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CHCSA Policy on 90-Day Notice Provisions in the Residential Tenancies Act

The **CHCSA Policy Committee** last week decided to rescind a previous CHCSA position on provisions in the Residential Tenancies Act allowing CHOs* to issue 90 days notice to a tenant to vacate a property.

The CHCSA 2003 submission to the review of the Residential Tenancies Act recommended the removal of those provisions, although on a conditional basis only. The CHCSA's policy now is to support the retention of those provisions in their current form.

(*Although not Co-ops in relation to members.)

Notice to CHCSA Members ~ Upcoming Forums

The CHCSA wishes to remind members of the following changes to upcoming Forums:

- **CHCSA Associations' Forum** ~ (Due to the Good Friday Public Holiday) the **APRIL** Associations' Forum will be held on **Friday 30th March 2007** in the CHCSA Board Room from 9.30am - 12noon.
- **CHCSA Hills & Southern Forum** ~ (Due to the Easter Monday Public Holiday) the **APRIL** Hills & Southern Forum will be held on **Monday 2nd April 2007** at the Noarlunga Health Village from 10am - 12noon.
- **CHCSA Northern Forum** ~ (Scheduled Tuesday 10th April). Following on from last week's E-Bulletin, the Northern Forum has been temporarily suspended until further notice.

Centre for Australian Community Organisations and Management (CACOM)

The Centre for Australian Community Organisations and Management (CACOM) was established in 1990. It is located within the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) Business Faculty but operates independently of any teaching program.

The mission of the Centre for Australian Community Organisations and Management (CACOM) is to enhance the Australian community sector and its management through research, training, publications, seminars and conferences.

To achieve its mission, CACOM pursues seven objectives:

1. To promote a better understanding of the Australian non profit sector by undertaking research on its size, management practices, sources of funds, history, its relations with other sectors and the associated phenomena of giving and volunteering.
2. To assist the development of community sector management skills by providing and developing training programs and educational material.
3. To assist the community or the third sector and governmental agencies address policy issues.
4. To facilitate debate and disseminate research through public seminars and publications.
5. To become a leading centre in the voluntary and non-profit sector research for Asian countries (see Asian Third Sector Research Unit)
6. To form links with centres across Australia and overseas.
7. To ensure relevance and visibility as a university based research centre for the community (or the third) sector.

One of their many services includes a regular "**CCC eNews**". This is a forum for social commentary, news and events, industry features, case studies and profiles, research papers and reports. Their aim is to advocate the role of co-operatives and the social economy in Australia and overseas.

This week, **CCC eNEWS** joins the **International Co-operative Alliance** in recognising the achievements of women around the globe. The ICA International Womens' Day (8 March) message was "Co-operative action to stop violence against women". <http://www.ica.coop>

CCC eNEWS would like to hear your stories about women who are leading the way in co-operative enterprises in their local areas. How can we meet the challenges ahead co-operatively? Your letters, comments, suggestions and articles for publication are always welcome.

Further information is available by contacting via e-mail the CCCeNews Editor Ms Suzanne Henderson by clicking <mailto:suzanne.henderson@uts.edu.au>.

The CACOM provides access to a number of activities, research data, and publications, please visit their Website by clicking <http://www.business.uts.edu.au/cacom/index.html> .

"Garage Sale" - Northern Suburbs Housing Co-operative ~ Birthday Wishes

Northern Suburbs Housing Co-operative Tenant Members will be holding a Garage Sale on Saturday 24th March 2007, in the carpark at the rear of their offices.

Items for sale will include cakes, biscuits, jams, bric-a-brac, second hand clothes & goods, plants, shoes, books, children's toys, etc. There will also be a sausage sizzle for everyone to enjoy.

Proceeds from the Garage Sale will be used by the Tenants for future bus trips and Christmas luncheon.

So come along to the carpark at the rear of 472 Regency Road, Prospect (corner of Regency Road & Struan Avenue) on Saturday 24th March 2007 from 8.30am onwards and pick up a bargain.

The CHCSA would like to extend birthday wishes to Northern Suburbs Housing Co-op for **26 years** of exceptional service to its Members and Community. Congratulations to everyone involved with Northern Suburbs Housing Co-operative.

Attention: All NON-Comhouse Member Community Housing Organisations ~ from Comhouse (Repeated item)

All Community Housing Organisations can now access COMHOUSE as a non-member, on a fee for service basis. The best prices and the best service. All maintenance services prioritised to meet your needs. Emergency break down maintenance 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Your CHO can still become a member of Comhouse if you want to have your major maintenance become a Comhouse liability after a five-year no draw down period – please contact Comhouse for information.

Now, CHOs do not have to be Members of Comhouse to access its services. Comhouse is pleased to be able to offer to CHOs that are not members, access to the complete range of Comhouse services on a fee for service basis. This includes painters, plumbers, electricians, roofers, gas fitters, glaziers and any other form of maintenance skill you may need for your CHOs properties for cyclical breakdown and emergency maintenance.

An extensive range of white goods are also available on request and includes HWS, stoves, air conditioners and heaters where you specify the make and model. You will be amazed at the money you can save on your purchase orders. Try Comhouse for top quality (GPC) paints, our prices will please you.

All maintenance services are provided by appropriately licensed and qualified tradespeople for the larger and more complex work where trades licenses are required, to handymen for minor maintenance for the entire community housing sector:

Comhouse make appointments, they keep you informed, and they are part of the not for profit community sector. Simply send them a work order; they will have the work organised by their qualified tradespeople, all you need to do is pay the invoice.

Please contact us if you wish to become a member and utilise the many additional benefits of being a Comhouse member. E-mail your work orders to: admin@comhouse.org.au Or phone (08) 8235 1422 Fax 8235 1566. *For emergency after hours break down maintenance, ring 8355 5821*

Work orders will only be accepted from Community Housing Organisations, via their nominated representatives and must be accompanied by written confirmation by fax or e-mail.

<p><u>STAFF</u> 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><u>CASUAL TRAINERS AND VOLUNTEERS</u> 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

Friday 30 th March	CHCSA Associations' Forum
Monday 2 nd April	CHCSA Hills & Southern Forum
Wednesday 4 th April	CHCSA Disability Focus Group
Friday 6 th April	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - GOOD FRIDAY
Monday 9 th April	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - EASTER MONDAY
Wednesday 11 th April	CHCSA Central Forum
Friday 13 th April	CHCSA Co-op Rep Council
Friday 13 th April	CHCSA Policy Committee
Saturday 14 th April	CHCSA Spanish Speaking Forum
Wednesday 25 th April	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - ANZAC DAY

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