



Community Housing Council of South Australia Inc (CHCSA)

"The Peak Body for Community Housing Organisations in SA"

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## Weekly E-Bulletin 28/05 - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2005

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### **CHCSA RESPONSE TO NEW FUNDING AGREEMENT**

The CHCSA recently held feedback workshops for both Housing Co-operatives and Housing Associations on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2005. Feedback has also been received directly from CHOs either verbally or in writing.

The CHCSA has since forwarded a response to SACHA which contains the feedback, comments and recommendations received from the Sector.

To view or download a copy of the letter to SACHA and a Summary of the Workshops held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> July, please go to [http://www.chcsa.org.au/reports\\_chcsa\\_cmp.htm](http://www.chcsa.org.au/reports_chcsa_cmp.htm)

### **"FREE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES" FOR READERS OF THIS E-BULLETIN ~ Diane Lee Consulting**

*"The more people we speak to, the more it seems that conflict is on the increase. One of the reasons is that our circumstances - including where we work and live - often bring us into contact with people we wouldn't ordinarily choose to be with. Priorities conflict, deadlines collide, agendas compete, messages sent and received are often confused.*

*Being involved in a CHO is no different to working in a business or organisation. In order to get things done, and achieve our goals, we need positive relationships with people. And increasing awareness is one of the keys to understanding, creating and maintaining positive relationships.*

*Diane Lee Consulting is a new enterprise specialising in workplace and business communications. To address an area of very real need, principal educator Diane Lee has developed a range of information sessions and workshops that aim to increase awareness*

*about our interactions with others including: understanding conflict, team building, emotional intelligence, leadership and motivation. Conveniently, all training is conducted at your premises, and tailored to your needs.*

*As an introduction to our services, and for the month of August only, Diane Lee Consulting is giving away 3 free sessions to CHCSA E-Bulletin readers\*..*

*The session - Understanding Interactions - will explain the dynamics of how we interact, what this depends on, how to improve interactions, and the importance of building trust. Simply call Diane on 0416 075 890 or e-mail to <mailto:dianeleeconsulting@adam.com.au> by 31 August to go in the draw. For further information about Diane Lee Consulting, visit. <http://www.freewebs.com/dianelee>.*

*\*Sorry, offer limited to Adelaide metro only at this time."*

## **AUSTRALIAN TAXATION OFFICE (ATO) UPDATES FOR NON-PROFIT ORGANISATIONS**

The Tax Office has updated **Tax Basics for Non-Profit Organisations** .

This publication explains which taxes and concessions affect non-profit organisations and directs you to where you can find more detailed information.

You should use this publication if you are a treasurer, office bearer or employee involved in the administration of a non-profit organisation.

### **The publication has been updated to include:**

- the extended endorsement requirements that apply to charities
- an expanded discussion of goods and services tax (GST) concessions
- fringe benefits tax (FBT) concessions for public ambulance services and health promotion charities, and
- new concessions for contributions to fundraising events such as fundraising dinners and charity auctions.

**To view or download this document, please go to**

<http://ato.gov.au/nonprofit/content.asp?doc=/content/33609.htm>

## **COMMUNITY RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO ORGANISATIONS/RESIDENTS IN WESTERN SUBURBS**

**Thebarton Neighbourhood House** located at 10 Falcon Avenue, Mile End offers a wide variety of services and resources for organisations or residents located in the Western Suburbs.

The Venue provides easy and safe access for people with disabilities and children including an enclosed outdoor area and community garden. Aspects of the house have been modified to enhance eco-living and power saving features, such as skylights, solar power, aerators on tap etc. Displays throughout the House provide information on how residents can adapt their homes to be more environmentally friendly and reduce energy costs. They have also

developed a community "edible garden" and future plans include a composting system and worm farm.

**Some of the services and special programs offered at Thebarton Neighbourhood House include;**

- Room Hire - very affordable at \$5.50 per hour per room
- BBQ, garden and playground area
- Photocopying & fax services
- English as a second language for migrants & refugees
- Adult literacy and language
- Free Legal Service
- Free Tax help
- Women's & Men's Groups
- Basic car maintenance
- Learner driver license classes for new migrants and refugees
- Dance classes
- Language classes
- Basic first aid
- Life skills
- Parenting workshops
- School Holiday activities

For more information, please contact Thebarton Neighbourhood House on (08) 8416 6265 from Monday to Friday between 9.30am - 3pm or via e-mail to <mailto:dbryant@wtcc.sa.gov.au>

**NEW INITIATIVES IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING - AN INFORMATION FORUM ~ repeated item**

The CHCSA, in conjunction with the **Affordable Housing Consortium of SA Inc**, is holding a forum on new initiatives in affordable housing. The forum is being held in response to announcements about affordable housing in the recently released State Housing Plan.

The Forum is scheduled for **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2005 from 1pm - 4.30pm**. The Venue is the **Torrens and Trinity Rooms** at the **Payneham Library Complex**, Corner of O.G. Road and Turner Street, Felixstow.

**The purpose of the Forum is;**

- to help inform CHOs about current initiatives locally and interstate in affordable housing
- to give CHOs the opportunity to provide some initial input into the development of affordable housing strategies in South Australia.

**The Program includes;**

- **Mr Phil Fagan-Schmidt**, Manager of the Affordable Housing Initiatives Unit, will talk about the role of the Unit in light of the 'State Housing Plan
- **Mr Brendan Moran**, General Manager of SACHA, will give his perspective on affordable housing
- **Mr Matthew Woodward**, Executive Officer of MACHA, will talk about MACHA's current affordable housing initiative in the City
- **Ms Vicki Lachlan**, Chairperson of the Affordable Housing Consortium, will discuss two proposals by the Consortium to assist in expanding affordable housing

- **Mr Ciarán Synnott**, Executive Officer of CHCSA, will give some examples of affordable housing interstate, based on his attendance at the recent National Affordable Housing Conference.

Please **RSVP to the CHCSA on (08) 8362 1022** or via e-mail to <mailto:info@chcsa.org.au> by **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2005** at the latest.

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**DIARY DATES**

Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> August 2005	CHCSA Spanish Speaking Forum
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> August 2005	CHCSA Co-op Rep. Council
<b>WEDNESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST</b>	<b>CHCSA PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION ON COMMUNITY HOUSING</b>
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2005	CHCSA Associations' Forum
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2005	CHCSA Disability Focus Group Meeting
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2005	New Initiatives in Affordable Housing - Information Session
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2005	CHCSA Hills & Southern Forum
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September 2005	CHCSA Northern Forum
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> September 2005	CHCSA Central Forum
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> September 2005	CHCSA Co-op Rep Council Meeting

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