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## CENSW UPDATE

### SHARED SECTOR WAITING LIST

#### *Is your co-op interested?*

The issue of forming a shared waiting list for new applicants has been brought up at several regional meetings over the past couple of years. CENSW would like to move this project forward and we are seeking feedback from all co-operatives about whether this is a resource that your co-operative would use.

#### **Background information**

Currently, co-ops have been approaching CENSW asking if we or other co-ops have applicants that may be interested and appropriate to fill their vacancies. CENSW has also been emailing co-ops asking if their applicants are interested in a CENSW directly managed property, which would provide them with affordable and secure housing.

Importantly, we want to ensure that vacancy times are minimised in the sector and that as many people as possible can apply to live in co-operative housing in NSW. One way to help achieve this is to develop a shared sector waiting list. This would be an opt-in resource and not mandatory.

#### **How would it work?**

The shared waiting list would likely be made available online, dividing applicants into categories, for example into specific need requirements, local demographics, personal skills and interests to ensure potential tenants fit the co-op prerequisites and tenant group dynamics.

Issues and aspects to be discussed with interested co-ops include:

- How can the varied yet very specific co-op membership requirements be incorporated into a shared waiting list?
- The waiting list needs to be easy to use and navigate, possibly using headings and categories to filter applicants
- Consent from applicants to go on the shared waiting list needs to be obtained
- The joint waiting list would most likely be a secured online resource and include questions about applicant needs, demographics, personal interests and characteristics.

Please discuss this proposal at your next meeting and forward your thoughts and the co-operative's opinion to CENSW. We want to come up with a practical and easy way for interested co-ops to use a shared waiting list.

Deadline for feedback is **Monday 31 August 2020**.

If you have any questions and to provide feedback please contact:

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## **CENSW NEW POLICIES**

CENSW is in the process of reviewing and updating our policies.

We have just updated C 1.6 Absence from Property Policy and added an Absence from Property Form (to be submitted when requesting an Absence from Property).

These can be found on our website here:

<https://www.commonequity.com.au/tenant/policies/>



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## **UPDATE TO CO-OPERATIVES (NEW SOUTH WALES) REGULATION 2014**

This Regulation is being remade as it is due to be automatically repealed on 1 September 2020 under the *Subordinate Legislation Act 1989*.

The remake only relates to the local Regulation and does not involve a review or any changes to the Co-operatives National Law (CNL) or the Co-operatives National Regulations (CNR).

Key changes include:

- Removing outdated provisions, including those that do not exist in other jurisdictions' local regulations. By doing this, the number of clauses in the Regulation have been reduced from 18 to 12.
- Aligning the language with other jurisdictions' local regulations to achieve regulatory uniformity
- Streamlining and removing unnecessary fees to reduce the total number of fees payable from 76 to 24
- Expanding the power of the Registrar to waive, reduce, postpone or refund fees in cases of financial hardship or special circumstances (e.g. natural disaster)



The proposed Regulation is scheduled to **commence on 1 September 2020**. Upon commencement, the new Regulation will be published on the NSW legislation website at [www.legislation.nsw.gov.au](http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au)

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## **HAVE YOUR SAY – THE NSW HOUSING STRATEGY**

The NSW Government has recently launched a discussion paper exploring the future of housing in NSW. With the population of Sydney being on track to hit 7 million by 2040, Western Sydney will likely be home to much of this population. It is especially important that people from the area have a say about the development of the strategy.

Common Equity NSW is preparing a response to the discussion paper to ensure housing co-operatives are part of any housing solution and strategic response to dealing with the growing housing needs in NSW and indeed Australia.



Western Sydney Community Forum (WSCF) is engaging in a consultation process with their members and stakeholders in two methods. The first is through a **survey** (aimed at service providers). The second is an **online consultation on 15 July 2020 at 2pm**. These will help inform its submission to the NSW Government.

To complete the **survey** click here: <https://bit.ly/38GWOSJ>

To join the **online discussion on 15 July 2020 at 2 pm** click here: <https://bit.ly/2AMA87m>

If you would like more information please contact Charlton Wun [charlton.wun@wscf.org.au](mailto:charlton.wun@wscf.org.au)

## AROUND THE WORLD COOP

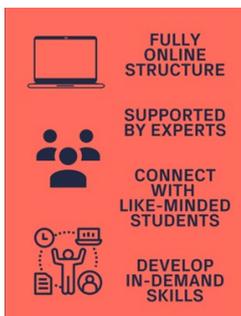


Aroundtheworld.coop is a project dreamt and developed by Andrea and Sara. They decided to travel the world for one year and document all the different sorts of co-operatives on all the continents.

