to you the instructions.

To view a flyer from MDB Consulting which contains the link to their Website, please go to <http://www.chcsa.org.au>.

### **CHCSA Policy Committee - Vacancy for Housing Associations' Representative**

A vacancy exists on the **CHCSA Policy Committee** for a representative of Housing Associations.

The position requires a meeting commitment of approximately two hours once a month (normally the second Friday of each month from 9.30am - 11.30am). The Policy Committee is the key policy making committee of the CHCSA and is currently closely involved with developing a sector response to the **New Vision of Community Housing** being led by SACHA, along with other topical issues.

If you would like to nominate or would like further information, please contact David Kilner, Senior Policy Officer at CHCSA on (08) 83621022 or via e-mail to <mailto:info@chcsa.org.au>.

### **ATTENTION: Housing Co-op Members ~ CHCSA Co-operatives Representative Council**

The CHCSA and the Co-op Rep Council has decided to establish a new **Co-operative's Representative Forum** which is open to **all** CHCSA Co-op members and will meet on a monthly basis at the CHCSA offices.

The new Forum is being established largely as a result of the Department for Families and Communities (DFC) '**Vision for Community Housing' Project**' that is been led by SACHA and a separate DFC Project looking at the future role of housing Peak bodies including CHCSA.

The Forum will differ from existing Regional Forums, which will continue as normal and will focus mainly on policy issues affecting the Co-op sector as well as driving other Co-op related projects.

The Co-op Representative Council has agreed to temporarily suspend its monthly meetings in favour of the new Forum in order to promote the widest possible involvement in dealing with these important matters affecting the Co-op sector.

All meetings will be held on the basis of members in attendance at any given meeting and all those in attendance will have an equal say and voting rights on any resolutions put forward.

The first meeting of the new **Co-operative's Representative Forum** will be held on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2006 2- 4pm** CHCSA Board Room 283-285 Payneham Rd.

Royston Park. All you have to do is turn up, no registrations required. Come along and have your say.

### **CHCSA Online Discussion Forums**

The CHCSA wish to remind members that they can participate and provide comments/feedback/questions etc via our **online Discussion Forums**. The Topics are updated regularly to reflect current issues before the community housing sector.

It must be noted that in order to participate in the Discussion Forum or reply to a Topic, you need to be a registered User. Your registration must then be activated by our Administrator before you can post any replies or comments. To Register, please click on the [Register](#) link on the top right of the Discussion Forums Webpage at <http://www.chcsa.org.au/forums/>.

For people registering, it is important you read and note the [Terms and Conditions](#) prior to completing your Registration. The CHCSA **does** moderate the Discussion Forums and reserves the right to exercise its role and obligations as the Forum administrators as and if required.

### **Northern Suburbs Housing Co-operative Garage Sale**

**Northern Suburbs Housing Co-op (NSHC)** Tenant Members will be holding a Garage Sale on **Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> March 2006**, in the carpark at the rear of the NSHC office.

Items for sale will include cakes, biscuits, jams, bric-a-brac, second-hand clothes, plants, and children's toys.

There will also be a sausage sizzle for everyone to enjoy!

Proceeds from the **Garage Sale** will be used by the Tenants for a luncheon in July to celebrate the **Co-op's 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday**.

Everyone is welcome. Please go along to the carpark at the rear of 472 Regency Road, Prospect (corner of Regency Road & Struan Avenue) on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> March 2006 from 8.30am onwards and pick up a bargain.

<b><u>STAFF</u></b> Executive Officer - Ciarán Synnott Manager, Admin/Finance/Communications - Maria Demasi Administration Officer - Ante Gajic Senior Policy Officers - Matt Fisher & David Kilner Spanish Speaking Worker - Domingo Garcia	<b><u>CASUAL TRAINERS AND VOLUNTEERS</u></b> Casual Trainers – Liz McCarthy, and Graeme Gow Volunteers – <b>ANTON STUDT</b> , Renfrey Ansell and Evette Johnson
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### **DIARY DATES**

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	CHCSA Hills and Southern Forum
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	CHCSA Central Forum

Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	CHCSA Policy Committee Meeting
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	CHCSA Management Committee Meeting
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	CHCSA Spanish Speaking Forum
<b>MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup> MARCH</b>	<b>ADELAIDE CUP CARNIVAL AND VOLUNTEER'S DAY</b>
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	CHCSA Northern Forum
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	CHCSA Disability Focus Group Meeting
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	CHCSA Associations' Forum
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	CHCSA Spanish Speaking Forum
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Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	CHCSA Central Forum
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY - GOOD FRIDAY</b>
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY - EASTER MONDAY</b>

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