



Community Housing Council of SA Inc. (CHCSA)

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

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Weekly E-Bulletin 04/08 ~ Friday 22nd February 2008

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Condolences ~ Mr Bob Coleman

It is with deep sadness that the Board and Staff of the CHCSA extend its sympathies to family and friends of **Bob Coleman** who passed away earlier this week.

Bob has been a long serving member of Community Housing through his membership with Sunrise Housing Co-operative. He and his wife regularly attended the CHCSA Hills & Southern Forums as well as other 'special interest' events we held each year. CHCSA Staff will sadly miss Bob's warm and inviting smile and approach.

Bob will be fondly remembered for his dedication and support to Housing Co-operatives, for his keen sense of humour and wit and for his loyalty to those he loved and respected.

Our deepest sympathies to his wife Audrey and their family.

Asset Management Planning Workshop ~ Comhouse and CHCSA

In response to the PMS Stock Inspection reports, Comhouse in conjunction with the Community Housing Council of SA (CHCSA) will be hosting a Workshop for Housing Associations and Housing Co-operatives.

Purpose:

- Allow Comhouse to explain to members the process to be used to validate, develop and finalise major maintenance action plans, based on the data supplied by PMS and Asset Services Division of DFC
- Allow members to have a dialogue with Comhouse and answer any questions that members may have concerning Comhouse's response to the Comhouse obligation for members major maintenance obligations

- Allow Housing Associations and Housing Co-operatives who are not members of Comhouse to gain a better understanding of the asset planning process
- Allow CHCSA to collect the concerns and issues raised by Housing Associations and Housing Co-operatives, with a view to providing feedback to Asset Services Division
- Facilitate information exchange and networking between Housing Associations and Housing Co-operatives.

This workshop is open to all Housing Associations and Housing Co-operatives - you do not need to be a Comhouse member to attend.

The Workshop will be held on Thursday 13th March 2008 from 10.30am - 12.30pm in the main Hall of the Payneham Community Centre, 374 Payneham Road, Payneham

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL. Please RSVP your attendance by contact the CHCSA on (08) 8362 1022 or via <mailto:info@chcsa.org.au>.

Water Saving Rebates in South Australia

Rebates on water saving devices have been extended in South Australia.

South Australian community groups, sporting clubs and charities can now get State Government rebates when they install water saving devices.

The water rebate scheme has been extended to include non-profit organisations that install low-flow showerheads, water saving washing machines, and dual flush toilets.

More than \$1 million in rebates has been claimed by householders since the scheme was introduced in November.

Report on Visit to Common Equity Housing Limited in Victoria ~ by Dr David Kilner

CHCSA Senior Policy Officer Dr David Kilner has prepared a brief report following his Visit to Victoria in November last year. The Report summarises in particular his visit with Common Equity Housing Ltd., and his observations on the Housing Co-operatives Program in Victoria.

The report is available for viewing or downloading from the CHCSA Website. Please click <http://www.chcsa.org.au>.

CHCSA Workshop ~ Prime Minister's 2020 Vision Summit ~ repeated item

As you are probably aware, the Prime Minister has announced that he will be convening an **Australian 2020 Summit** on the 19th and 20th of April 2008. In his announcement the Prime Minister said,

"The reason we are doing this is because we believe the nation faces serious long term challenges which go well beyond the normal electoral cycle.

We also believe that part of the problem in the past has been that previous Governments have been far too short sighted in their approach to these long term challenges which are there staring us in the face.

Another reason is this: we believe, as a Government, that there is much expertise, energies, ideas, and enthusiasm, which lie beyond the ranks of Government itself. And we, therefore, want to open the doors of this great parliament building to the

nation's best and brightest brains in order to harness those ideas to shape the nation's long term future.

It's time for the nation to come together to bring forward all of our ideas, talents and energies to deal with this nation's long term challenges."

One of the nominated areas to be discussed at the Summit will be **“strengthening communities, supporting families and social inclusion”**. Housing fits well within this framework.

As a contribution to the work of the Summit, CHCSA is holding a **lunchtime workshop** for anybody interested in mapping how the Community Housing Sector could contribute to the wellbeing of Australia in 2020. The workshop is open to members, staff and tenants of Community Housing providers, as well as government officers and anyone else with an interest in the future of Community Housing.

We will record your ideas and contribute them to the national melting point.

The workshop will be held from 12.30pm to 2pm on Monday 3rd March in our meeting room at 283-285 Payneham Rd Royston Park.

RSVP's are essential. **Please RSVP by Wednesday 27th February**. We will provide tea and coffee but please bring your own lunch.

More information about the Summit can be found at:

http://www.pm.gov.au/media/Interview/2008/interview_0055.cfm.

Positions Vacant ~ Projects Officer ~ Shelter SA ~ repeated item

Shelter SA is the peak housing organisation in South Australia representing consumers' views to government, the housing industry and the broader community.

SHELTER SA IS OFFERING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A PROFESSIONAL AND HIGHLY MOTIVATED PERSON TO UNDERTAKE A VARIETY OF PROJECTS AND DEVELOP POLICY ON HOUSING ISSUES AFFECTING CONSUMERS WITH LOW INCOMES AND/OR SPECIAL NEEDS.

Flexible working arrangements can be negotiated.

The successful candidate will demonstrate:

- *Highly developed written, verbal and presentation skills*
- *The ability to write about complex issues in 'plain English'*
- *Experience in a social science, education or journalism*
- *Ideally, experience working within a social or welfare policy context.*

Job and person specification criteria are available from Cheryl Shepley, ph. 8221 6488, fax; 8221 6292, email: sheltersa@sheltersa.asn.au, or on sheltersa.asn.au

Deadline for applications is 5 pm on Monday, 3rd March 2008

This position is subject to on-going funding.

<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</p>
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DIARY DATES

Friday 29th February	CHCSA Management Committee Meeting
Monday 3rd March	CHCSA Workshop - Prime Minister's 2020 Vision Summit
Wednesday 5th March	CHCSA Disability Focus Group
Friday 7th March	CHCSA Associations' Forum
Saturday 8th March	CHCSA Spanish Speaking Forum
Thursday 13th March	Asset management Planning Workshop
Monday 10th March	ADELAIDE CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Friday 14th March	CHCSA Co-operatives Representative Council
Friday 14th March	CHCSA Policy Committee
Monday 17th March	CHCSA Hills & Southern Forum

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