They founded the “aroundtheworld.coop” association with the mission of giving a voice to the stories of co-operatives and communities that engage in collective action and sustainable human development processes around the world and to promote and spread a culture of solidarity, inclusion and reciprocity by supporting these inspiring experiences. Visit <http://aroundtheworld.coop/>

## SSE & TAFE FREE SHORT COURSES

### Free online courses



The Sydney School of Entrepreneurship (SSE) is a partnership between 11 NSW universities and TAFE NSW to help potential students tackle the future of work.

There are a range of courses to help you upskill, start your own business or discover the world of innovation and entrepreneurship.

For more information and to apply go to [sse.edu.au/learn](https://sse.edu.au/learn)

Applications close on 24 July 2020.

## SPEAKOUT NSW

Did you know?

1 in 6 women and 1 in 16 men have experienced physical or sexual violence by a current or previous partner. If you feel unsafe at home, you can speak out.

Call the **NSW Domestic Violence Line, 24 hours / 7 days a week – 1 800 65 64 63** – free, confidential support.



Interpreters are available. If you are hearing impaired, call the National Relay Service on 133 677

If you can't call the NSW Domestic Violence Line, you can reach out to [1800RESPECT online chat](https://www.1800respect.org.au/)

**If you or someone you know are in immediate danger, please call the Police on Triple Zero [000]**

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## **#RaiseTheAge**

Right now children as young as 10 years old can be imprisoned in every state and territory in Australia. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children are disproportionately impacted by these laws, accounting for 70 per cent of children aged 10 to 13 in detention.

On 27 July, the Council of Attorneys-General (CAG) has the opportunity to raise the minimum age of criminal responsibility to at least 14.

You are invited to join to join PIAC (Public Interest Advocacy Centre) CEO **Jonathon Hunyor** in conversation with a panel of experts across health, law and youth and community services, to discuss why children need to be supported to reach their full potential, and not locked up.

**Date:** Tuesday 21 July 2020, 12.30 – 1.30pm

**Where:** Zoom

**RSVP:** Register your attendance via Eventbrite: <https://bit.ly/3gJ6Aqz>

Enquiries- If you have any requirements that will assist you to participate in this event, please contact Ann Sloan via email [asloan@piac.asn.au](mailto:asloan@piac.asn.au) or call (02) 8898 6523.

Visit <https://www.raisetheage.org.au> to find out more about the national campaign.

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## **POWER TO THE PEOPLE: Building Citizen Driven Communities Conference, Western Australia**

The Power to the People conference will go ahead as planned on the **29 & 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020**. It is being held in the City of Mandurah in Western Australia. The theme for this year's conference is "**Activating Community Assets**".

The conference will bring together people from across Australia who share a personal or professional passion for building citizen driven communities to:

- discover the power of harnessing social capital and local assets to help address the complex financial, social and environmental issues that challenge our communities
- explore the institutions and structures which both impede and enhance citizen driven efforts
- discover the power of local 'bottom up' and asset-based approaches to strengthen communities
- explore a range of tools and methodologies that will empower people to believe, behave and act like citizens in control of their community.

For registrations go to <https://bankofideas.com.au/>

If you would like to contribute to the Conference Program, please contact Maria D'Souza on [md@bankofideas.com.au](mailto:md@bankofideas.com.au) or call **0404 957 780**

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## **MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT**

Don't forget to take care of your mental health.

Find support and resources here:

- <https://www.blackdoginstitute.org.au/>
- Lifeline 13 11 14
- Transcultural Mental Health Centre (TMHC) – resources in your language <https://www.dhi.health.nsw.gov.au/transcultural-mental-health-centre-tmhc/resources/in-your-language>
- Beyond Blue 1300 22 4636
- Headspace (for people aged 12 – 25 years old) - <https://headspace.org.au/>

- Kids Helpline – 1 800 55 1800
- NSW Mental Health Line 24 hours a day, 7 days a week 1 800 011 511

**If English is not your first language and you need help with translations, call the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS National) for help 131 450**

**If you are deaf or have a hearing or speech impairment you can use the National Relay Service (NRS) 1 300 555 727**

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