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CHCSA Affordable Housing Forum

The CHCSA is hosting a Forum for Community Housing Organisations (CHOs) who are interested in the new **Affordable Housing program**.

This Forum is designed to enable interested CHOs to discuss their issues and concerns with **Mike Myers** (Executive Director, Queensland Community Housing Coalition) who is currently in South Australia as a **Special Advisor** on Affordable Housing with the South Australian Affordable Housing Trust (SAAHT).

Mike is looking at the Facilitation Agreement in particular as well as looking at Models for Growth in Affordable Housing. **This Forum is particularly targeted to groups that are interested in the Affordable Housing program at this time.**

The Forum will be held in the CHCSA Boardroom at 285 Payneham Road Royston Park on Monday 28th August at 2pm.

RSVP's are essential, please contact Anthony at the CHCSA on (08) 83621022 or via <mailto:info@chcsa.org.au> to register your interest in attending.

Community Housing Appeals Process

There has been a lot of concern raised with the CHCSA from the Sector around the **Community Housing Appeals Panel** (CHAP) and the time they take in responding to an appeal heard. One of the major questions raised is *"What jurisdiction does the CHAP have?"*

As the Office for Community Housing is currently expecting all Community Housing Organisations (CHOs) to adopt one of the two appeals options by the end of this month, the CHCSA has written a letter to the Office for Community Housing seeking clarification on the concerns and questions raised. A copy of this letter is available for viewing or download from the CHCSA WebSite <http://www.chcsa.org.au/docs/Appeal%20System%20Letter%20to%20Office%20for%20Community%20Housing%20using.pdf>

If Members have any further comments, questions or concerns, please reply to CHCSA via <mailto:info@chcsa.org.au>.

Comhouse Co-operative Ltd ~ Major Maintenance Definitions

Following its Member's Forum on the 15th May 2006, **Comhouse** has released the final Major Maintenance Definitions.

Interested people can view or download the final version of the Definitions from the <http://www.chcsa.org.au/docs/Major%20Maint%20definitions%20final%20copy%20-%20comhouse.pdf> .

If Members have any specific questions about Comhouse, please direct them to Mr Nick Cockram, General Manager - Comhouse on (08) 8235 1422.

Change of Contact Details for the Office for Community Housing (formerly SACHA)

Please note the contact details for the Office for Community Housing. *(Post Office box number and Website address has changed).*

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Website: <http://www.communityhousing.sa.gov.au>

CHCSA "Participation Workshop" for Housing Co-operatives ~ repeated item

The CHCSA wishes to remind members that Nick Watts (Student Placement at CHCSA) will be facilitating a number of Participation Workshops for Co-op members.

These workshops are designed to examine current and potential participation strategies in the management of Housing Co-operatives.

At this time, there are 2 Workshops scheduled at the CHCSA Boardroom, 285 Payneham Road, Royston Park.

- **Tuesday 5th September 2006 from 10am - 12noon, or**
- **Wednesday 6th September 2006 from 7pm - 9pm**

The CHCSA has received a number of registrations of interest to run a Participation Workshop in the South. Numbers and Resources permitting we will endeavour to make these Workshops as accessible to you as possible.

Numbers to the 2 Workshops scheduled above are limited. It is important that you register your interest to attend either of the Workshops with the CHCSA. Please contact the CHCSA via phone on (08) 8362 1022 or via <mailto:info@chcsa.org.au> remember to advise which Workshop you wish to book into.

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

Wednesday 23 rd August	CHCSA Co-op Rep. Forum
Friday 1 st September	CHCSA Associations' Forum
Wednesday 6 th September	CHCSA Disability Focus Group Meeting
Friday 8 th September	CHCSA Policy Committee
Saturday 9 th September	CHCSA Spanish Speaking Forum
Monday 11 th September	CHCSA Hills and Southern Forum
Tuesday 12 th September	CHCSA Northern Forum
Wednesday 13 th September	CHCSA Central Forum
Wednesday 27 th September	CHCSA Co-op Rep. Forum
FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER	CHCSA COUNTRY FORUM, AGM AND MEMBER'S CELEBRATION DINNER

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