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New beginnings for Common Equity Housing SA

Angela Carey, the incoming Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Common Equity Housing SA has committed to taking the organisation in a new direction that will see it consolidate and grow its position in the community housing sector.

Angela, who has worked in the housing sector for more than two decades - mainly in finance - said she is firmly focussed on growing and developing the organisation by establishing stronger relationships across the sector and building a more sustainable financial platform.

“Common Equity Housing SA plays a vital role in the community housing sector, enabling co-operatives to maintain their identity and independence, ensuring they’re able to provide living standards



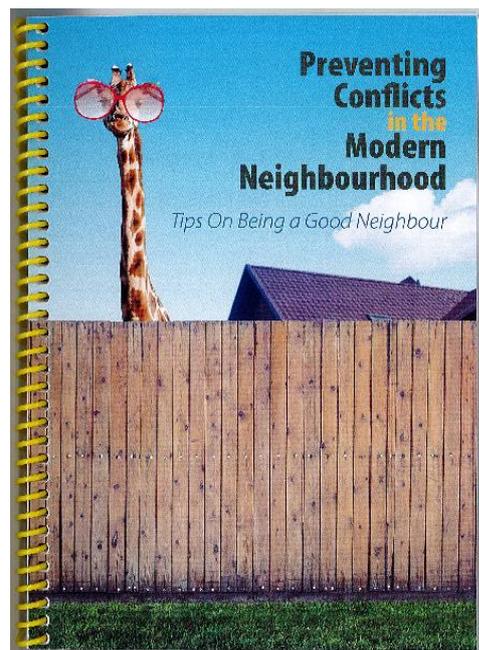
consistent with their principles,” she said. “It’s vital that Common Equity Housing SA continues to grow and attract new members, as size and strength will enable us to build a stronger foothold in the sector and with this comes greater certainty for our members and their communities.”

“Our members are our utmost priority and I’m firmly focussed on delivering to them an outstanding level of support and service. Through our united strength, we will deliver a model of community living that is true to the cooperative housing ideology.”

Along with CEHSA’s renewed focus, the organisation has also undergone a brand refresh, unveiling a modern and stylish logo, as illustrated below.



Preventing Conflicts in the Modern Neighbourhood: Tips on Being a Good Neighbour



This free publication is available in a hardcopy booklet from Mediation SA on 8350 0376 or an electronic copy can be downloaded from the Mediation SA website www.mediationsa.org.au

Other priorities at CEHSA!

We are currently focusing on reviewing our Property and Services Agreement to align with the new Master Community Housing Agreement we signed with the SA Housing Trust. Our objective is to simplify the language and improve the structure so everyone's (CEHSA's and Member Co-op's) responsibilities are clear and we have the processes and tools in place to support our members and meet our compliance obligations. A Member Forum will be held in early May to explain the changes and Angela will visit all Member Co-ops in the coming months to explain the proposed changes. So watch out for the invitation to the Member Forum to be sent out shortly!

We are also working on improving our website, including a more comprehensive section to support Member Co-op's. The tenant survey was scheduled to be sent out earlier this year but we are now reviewing the questions and format and aiming to distribute in May.

RSPCA winter drive # recycle and donate

I recently packed up some old towels that were clogging up space in my linen cupboard and donated them to our local vet. It made me think that this time of

year is a great time to donate to local vets, animal rescue or the RSPCA.

I know that many of our Co-op tenants are animal lovers, so it suddenly occurred to me that we could launch a collection drive for the RSPCA and for Copper Triangle's YP Puppies.



So, if you are like me and you have a few items that you no longer use and would like to donate, put them aside and email me. For Co-op tenants in the Copper Triangle area we can donate to the local animal rescue YP Puppies.

Both organisations have specified needs, for a list of what can be accepted from each, please email me if you are interested. If your Co-op would like to participate let me know, I am happy to arrange collection.

Sandra

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Personal profile



Name: Angela Carey

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About me: I've worked for over 20 years in the housing and finance industry, most recently at HomeStart Finance as the Marketing & Communication Leader and Senior Advisor, Strategy.

My interests: I love to read, especially historical fiction – my favourite book this month was 'All the Light We Cannot See' by Antony Doerr. I also enjoy weekend walks along Middleton Beach with my family (including dogs Sooty and Olive!) and volunteering at Vinnies. I'm also studying Art History part-time at University of Adelaide.

Helping households manage their energy costs

The SA Government's Energy Partners Program works with organisations to help households manage their energy use and costs and to improve energy efficiency. The website contains many useful energy management resources, toolkits and energy saving brochures. For more information, advice and to access these resources, please click here: [Energy Partners Program](#). The [Energy Advisory Service](#) also offers free independent information about saving energy in the home.

Autumn gardening tips



Summer has been and gone, and we say hello to autumn, when the leaves begin to develop those signature tints. The start of the new season might have you wondering – what jobs should I be looking to tick off at home?

Gardening is a great place to start. See what our friends from the [Botanic Gardens of South Australia](#) have to say!

Anzac Day tribute - In Flanders fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

John McCrae (1872–1918)



Have your say!

Please let us know if you have feedback on our revamped newsletter, any suggestions for articles, any contribution would be very welcome – just email info@cehsa.com.au

Meet & greet

I would love the opportunity to meet your Co-op members at your general meetings in the coming months. Just send me an email angela@cehsa.com.au or call 8354 2790.

I can attend for part or all of your meeting - I will welcome any feedback and I can also outline my current priorities and Common Equity Housing SA's future plans.

Angela