



Community Housing Council of SA Inc. (CHCSA)

"The Peak Body for Community Housing Organisations in South Australia"

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Community Housing Council of SA Inc (CHCSA) 2006/07 Memberships

Leading up to the **CHCSA** Annual General Meeting (AGM), Country Forum and Member's Celebration Dinner on **Friday 27th October**, the CHCSA wishes to take this opportunity in **thanking our Members** being, Community Housing Co-operatives and Associations, for your continued support.

It certainly has been quite gratifying and at times overwhelming to the CHCSA, having received a significant number of positive comments and encouraging feedback from so many of you as your membership renewals have been coming in over the last couple of months.

Bearing in mind that there are, a number of Housing Associations currently being managed by larger Associations, and a number of Housing Co-operatives in various stages of amalgamation;

Our current Membership statistics are:

- 40** Housing Associations representing **97%** of Associations
- 56** Housing Co-operatives representing **85%** of Co-operatives
- 10** Associate Members (Individuals and Organisations in South Australia)
- 7** Subscribers (3 Organisations Australia-Wide and 4 Organisations Overseas)

The CHCSA currently represents **86%** of Community Housing Organisations in South Australia.

Please remember for those Members booking in, to attend our AGM and other events, you **must** be a current financial member of the CHCSA in order to nominate and vote at the AGM or to attend the Member's Dinner. If you are unsure about your CHOs current financial status, please contact **Maria** at the CHCSA on (08) 8362 1022. Alternatively, you can seek information or even provide feedback via <mailto:info@chcsa.org.au>. The CHCSA Staff and Volunteers look forward to seeing as many of you on Friday 27th October.

CHCSA Co-operatives' Representative Forum ~ by Philip Studt, Forum Chairperson

This is to advise Housing Co-operative Members that the **October** scheduled Co-op. Rep. Forum has been **cancelled**. The Co-op. Rep. Forum was scheduled for Wednesday 25th October (2-days prior to the CHCSA AGM).

I want to take this opportunity to do two things. Firstly, I want to give my heartfelt thanks to all the Co-op. Members who have taken the time over the past months to attend and support the Forum; your contribution has been most appreciated. Secondly, I want to ask Co-op. Members to start thinking about nominating for a number of Co-op. vacancies coming up at our AGM.

Co-op. Vacancies include;

- Three (3) positions for Co-op. Reps. on the Management Committee.
- Two (2) positions for Co-op. Reps. on the Policy Committee (without Constitutional changes),
or
- Three (3) positions for Co-op. Reps. on the Policy Committee with these 3 Reps. also being Reps. on the Co-operatives' Representative Council (with Constitutional changes)
- A minimum of Seven (7) to a maximum of Twelve (12) positions on the Co-operatives' Representative Council, however,
- With Three (3) being the Co-op. Reps. elected to Policy Committee, there will be a further minimum of Four (4) to a maximum of Nine (9) positions available for Co-op. Members to the Co-operatives' Representative Council to nominate and elect at the AGM (with Constitutional changes).

Please read the information sent out in your 'AGM Packs' earlier this week. Respective nomination forms were included in the pack, if you want more, please contact Maria at the CHCSA, alternatively, nominations will be accepted on the day (Friday 27th October).

Please feel free to contact the Staff at the CHCSA for further information, and remember to book in. See you on the 27th October.

"Affordable Housing: Building Capabilities" Seminar ~ by Australasian Housing Institute (AHI)

The **Australasian Housing Institute (AHI)** presents this ½-day seminar and workshop about the future affordable housing system and the potential changes and challenges for people working across the social housing sector.

Presented by **Robin Zakharov**, Consultant, **The Policy Practice**, the seminar will provide an overview of the definitions, concepts and policy directions in **"affordable housing"** and explore with participants the professional challenges and transformations that we might expect with a changing social and affordable housing system.

Phil Fagan-Schmidt, General Manager of the **South Australian Affordable Housing Trust** will join Robin as our guest speaker on the local policy environment for affordable housing.

Participants will have the opportunity to:

- Learn about the definitions and concepts in affordable housing currently underpinning the development of affordable housing policies and projects;
- Learn about the key features of affordable housing projects and how they relate to existing social housing programs and organisations;
- Gain a deeper understanding of the major changes occurring in the national policy environment with the development of affordable housing policies and projects;
- Discuss and explore the key issues for housing professionals in changes to social and affordable housing policy, delivery and management; and
- Improve their ability to engage in the discussions and debates around the development of affordable housing policies and projects.

