



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

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#### **State Election 2006 - Additional Candidate Responses**

In last week's e-bulletin, we provided a list of election candidates who responded to our recent questionnaire. Since then, we have responses from the following candidates:

- Ms Robin Geraghty MP, Labor Member for Torrens
- Ms Rosemary Drabsch, Democrats Candidate for Heyson.
- MS Kate Reynolds MLC, Democrats Candidate for Legislative Council

Their responses have been incorporated into our summary, a copy of which can be accessed via our website at the following link: <http://www.chcsa.org.au>.

#### **Party Websites are:**

**Labor:** <http://www.sa.alp.org.au>  
**Liberals:** <http://www.saliberals.org.au>  
**Democrats:** <http://www.sa.democrats.org.au>  
**Greens:** <http://www.sa.greens.org.au>

This is an ideal opportunity to build knowledge of Community Housing in the South Australian community, especially among the decision-makers and people with influence. Hopefully by making contact you will also build political support for Community Housing.

#### **Commonwealth Rent Assistance (CRA) Information Session ~ Preliminary Notice**

The CHCSA is pleased to provide preliminary notice on a **CRA Information Session**, which it will facilitate on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2006** at the Payneham Library Complex (O.G. Road Felixstow) from **10am - 12.45pm**.

This Information Session will feature a [Guest Presenter on CRA from Queensland](#).

The CHCSA will provide further information, as it becomes available.

### **Co-op Housing Members invited to the 1<sup>st</sup> Co-operative's Representative Forum**

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.

As advised previously by the CHCSA, 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 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.

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 being led by SACHA and a separate DFC Project looking at the future role of Housing Peak bodies including CHCSA.

#### **The Agenda for the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting includes;**

- Vision for Community Housing
- Commonwealth Rent Assistance (CRA)
- International Co-operative's Day 2006

All Community Housing Co-op Members are invited to attend. Please contact the CHCSA for further information or to RSVP (08) 8362 1022 or via e-mail to <mailto:info@chcsa.org.au>.

### **New Publications and Research Papers Available**

A number of new publications and research documents have become available for reading or download to interested people.

- [21st Century Housing Careers and Australia's Future: Literature Review](#)

This positioning paper is the first output from a research project addressing the question: How are housing careers changing in Australia and what are the implications of change for government-provided housing assistance and housing policy?

Researchers from Swinburne and Monash universities are undertaking the project for the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute (AHURI).

The objective of the research is to advance the evidence base around 21st Century housing careers in Australia and shed light on how shifts in household structure, the labour market, fertility patterns, attitudes to homeownership and government assistance will influence the demand for government interventions in housing markets over the next ten, 20 and 30 years.

The positioning paper has reviewed existing related literature to set the context for further research. One critical finding has been the need to expand our understanding of the term 'housing career' to encompass changing concepts of home, and changes in housing needs over time irrespective of changing tenancy. To view or download the paper, please go to the **AHURI Website** at <http://www.ahuri.edu.au/general/project/display/dspCrv.cfm?crvId=4>.

- [Report on Impact of United Kingdom Strategy to Increase Affordable Housing Supply](#)

This report from the United Kingdom examines the outcomes of a government initiative designed to ensure that developers contribute to providing affordable housing.

The initiative is known as S106, planning legislation that designates a certain amount of affordable housing to be constructed as part of new housing developments.

The report finds that permission for affordable housing development has increased under the scheme, but with completion of projects lagging, permission alone is not a reliable indicator of the initiative's success.

The report, *Delivering affordable housing through Section 106: outputs and outcomes* is from the **Joseph Rowntree Foundation Website** at <http://www.jrf.org.uk/knowledge/findings/housing/0146.asp>.

- [Children and Homelessness In Australia: Policy and Practice Change Required](#)

This paper aims to generate discussion and debate on both policy and practice regarding children who are homeless. It affirms the increasing acknowledgment of children attending homelessness services as a distinct group with specific and specialist needs but also recognises that for most children the key and most important relationship in their lives is with their parents, and, barring safety concerns, this relationship should be supported, strengthened and improved.

The paper will provide a brief statistical overview of children attending homelessness services in all the jurisdictions of Australia. This will be followed by some description of the impact of homelessness on children and the clear importance and rationale for responding to their needs.

The paper is available in Word or Powerpoint Presentation, please go the **Council to Homeless Persons Website** at <http://www.chp.org.au/index.shtml>.

**['Coming to Grips with Anti-Social Behaviour' ~ An Australasian Housing Institute \(AHI\) Workshop](#)**

The **AHI** will be hosting the above workshop on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2006** at the Adelaide Meridian Hotel, North Adelaide from **9am-4pm** (fully catered).

Questions and theories on human behaviour and anti-social behaviour are many and varied and no one individual position on anti-social behaviour is the right position. The Social Housing sector holds a diversity of positions on anti-social behaviour, which we see, reflected in a range of housing policies, procedures and tenant participation groups.

In November 2003, the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute published its research report *"Developing effective housing management policies to address problems of anti-social behaviour"*. This report presents research undertaken by the AHURI Southern Research Centre to develop effective housing management policies to address problems of anti-social behaviour (ASB).

This research may not provide housing professionals with all the answers, but will provide a basis for exploring existing thinking on anti-social behaviour, and demonstrations of what can work in practice.

This workshop will give participants the opportunity to examine the findings of the AHURI research, and use this as the basis for sharing experiences on dealing with anti-social behaviour. An experienced housing practitioner will present their own personal experiences of anti-social behaviour in their work and what solutions were effective for the challenges they faced.

The workshop will be lead by a skilled group facilitator, to maximise the exchange of ideas and information. **At the end of this workshop, participants will have developed:**

- a better understanding of how anti-social behaviour is defined
- an increased awareness of the strategies and approaches that can be used to assist in addressing the issues associated with anti-social behaviour
- a better understanding of the complexities involved in dealing with anti-social behaviour on the ground
- knowledge about other case studies and examples of good practice that have been successful
- awareness about the range of resources and research that will assist in further self-directed
- learning about anti-social behaviour

Cost is \$185 (AHI Member) or \$215 (Non-Member). **Places are limited.** To request further information or a Registration Form, please contact AHI on (02) 6493 6411 or via e-mail to <mailto:admin@housinginstitute.org>.

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**DIARY DATES**

Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	CHCSA Co-op Rep 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
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	CHCSA Hills & Southern Forum
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	CHCSA Northern Forum
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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