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#### **CHCSA Forum - Vision Plan for Community Housing - 5<sup>th</sup> December 2006**

The CHCSA wishes to advise that there will be a **"Vision Plan Forum for CHOs"** on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2006 from 2pm to 4.30pm.**

The Forum will be held at the **Payneham Library Complex**, corner Turner St and OG Rd, Felixstow.

The Forum will provide all CHOs with the opportunity to provide input into CHCSA's response to the **Vision Plan** and assist us to engage with the Office for Community Housing more purposefully. It is intended that this will be a Forum for CHOs only.

During the Forum we will break up into two separate meeting rooms, one each for Housing Associations and Housing Co-operatives. This recognises that the issues are somewhat different for the two sub-sectors. However, we will reconvene with enough time to share and compare viewpoints.

We invite all CHOs to send representatives to this Forum so that we can gather your feedback and response to the **Vision** presentations being conducted by the Office for Community Housing.

It is necessary to register for the Forum, please register by phone on (08) 83621022 or via <mailto:info@chcsa.org.au>. Afternoon Tea will be provided.

#### **CHCSA ~ Vision Forum ~ Update**

As advised above, there will be a feedback Forum for CHOs **on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2006** at the Payneham Library Complex, corner Turner St and OG Rd. The Forum will start at 2pm and conclude at 4.30pm.

It is now planned that CHOs will spend the first two hours in private. However at **4.00pm**, a representative of the Office for Community Housing will attend to hear feedback and answer questions.

To help us use the time optimally, we invite CHOs to submit questions in advance to us. We will pass them to Office for Community Housing prior to the Forum. Questions will be submitted to

Office for Community Housing without any identifying information, to preserve confidentiality. Questions will still be invited on the day.

Questions can be <mailto:info@chcsa.org.au> or phoned through on (08) 8362 1022.

### **Statutes Amendment (Affordable Housing) Bill, as Introduced into Parliament 15<sup>th</sup> November 2006 ~ New Legislation**

The CHCSA is making available for viewing or download from its Website, the Housing Minister's speech in Parliament earlier this week introducing the new **Legislation for Housing** which will reform the Housing trust, introduce affordable housing and abolish SACHA and Aboriginal Housing Authority. Please click <http://www.chcsa.org.au>.

If you wish to see the actual legislation, please go the following website : <http://www.legislation.sa.gov.au/browseActs.aspx>

Click on the link to **Bills**.

Click on the letter S under Bills of the 51st parliament.

Look for Statutes Amendment (Affordable Housing) Bill 2006.

Click on the icon you want (either Adobe PDF or RTF format using Microsoft Word)

You will need copies of the underlying legislation (eg Housing Trust Act; SACHA Act; RTT Act) to make sense of it - you can get these from the same website by following the link to Acts.

### **The CHCSA Public Information Session on Community Housing ~ Last Session for 2006**

The CHCSA would like to remind members and Referral Agencies that the final **Public Information Session** on Community Housing for 2006 will be held on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2006** from **7pm - 9pm** at the **Education Development Centre**, Corner of Port Road and Milner Street, Hindmarsh (enter Centre via Milner Street).

The information provided on the night will be relevant for those seeking to learn more about this form of housing as well as explaining what housing options are available and the obligations and responsibilities associated with them. Questions fielded at the end of the session are designed to enable the participants to make informed decisions when considering Community Housing as a Housing Option.

**Bookings are essential.** To book, please contact Anthony on (08) 8362 1022 or you can book on-line via the CHCSA Website. Please click [http://www.chcsa.org.au/education\\_session\\_form.htm](http://www.chcsa.org.au/education_session_form.htm).

During the Christmas closure you can access both the **Public Information Session** and **Introduction to Community Housing (ICH) Course** Calendars via the CHCSA Website on; <http://www.chcsa.org.au/education.htm>. You can also book on-line to attend any of the Sessions or Courses.

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## DIARY DATES

Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	CHCSA Public Information Session
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	CHCSA Management Committee Meeting
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	CHCSA Member's Workshop for Vision Plan
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	CHCSA Policy Committee
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	CHCSA Co-op Rep Council Meeting
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	CHCSA Spanish Speaking Forum
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	CHCSA Hills & Southern Forum
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	CHCSA Northern Forum
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	CHCSA Central Forum

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