This ½-day Seminar will be held on **Wednesday 25th October 2006** from 1pm - 4.30pm in the **James Alexander Room, Mercure Grosvenor Hotel, 125 North Tce, Adelaide.**

RSVP's are essential, please go the <http://www.housinginstitute.org> and click on Events and Seminars for further information or to book in.

Community Housing Organisations (CHOs) Contact Details ~ by the Office for Community Housing

The Office for Community Housing often needs to send information out to Community Housing Organisations, or contact particular CHOs. CHOs contact details change frequently, especially after AGMs.

Could all CHOs please ensure that the Office for Community Housing is notified of any changes to your groups' Office Bearers, main contact phone numbers, mailing addresses and e-mail addresses. These details are for Office for Community Housing use only and will not be provided to the public.

You can update your contact details by contacting the Office for Community Housing via phone 8207 0175, fax 8207 0150 or <mailto:communityhousing@dfc.sa.gov.au>

CHCSA 2006 Country & Remote CHO's Forum, AGM and Member's Celebration Dinner ~ repeated item

The CHCSA **2006 AGM** will be held on **Friday 27th October 2006 at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre.**

The day will start in the "Rubikon Room" with the **Country and Remote CHO's Forum** from 10am - 3.00pm (registrations from 9.30am). This will be followed by the AGM from 4.15pm - 5.30pm.

The day will conclude with our **Celebration Dinner** for Members and invited Guests from 6pm until late. This fun filled night will include a **3-course meal, refreshments, door prizes, give-aways, MC/DJ and Karaoke.** The **Hon Ian Hunter MLC (representing Minister Weatherill)** will be a Guest Speaker at the Dinner.

Next week, the AGM papers, which include proposed Constitutional changes, agendas etc., will be sent out to Members. **RSVP's** are due by COB **Friday 20th October 2006.** Attendance at the Member's Dinner is limited per CHO, so **please book early.**

It is important that Members note the following;

- Community Housing Organisations **MUST** be current financial members of the Community Housing Council of SA Inc (CHCSA) to be eligible to nominate and vote at the AGM and to attend the Member's Dinner
- Representative/s **MUST** attend the AGM in order to be eligible to attend the Member's Dinner
- Attendance at the Member's Dinner is limited per CHO that meet the above 2 points.

If you have any questions or would like to confirm the current financial status of your Organisation, please contact Maria at the CHCSA on (08) 8362 1022.

Community Housing Appeals Panel (CHAP) ~ Information Session for CHOs ~ repeated item

The CHCSA will be holding a Community Housing Appeals Panel Information Session for CHOs.

The Information Session will be held on **Friday 20th October 2006** at the **Adelaide Riviera Function Centre** (31-34 North Terrace, Adelaide). Registrations will be from 1.30pm with a **2.00pm** sharp start. The Session is expected to conclude at 4pm.

Attending the Information Session will be:

- **Kath McEvoy, Chairperson of the Community Housing Appeal Panel**
- **Theresa Walker, Manager, Public & Community Housing Appeal Unit**

- Sue Gosden, Hearings Administrator – Community Housing, Public & Community Housing Appeal Unit

The Panel have been invited to address CHOs on the following topics:

- The constitution of the Appeals Panel
- Scope of appeals especially in regard to tenancy issues
- What to expect when an appeal is lodged
- Representation before the Panel
- Effective record keeping by CHOs
- What happens after a hearing
- Other relevant matters.

The Information Session will also provide the Panel with the opportunity to meet CHOs and learn more about their work. The CHCSA will invite one experienced CHO to give a short address outlining a community housing perspective on external appeals.

There will be opportunities for questions and general discussion. Whether or not you have faced an appeal, it is **vital** that your CHO understands the external appeals process. To this end, the CHCSA encourages the attendance of at least 1 representative from each CHO.

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL. Please contact Anthony at the CHCSA on (08) 8362 1022 or via <mailto:info@chcsa.org.au> to book your place. The CHCSA does wish to stress that this Information Session is held for the benefit of Community Housing Organisations in South Australia, therefore attendance to this Session is limited to CHOs.

<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

Monday 2nd October	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Wednesday 4th October	CHCSA Disability Focus Group
Friday 6th October	CHCSA Associations' Forum
Monday 9th October	CHCSA Hills & Southern Forum
Tuesday 10th October	CHCSA Northern Forum
Wednesday 11th October	CHCSA Central Forum
Saturday 14th October	CHCSA Spanish Speaking Forum
Friday 20th October	CHAP Information Session for CHOs
FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER	CHCSA COUNTRY FORUM, AGM AND MEMBER'S CELEBRATION DINNER

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