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Supported Accommodation Strategy ~ Available Online ~ from Minister Weatherill's Office

One of the State Government's highest priorities is to increase the supply of community-based accommodation for people with disabilities.

The Supported Accommodation Task Group formed in December 2005 provided advice and recommendations to the State Government on improving supported accommodation in metropolitan and regional South Australia. The task group chaired by Deputy Chief Executive Peter Smith examined all aspects of supported accommodation including supply and demand, vacancy management and eligibility over six months. The Task Group conducted an extensive consultation process, with public meetings around the State, and received more than 170 submissions. This strategy is the result.

It's important to recognise that most people with a disability live successfully in the community, with some government assistance and the support of their families and friends. But there is a smaller proportion of people, those with more profound disabilities, who need a more specialised service.

This **Supported Accommodation Strategy** is about improving supported accommodation options for those South Australians and their families.

The Strategy outlines a more streamlined system of planning, organising and managing supported accommodation for people with disabilities.

The Strategy features;

- the development of one system across the disability sector to identify and match accommodation vacancies
- a single entry point service to organise a supported accommodation place through Disability SA Service Coordinators
- a clear set of eligibility criteria aimed at ensuring everyone needing a service is treated fairly
- clear roles and responsibilities for all involved in providing and using supported accommodation
- published action plans against the strategy objectives to measure our success.

Please access the Supported Accommodation Strategy online by clicking on the following link;
<http://www.familiesandcommunities.sa.gov.au/default.aspx?tabid=912> .

Referrals to Community Housing from Housing SA ~ by the Office for Community Housing

Following on from previous articles in the CHCSA E-Bulletin (Numbers 40/06 and 36/06), the Office for Community Housing have sent out to each CHO, letters advising them on the new Interim process for referrals and access to community housing for both Housing Associations and Housing Co-operatives.

Included in the letters to each CHO, was a copy of the new "Information Pack" on Community Housing which is given to individuals enquiring about Community Housing as a housing option.

For those members interested in viewing any of the following documents, please do so by clicking on the following link; <http://www.chcsa.org.au>

- Letter to Housing Associations on the Interim Registrations of Interest
- Letter to Housing Co-operatives on the Interim Registrations of Interest
- Letter to Housing SA on the Interim Registrations of Interest
- Letter to Housing SA Call Centre on the Interim Registrations of Interest

If anyone has any questions, please refer your enquiries to Jane Fletcher at the Office for Community Housing on (08) 8362 1022.

Christmas Wishes from Comhouse

Comhouse wish to remind its members that they are open throughout the holiday season, the only exception being public holidays. For any emergency maintenance, their after hours number is 8355 5821, alternatively for any general requests please e-mail <mailto:workeorders@comhouse.org.au> or fax them on 8235 1566. Please remember to include as much information as possible and ensure there are current tenant details given.

Comhouse extend best wishes for the Festive Season to all their members, as well as other Community Housing Organisations, and a Happy and Safe New Year.

Community Housing Council of SA (CHCSA) Christmas and New Year Office Closure

The CHCSA wishes to advise Members that its Offices will close from Christmas and New Year holidays at 5pm on **Friday 15th December 2006** and will re-open at 10am on **Monday 8th January 2007**.

We would like to take this opportunity in extending our sincerest thanks to all of our Members and your families for your continued support. We hope that you all have a safe, relaxing and wonderful Christmas and a healthy, exciting and prosperous 2007.

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DIARY DATES

Wednesday 31st January 2007

CHCSA Public Information Session on Community Housing

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