

Member Newsletter

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AGM 2019 – save the date



Date: Thursday 7th November 2019 at 6.30pm
Venue: Thebarton Community Centre

CEO's update



Common Equity Team Meeting (right to left – James, Melissa, Claire (volunteer and Member Director), Allison, Angela & Sandra.

I'm very pleased to announce that Common Equity Housing SA has achieved Tier 2 status, which means the organisation is considered a mid-size Community Housing Provider.

This is a fabulous achievement for our organisation and will enable us to continue our redevelopment projects, provide more member benefits and, most importantly, it sends a clear message to the industry that we are a serious player in the SA community housing sector! We also welcome PEACH Inc and ISHA Inc as new member organisations from July 2019. We have been working closely with their transition committees and they are looking forward to taking advantage of the Common Equity member benefits.

The Common Equity Board is currently working on a new Investment Strategy and at the June Board

meeting approved the budget for the 2019-20 financial year. This included approval to recruit an additional team member to assist James and our members on tenancy management and other general tenant related matters. Other exciting projects underway, including:

- New website with enhanced portal for members
- Property redevelopment program
- New accounting package XERO for all member organisations from 1st July.
- Support material for new tenants/members (in consultation with three reps from MO's).

Member benefits

SA Directory of Community Services



SAcommunity is South Australia's community information directory. Its purpose is to enable you to:

- Find out about help available from government, non-government and community services in SA
- Find out how you can connect with and get involved in your community
- You can also subscribe to their free newsletter
- Want to know more? You can watch the short SAcommunity film <https://sacommunity.org/>

Common Equity & Member news

Tenant survey is coming soon



Common Equity is required by the National Registrar of Community Housing to survey 'Tenant Satisfaction', as part of our commitment to continuous improvement and for reporting purposes.

Independence & confidentiality

We have engaged again the NSW Federation of Housing Associations to prepare, distribute and analysis of our survey in 2019. Because the Federation analyses your comments independently, Common Equity employees will never know how you have responded. This means that you can provide your views honestly and confidentially.

Improving efficiencies

We will also send you a link to the online survey, which helps to streamline the process, reduce costs and provide feedback quicker.

If you have any questions or would like to update your contact details, please contact Melissa on 08 8354 2790 or melissa@cehsa.com.au

Website – YouTube videos



Video links to Common Equity's YouTube channel - have a peek at our [first videos](#)

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWLjoCH9ZgwCTPEjn-aD-A?view_as=subscriber

WELCOME

Welcome PEACH Co-op



Common Equity Housing SA welcomes PEACH Co-op members as a member organisation. PEACH has 17 properties located in North Adelaide suburbs.

Their purpose is to provide housing to low-income households who are required to show a commitment to the principles of co-operation and concern for the community.

Welcome ISHA Co-op

Common Equity Housing SA welcomes ISHA Co-op members as a member organisation.

ISHA was founded over 30 years ago to provide housing based on the international principles of cooperation for low income households. ISHA members remain committed to social housing, that is, to have affordable, quality housing for people on low-incomes. Most are involved in the arts and in education, as writers, makers, and producer/performers. Most are keen gardeners, and volunteer their time to caring-for-community activities other

than housing. ISHA looks forward to working with Common Equity through the transition period and resetting what they can achieve by sharing resources.

International Co-operative Day



The 2019 International Day of Cooperatives will be celebrated on Saturday 6 July. It is the 25th UN International Day of Cooperatives.

The theme is COOPS 4 DECENT WORK with the message that co-ops are people-centred enterprises characterised by democratic control that prioritise human development and social justice within the workplace. Click on link below to find out more. <https://www.ica.coop/en/newsroom/news/international-day-cooperatives-2019-theme-unveiled> **

Royal Adelaide Show - Win tickets!



The Royal Adelaide Show will be held between Friday 30 August and Sunday 8 September this year and Common Equity Housing SA has again applied for

complimentary admission tickets. Once we have been advised that our request for tickets has been successful and we receive the tickets, we will randomly select member tenants to enjoy the Show experience. Then we'll let the lucky winners know.

Website www.theshow.com.au

Prevention and Checking for Termites in your home



Follow this link to a guide to Inspecting for Termites in and around your home. This is how to check for signs of termites that tenants can do on their homes, or member organisations may like to have a nominated person or working party to check all homes on a regular basis. <https://termikill.com.au/termite-control/inspecting-for-termites/> **

The not so life-changing Magic of Hoarding



Click on link below to access article in the Autumn Edition of CHIA Victoria News

[CHIA Vic Article – Hoarding Article](#) **

State Budget update

STATE BUDGET 2019-20

In the budget the Treasurer announced a *Housing stimulus package to boost construction industry, grow local jobs and help more South Australians break into property market.*

This includes:

- \$42.5M directed to preventative maintenance and an upgrade program of older SAHA housing stock and a housing construction program by SAHA. SAHA in 2019-20 and 2020-21 will build about 90 new homes with the majority sold as affordable housing;
- A Homestart time-limited interest free gap loan of up to \$10,000 for five years funded via a new Affordable Housing Fund. This scheme will be available for two years and is expected to assist up to 200 homebuyers;
- \$75M over five years in partnership with the Commonwealth Government to address housing needs in remote communities.

**If you would like hard copies of documents which have website links please contact Melissa at Common Equity on 8354 2790.

