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Australian Research Grant to demonstrate the value of housing co-ops

The Australian Co-operative Housing Alliance (ACHA) is pleased to announce a new research study analysing the benefits of Australian housing co-operatives. By demonstrating the value created by co-operative forms of housing, the research will assist the sector to move more Australians into secure and affordable homes.

“Throughout the world housing cooperatives have been associated with a range of benefits for residents due to their focus on community involvement, better quality housing, greater social networks, sense of belonging, and improved employment and education outcomes.”

Angela Carey, CEO of Common Equity Housing SA says: “This research will help reveal the tangible benefits that members of a housing co-op experience.”

Western Sydney University research team is undertaking the project, led by Associate Professor Louise Crabtree. The research team will work with the Australian Cooperative Housing Alliance (ACHA) to support the development of stable and affordable homes that benefit not only residents, but also wider society, explains Associate Professor Crabtree.

The research is funded by the Australian Research Council (ARC), and partner contributions from Western Sydney University and organisations that form the Australian Co-operative Housing Alliance (ACHA) and is worth \$594,268.

Housing co-operatives are a highly successful form of housing, empowering individuals and generating benefits for its members and community. Watch [What do you know about co-ops?](#)

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