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Commonwealth Rent Assistance (CRA) Policy Forum ~ CHCSA

The CHCSA would like to advise Members that it will be facilitating a **CRA Policy Forum**, on **Friday 28th April 2006** at the Payneham Library Complex (O.G. Road Felixstow) from **10am - 12.45pm**.

The Policy Forum will feature a **Guest Presenter on CRA from Queensland** and will ask some key questions including;

- Should CHOs be required to set their rents so that tenants can obtain the maximum CRA?
- Should tenants be required to pass on CRA to their CHO?
- Should the CHO be required to pass this on to SACHA?
- Should CHO's be allowed to retain CRA to pay for operating costs or debt servicing?
- What would be the complications of seeking maximum CRA?
- What help would CHOs and tenants require if this became policy?

Further information will be provided, as it becomes available. Please RSVP your attendance by phoning the CHCSA on (08) 8362 1022 or via e-mail to <mailto:info@chcsa.org.au>.

Request to all Community Housing Organisations for Urgent Accommodation

PAN Options Co-ordination is urgently seeking wheelchair friendly housing (from 8/4/06).

A 2-bedroom residence is required preferably in North Western Suburbs, but will consider Adelaide Metro Area and Surrounding suburbs. References can be provided.

The Tenant is currently living in a Transitional Home which is primarily allocated on a short term basis (12 months) to tenants with spinal injury, this lease is due to expire.

Further information or if you can assist please contact **Mick** on 0411 756932 (mobile).

2006 National Homelessness Conference ~ Papers Now Available

The **Australian Federation of Homelessness Organisations (AFHO)** hosted the above Conference from 1-3 March 2006 in Sydney.

The **4th National Homelessness Conference** focussed on continued development of a strategic response to homelessness in Australia, which included:

- Strategies to prevent homelessness
- Homelessness service system development
- Improved responses from other service systems to Australians experiencing homelessness

The Themes of the Conference included;

- 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

One of the Keynote Speakers was **Monsignor David Cappo, Chair of the Social Inclusion Board in South Australia**. To read Monsignor Cappo's Conference Paper as well as papers from the other Speakers and notes from the Conference Sessions, please go to <http://www.afho.org.au/conference/2006conferencepapers.htm>.

CHCSA Public Information (P.I.) Session on Community Housing ~ Wednesday 29th March 2006

This is a final reminder for registrations to attend the upcoming P.I. Session on Wednesday **29th March 2006 at the Education Development Centre**, Corner of Port Road and Milner Street (Milner Street entrance), Hindmarsh **from 7.00pm - 9.00pm**.

The **P.I.Sessions** are structured to enable the general public to be informed on Community Housing. The information provided on the night will be relevant for those seeking to learn more about this form of housing as well as explaining what housing options are available and the obligations and responsibilities associated with them.

Questions fielded at the end of the session are designed to enable the participants to make informed decisions when considering Community Housing as a Housing Option.

IMPORTANT: Bookings are essential. To book, please contact the CHCSA on (08) 8362 1022. Alternatively, you can book on-line from our Website, please go to http://www.chcsa.org.au/education_session_form.htm

SACHA Board Co-operative Representatives Elections **~ Article by Leanne Stojanovich (SACHA)**

The **Australian Electoral Commission** is conducting the forthcoming election of two Housing Co-operative Representatives to the Board of the South Australian Community Housing Authority (SACHA).

The full election timetable is as follows:

Nominations (for those wishing to stand for election) open..... Thursday, 9 March 2006
Voters roll closes at 5pm on Thursday, 30 March 2006
Nominations close..... at 5pm on Thursday, 30 March 2006
Voting opens Monday, 1 May 2006
Voting closes..... at 10am on Monday, 22 May 2006

The official **Election Notice and Nomination Form** is available on the SACHA website, please go to <http://www.sacha.sa.gov.au/site/page.cfm?u=103>.

Please remember to send your voter's roll information to Leanne Stojanovich, Business Manager, SACHA, PO Box 1669, Adelaide by Wednesday 5th April 2006.

If you have any queries regarding the formation of the electoral roll, please contact Leanne Stojanovich at SACHA on (08) 8207 0233.

If you have any queries regarding the election process you should contact Barry Barons at the Australian Electoral Commission on (08) 8237 6551.

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DIARY DATES

Wednesday 5 th April	CHCSA Disability Focus Group Meeting
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Friday 7 th April	CHCSA Associations' Forum
Saturday 8 th April	CHCSA Spanish Speaking Forum
Monday 10 th April	CHCSA Hills & Southern Forum
Tuesday 11 th April	CHCSA Northern Forum
Wednesday 12 th April	CHCSA Central Forum
Friday 14th April	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - GOOD FRIDAY
Monday 17th April	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - EASTER MONDAY

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