



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

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### **Weekly E-Bulletin 15/06 - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2006**

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#### **Minutes from the "Housing Reforms" Briefing by Mr Peter Smith held on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2006**

Following a large number of calls from our Members, we wish to advise that the minutes from the above briefing will be made available to Members via our Website late next week. We will provide notification with the relevant link in our E-Bulletin next Friday.

In the meantime, the Presentation by Peter Smith is available for viewing or downloading from our <http://www.chcsa.org.au>

The questions collected from Members at the conclusion of the Briefing have now been forwarded to Peter Smith for responding. The CHCSA will make those "Questions" and "Answers" available as soon as practical. We thank you for your patience.

#### **CHCSA "Public Information (P.I.) Session" on Community Housing**

The CHCSA wishes to remind Members and the Sector that the next P.I. Session on Community Housing is scheduled for **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2006 from 7pm - 9pm** at the Education Development Centre, Cnr Milner Street and Port Road, Hindmarsh (Milner Street entrance).

The **P.I.Sessions** are structured to enable the general public to be informed on Community Housing as well as explaining what housing options are available and will aim to answer the questions of *"Am I eligible?"* and *"How do I apply?"* as well as many others.

#### **The information provided on the night will include;**

- overview on Community Housing, background and current situation
- the differences between housing Co-operatives and Associations
- eligibility criteria
- obligations and responsibilities once you become a community housing tenant
- how to apply

These Sessions are designed to enable the participants to make informed decisions when considering Community Housing as a housing option before proceeding with what could be a long process only to decide later that community housing is not for them or vice-versa.

**IMPORTANT:** You will need to register with the CHCSA to ensure your placement at the P.I.Session. To book, please contact Anthony on (08) 8362 1022. Alternatively, you can [http://www.chcsa.org.au/education\\_session\\_form.htm](http://www.chcsa.org.au/education_session_form.htm) directly from the CHCSA Website.

### **International Co-operative's Day Celebration 2006**

The **CHCSA Co-operative's Representative Forum** would like to extend an invitation to members of Community Housing Organisations to attend the **2006 International Co-operative's Day Celebration** and toast;

- our history of International Co-operation and 'value adding' to our communities,
- the many Volunteers who have made invaluable contributions to the community housing sector, and,
- the achievements of housing co-operatives and associations working together in South Australia

This event will be celebrated on **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2006** at the **Kentish Arms Hotel, 23 Stanley Street, North Adelaide** from 4.00pm to 7.00pm.

**Professor Eleanor Ramsay** (Chairperson of the SACHA Board) will be Guest Speaker at the Celebration. For catering purposes, please book your attendance with the CHCSA by Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2006 on (08) 8362 1022 or via <mailto:info@chcsa.org.au> - please ensure you advise us of any special dietary requirements when you book.

Numbers are limited per CHO, so please book early. There will be seedlings and other giveaways to all CHO members. The CHCSA would like to thank **SACHA** who have kindly supported this Celebration over the last few years.

### **Seeking Urgent Assistance for Accommodation ~ Article Provided by SACHA on behalf of the Southern Housing Round Table**

Urgent assistance is being sought from any community housing organisations that can help the **65 households** who have been given notice of eviction from the Vines Caravan Park by advising of any possible vacancies.

If your organisation can offer assistance to meet this urgent need, then in the first instance, please contact Michele Watts, Project Officer, Southern Junction Community Services. Michele can be contacted on (08) 8382 3554 (office) or 0407 717 873 (mobile).

One, two and three bedroom accommodation is urgently needed and any information which would help Southern Junction respond to this accommodation crisis would be greatly appreciated. Eviction notices for these 65 households are effective on **9 July 2006**.

### **Homeless, Health and Housing Expo 2006 ~ By Margo Johnson from Shelter SA**

**The Homeless, Health and Housing Expo** is a multi agency event with representation from across the homeless, health and housing sectors. The Expo provides informal opportunities for interaction with a variety of organisations and homeless people and it's free! Around 300 people participated in last year's event, with over thirty organisations volunteering their time and energy.

Shelter SA recently held two workshops to discuss the directions for this year's Expo. Topics discussed included a brief overview of the event's history with photos and DVD of last year's event. We also discussed funding, last years evaluation and additional contacts.

There are two more meetings scheduled for the **7<sup>th</sup> of September** at 3-5pm in the Torrens Building and a repeat session on the **14<sup>th</sup> of September** 10am -12noon. We have tried to offer alternate meeting times as we found last year that a number of people could not attend due to scheduling conflicts. The focus of these meetings is on the Stallholder – how to make the most of your stall, when you will need to arrive, and what you will need to bring and what will be provided. These meetings are also a great opportunity to network and meet up with other organisations you may not be aware of.

Organisations that have registered to date include: the Women's Information Service, Community Housing Council of SA Inc (CHCSA), No Pulgi (Nunkuwarrin Yunti), St Vincent de Paul and Fred's Van, Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement (LISP), Enfield Community Health, Byron Place, Big Issue,

Men's Information Support Centre, the Asthma Foundation and SA Cervix Screening Program, Homelessness SA, Multi Agency Community Housing Association, Red Cross and the Magdalene Centre.

Every year is like a brand new event with e-mail addresses changing and key people changing jobs – so if you have not received information about your organisations involvement and would like to, please e-mail Margo at <mailto:margo.johnson@sheltersa.asn.au> or Cheryl <mailto:cheryl.shepley@sheltersa.asn.au> at Shelter SA or phone on (08) 8221 6488.

**Australian Women & Leadership Forum ~ by Workplace Training Advisory Australia (WTAA)**

The forum, which runs across Metropolitan and Regional Australia, is being hailed by business leaders as a day of great importance for current and aspiring female leaders.

It provides a dynamic opportunity to explore the many challenges and strategies women face in the contemporary workforce. Participants enjoy a highly interactive, inspirational and professional development experience.

Over recent months thousands of women from Australia's leading organisations have been empowered by the Australian Women & Leadership Forum.

The next event running in South Australia will be running in Adelaide **on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> of June 2006.**

For further details, including a **Special CHCSA Discount** please call WTAA on 1300 138 037 or visit the <http://www.womensforum.com.au/server/index.html> .

**CHCSA Hills and Southern Forum - June 2006 Meeting ~ repeated item**

The CHCSA wishes to advise Members that due to the "Queens Birthday" Public Holiday on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2006**, the Hills and Southern Forum for June will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month being **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2006**. The Venue and time remains the Woodcroft Community Centre from 10am - 12noon.

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

Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	CHCSA Associations' Forum
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	CHCSA Hills and Southern Forum
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	CHCSA Disability Focus Group Meeting
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	CHCSA Policy Committee Meeting
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	CHCSA Spanish Speaking Forum
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	CHCSA Northern Forum
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	CHCSA Central Forum
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	CHCSA Management Committee Meeting
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Public Information Session
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	International Co-operative's Day Celebration

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