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#### **Congratulations to Northern Suburbs Housing Co-operative**

On behalf of the CHCSA Board, staff and members, sincerest congratulations to the Northern Suburbs Housing Co-op (NSHC) who today has formally celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

It certainly is an outstanding achievement in the delivery and maintenance of accessible and affordable housing to South Australians 55yrs and over. Their contribution to the community and the selfless dedicated commitment of its staff and tenants personifies the very essence of Co-operative Housing.

The NSHC Web Site is; <http://www.nshc.com.au>

#### **CHCSA Co-operatives' Representative Forum - July Meeting**

The CHCSA wish to remind Members that the next meeting of the Co-operatives Rep. Forum is scheduled for **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2006 from 2pm to 4pm** in the CHCSA Boardroom.

**Pat Ray** and **Frances Richards** from the **Office for Community Housing** will be attending this Forum to talk about some of the changes from SACHA to the Office for Community Housing and to discuss any other issues Co-operative Members want to raise.

This is an open Forum for all Housing Co-operatives; we look forward to seeing you then.

#### **Housing Reforms Briefing by Peter Smith held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2006 ~ follow-up**

At the conclusion of the Special Briefing on Housing Reforms held by the CHCSA on the 12<sup>th</sup> May, a number of Members provided the CHCSA with questions about the reforms. These questions, together with others sent in to the CHCSA by Members, were collated and forwarded to Peter Smith to provide responses.

The CHCSA is pleased to advise that Mr Peter Smith, Deputy Chief Executive of the Department for Families and Communities, has forwarded the replies to these questions to the CHCSA.

The CHCSA has forwarded some of these responses to the respective CHOs. The document in full is now available for viewing or downloading from the CHCSA Web Site.

<http://www.chcsa.org.au/>

The CHCSA will distribute the document further via its membership. Many thanks to our Members for attending the Briefing and for providing the questions. Thanks also to Peter Smith for his responses.

**United Nations Special Rapporteur on Adequate Housing Formal Visit to Australia ~ Consultations with the Non-Government Sector ~ Adelaide Forum**

**Housing** is the core of community. Appropriate secure and affordable housing provides a solid base for participation, self-actualisation and well being. Bad housing compromises well being and compounds disadvantage. It can result in bad health; can compromise mental health; can fracture families; can contribute to poor educational outcomes; reduced life chances; less workforce participation and social exclusion.

In **August 2006** the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Adequate Housing, Mr Miloon Kothari will be visiting Australia at the invitation of the Australian Government. Alongside his engagement with Federal, State and Territory governments on issues of adequate housing he will also consult with 'civil society' – that is non government organisations (NGO), individuals and groups.

The Adelaide NGO forum will be held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2006 from 10:00 – 4:00pm at the SA Unions, 46 Greenhill Road, Wayville

South Australian housing, human rights and social justice groups have organised this survey and a forum to present the feedback as well as other written and verbal responses from civil society to the Special Rapporteur on this day.

Further information is available from Janet Adkins at Shelter SA on (08) 8221 6488.

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**DIARY DATES**

<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>CHCSA Co-operative's Rep. Forum</b>
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August</b>	<b>CHCSA Disability Focus Group Meeting</b>
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>CHCSA Associations' Forum</b>
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>CHCSA Northern Forum</b>
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>CHCSA Central Forum</b>
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>CHCSA Policy Forum</b>
<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>CHCSA Spanish Speaking Forum</b>
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>CHCSA Hills &amp; Southern Forum</b>

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