



## **Community Housing Council of SA Inc. (CHCSA)**

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

The CHCSA will be holding a **"Vision Plan Forum for CHOs"** on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2006 from 2pm to 4.30pm** at the **Payneham Library Complex**, corner Turner St and OG Rd. The Forum will start at 2pm and conclude at 4.30pm.

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 now planned that CHOs will spend the first two hours in 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 and at **4.00pm**, **Andrew Lambert** from 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.

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 ~ Newly Elected Chairs and Office Bearers ~ Committees and Forums**

The CHCSA wish to advise Members and the Sector that all the CHCSA Committees and Forums have now had the opportunity to meet since the CHCSA AGM held on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2006.

For your information, we provide below the list of Chairs and Office Bearers for respective Committees and Forums.

#### **Management Committee:**

Chairperson	Mr Tony Roach	(Frederic Ozanam Housing Association)
Deputy Chair	Ms Evette Johnson	(Copper Triangle Housing Co-operative)
Treasurer	Ms Kerry Gray	(Red Shield Housing Association)
Secretary	Mr Ciarán Synnott	(CHCSA)
Associations' Rep.	Mr D'Arcy Button	(Minlaton & District Centenary Cottage)

		Homes Housing Association)
Co-operatives' Rep.	Ms Julia Hennekam	(Northern Suburbs Housing Co-operative)
Co-operatives' Rep.	Ms Sue Grant	(PERCH Housing Co-operative)
Co-opted Member	Mr Lee Martin	

### Policy Committee:

Chairperson	Ms Sue Grant	(PERCH Housing Co-operative)
Deputy Chair	Ms Vicki Lachlan	(The Women's Housing Association)

### Co-operatives' Representative Council:

Chairperson	Ms Liz McCarthy	(Hills, Vales & Coast Housing Co-operative)
Deputy Chair	Ms Barbara Onderstal	(Independent Housing Co-operative)

### Seeking Expressions of Interest ~ Tenant Transfer

A Housing Association is currently seeking expressions of interest from other Community Housing Organisations to effect a tenant transfer or swap. One of their Tenants will soon become a Grandmother and would like to move to be closer to her daughter and Grandchild. She is seeking a property near Adelaide or in the Easter Suburbs. It is preferable that the property be close to public transport and shops.

The Property available for transfer or swap is located in Port Elliot. Further information in the first instance is available from Maria at the CHCSA on (08) 8362 1022 or via <mailto:info@chcsa.org.au>.

### Upcoming Training Sessions ~ Office for Community Housing

#### Fire Safety Awareness Training:

Office for Community Housing together with SA Metropolitan Fire Service are offering this training program aimed at raising fire hazard awareness for community housing workers and volunteers. This will enable community housing organisations to advise tenants of any obvious fire risks around the home and provide general advice on how to manage the risk.

The Session will discuss the following topics;

- Property Inspection Checklists
- Smoke Alarms
- Managing Fire Safety Issues
- Managing Fire Risks & Managing Fire Risks in Country Locations.

This Session will be held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2006 from 9.30am - 11.30am in a Central location.

#### Insurance for Community Housing Organisation:

This new Workshop is being run by the Office for Community Housing in conjunction with AON Risk Services Australia and has been specifically tailored to discuss Insurance for Community Housing Organisations.

The Session will cover;

- Office for Community Housing Insurance Program - what does it cover?
- Volunteer Workers - obligations, implications, Legislation and Act
- Public Liability - How does this work? and Tenant's Liability
- Property damage claims - how to report tenant damage
- Unoccupied premises - how this affects your insurance and ways to manage this
- Questions

Sessions will be held:

- Southern location - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December from 10am - 11am

- Central (day) - Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December from 10am - 11am
- Central (evening) - Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December from 7pm - 8pm
- Northern location - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December from 10am - 11am

You will be advised details of the actual locations upon booking your attendance. To book your place, please contact Anna, Teena or Frances at the Office for Community Housing on (08) 8207 0171. Alternatively, you can log on to their Website and book <http://www.communityhousing.sa.gov.au/>.

<b><u>STAFF</u></b>	<b><u>CASUAL TRAINERS AND VOLUNTEERS</u></b>
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	Casual Trainers – Liz McCarthy, Graeme Gow, Philip Studt, Kate Reynolds Volunteers – Evette Johnson, Renfrey Ansell and Anton Studt

### **DIARY DATES**

<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>CHCSA Public Information Session</b>
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>CHCSA Management Committee Meeting</b>
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>CHCSA Member's Workshop for Vision Plan</b>
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>CHCSA Policy Committee</b>
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>CHCSA Co-op Rep Council Meeting</b>
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>CHCSA Spanish Speaking Forum</b>
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>CHCSA Hills &amp; Southern Forum</b>
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>CHCSA Northern Forum</b>
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>CHCSA Central Forum</b>
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>CHCSA Offices close for Christmas/New Year Break</b>

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