

**COMMON EQUITY**

# E-BULLETIN

**15 JUN 2020**

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## PROPERTY CONDITION INSPECTIONS

CENSW has recently issued letters to the Co-Ops and Tenants who will be involved in the round 2 of property audit inspections and the round 1 co-ops and tenants that did not have their inspections completed prior to COVID-19 shut down.

SPM Assets will resume the inspections in the week starting 20th July. SPM Assets will be required to have appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) when undertaking the inspections.

CENSW will be monitoring the COVID-19 situation and inspections may be further delayed if there is a significant outbreak in community transmissions. CENSW will follow NSW Health guidelines in determining the appropriate course of action and will keep our co-ops and tenants informed if any changes occur.

Further letters will be issued late June, early July advising the inspections dates.

For further information please email [maintenance@commonequity.com.au](mailto:maintenance@commonequity.com.au)



## CENSW ANNUAL REPORT

### *Call out for Co-op Stories*

It's that time of year again! We are starting to plan our 2020 Annual Report and are calling out to co-operatives who may have some interesting tales to tell and would like to share their stories in this year's report.

If you need some inspiration, please have a look at previous Annual Report Co-op stories [here](#).

To contribute please contact [nicole@commonequity.com.au](mailto:nicole@commonequity.com.au) or call 02 9356 9223

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## AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH GRANT FOR HOUSING

### CO-OPERATIVES

The Australian Co-operative Housing Alliance (ACHA) is extremely pleased to announce that it has been successful in gaining Australian Research Council (ARC) funding for a new research study analysing the benefits of Australian housing co-operatives.

A research team from Western Sydney University is undertaking the project, led by Associate Professor Louise Crabtree. The team will work collaboratively with ACHA, of which Common Equity NSW is a member. The research will help promote the co-operative housing model in Australia as well as providing much needed evidence on the range of benefits that the model provides to its residents and the broader community.

The project will commence in July 2020.

For more information contact us at [enquiries@commonequity.com.au](mailto:enquiries@commonequity.com.au) or at 02 9356 9200



### COVID- 19 UPDATE

**From 1 June 2020** more people were able to attend religious services, weddings and funerals with up to 20 people able to attend weddings, 50 at funerals and 50 at places of worship. Social distancing and other safety measures need to be adhered to.

**As of 13 June 2020**, the following have been allowed, (but the 4 square meter per person rule must always be applied):

- Fitness, gymnasiums, pilates, yoga and dance studios can reopen with up to 10 people per class and 100 people in an indoor venue (space permitting)
- Community centres, including their recreational facilities can reopen
- Some indoor recreational facilities including pools and saunas can reopen with restricted numbers
- Tattoo and massage parlours can reopen with up to 10 clients.

Remember, if you have any symptoms such as fever, sore throat, trouble breathing get tested then stay home and self-isolate.

COVID-19 clinic locations available [here](#).

AND keep social distancing practices – stay 1.5 meters away from others.

## **INSTITUTE OF COMMUNITY DIRECTORS AUSTRALIA**

The Institute's acclaimed Diploma of Governance is now being offered fully online with rolling start date available throughout the remainder of 2020. These new study options increase the reach of this nationally accredited course, making it available to students regardless of location.

For more information on the course [click here](#).

You can also email [learning@ourcommunity.com.au](mailto:learning@ourcommunity.com.au)

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## **CO-OPERATIVE HOUSING INTERNATIONAL**

### ***Webinar Resources***

Co-operative Housing International (CHI) is one of the eight sectoral organisations of the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA). CHI promotes co-operative housing as an economic and social solution to the problem of providing shelter.

Their website has a range of useful resources <https://www.housinginternational.coop/resources/> and often deliver live webinars.

You can find previous webinars on their website [here](#).

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## **FREE MEALS & SERVICES**

**Mission Australia** is providing free meals to anyone in need from their Common Grounds residential site at 31 Pyrmont Bridge Rd, Camperdown. There is a 24-hour concierge so meals can be picked up at any time. Just go to the apartment building front entry and push the buzzer for access. They are also providing other services on site including:

Smart device / computer training & access to their computer lab

Community access to their rooftop garden, workshops & commercial sized kitchen

Operating an affordable grocery store (re-opening in July 2020)

**City of Sydney** may be able to provide you food and essential items if you live in the [City of Sydney local government area](#) and are experiencing hardship and are having a tough time.

Contact the City of Sydney community hotline 02 9265 9333

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## ENERGY UPDATES

### **AUSTRALIAN ENERGY REGULATOR (AER)**

This is an Australian Government initiative and works to make all Australian energy consumers better off, now and in the future. They regulate electricity networks and covered gas pipelines and set the amount of revenue that network businesses can recover from customers for using these networks.

They work to

- Drive effective competition where feasible
- Provide effective regulation where competition is not feasible
- Equip customers to participate effectively, including operating the Energy Made Easy website (see below)
- Use their expertise to inform debate about Australia's energy future, the long-term interests of consumers and the regulatory landscape
- Take a long-term perspective while also considering the impact on consumers today.



Their help for customers in hardship website page includes information on assistance if you are having trouble paying your electricity or gas bills.

Brochures are provided in English, Vietnamese, Arabic, traditional & Simplified Chinese and Nepali.

<https://www.aer.gov.au/consumers/my-energy-bill/help-for-customers-in-hardship> - go to the bottom of this page to access the brochures.

### **ENERGY MADE EASIER - IMPROVED WEBSITE**

The Australian Government has improved its free and independent Energy Made Easier website so consumers and small businesses in New South Wales can keep making informed energy choices. Consumers can now search for a new gas or electricity plan in more ways AND the website has a new dynamic translation function. This means you can search for a new energy plan or read about energy in more than 30 languages. Once you select your preferred language, the website's content is translated automatically.

Go to [www.energymadeeasy.gov.au](http://www.energymadeeasy.gov.au)

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## NEW CENSW TENANT HANDBOOK



CENSW recently updated its Tenant Handbook. It contains a huge range of useful information including:

- What CENSW does
- Tenant rights & responsibilities
- Rent & other charges
- Your home / property: repairs and maintenance & responsibilities
- Modifications
- Tenancy matters including visitors, pets, tenancy breaches
- Tenant engagement Appeals, compliments and complaints

Access the Handbook on our [website](#).

If you would like a hard copy please email: [enquiries@commonequity.com.au](mailto:enquiries@commonequity.com.au)

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