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CENSW UPDATE

Property Audits

The Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) have informed us that they will be undertaking their Property Assessment Surveys (PAS) soon. These inspections are undertaken by contractors on behalf of LAHC.

Please note the following important points:

- LAHC inspections are separate to the CENSW SPM property audits which are currently underway.
- Selection or timing of these inspections are determined by LAHC.
- We are unable to stop or change the LAHC/PAS inspections on your behalf.
- We are able to advise which properties have been selected.
- All contractors will follow COVID-19 safe protocols such as wearing personal protective equipment (PPE), sanitising, washing hands and social distancing.

If you have any questions, please contact the Property Team at maintenance@commonequity.com.au

NSW Housing Strategy Discussion paper -Submission

CENSW has made a submission to the NSW Government in response to their Housing strategy Discussion Paper, and can be read here: <https://bit.ly/3a2bcWl>

Our response to the Strategy advocates for housing co-operatives be included as part of the solution for secure, affordable housing in NSW.

Poppy Whiting – Senior Project Manager

We are very pleased to announce that Poppy Whiting has accepted a permanent position as the Senior Project Manager. Poppy originally came to CENSW as the Acting Operations Manager then moved to the Senior Project Manager position, initially on a short-term contract. We are sure that CENSW will benefit extremely from her expertise and passion.

Christopher Ryan - Seniors Assistance Research

We welcome Christopher Ryan who is volunteering with us researching what is available in the form of assistance for Seniors and people as they age. This is an exciting initiative and the information collated will be made available on our website soon. Chris is a Member Director on our Board. He brings a wealth of personal experience both in Co-op housing and in navigating the complex area of government and non-government services for seniors, having recently supported his mother through the process of finding support and care.

INDUSTRY UPDATES



AGM Requirements during COVID-19

NSW Fair Trading informed the Co-op Federation that they have determined not to take any compliance action where a co-operative registered under the Co-operatives National Law (NSW) is unable to meet its statutory obligations, to hold an AGM and to lodge its Annual return (small co-operatives) or Annual report (large co-operatives) with Fair Trading, due to COVID-19 restrictions.

As a result, co-operatives will now not be required to formally request an extension of time for holding its AGM and to lodge its Annual return or Annual report, as appropriate, where it is unable to do so due to those restrictions.

The arrangements will be reviewed in October 2020. However, this will not apply to circumstances not related to COVID – 19 restrictions or where there are concerns of wrongdoing or misconduct.

Co-operatives are encouraged to lodge their Annual return or Annual reports with Fair Trading within 5 months after the end of the financial year even if they have not been able to hold its AGM.

If you have any questions please contact Sam Byrne, Secretary, Co-op Federation Email: sec@fed.coop or Phone: 02 9057 5155

The 2020 Commonwealth Bank Not-for-Profit Treasurers' Awards are open

Nominate your treasurer for a chance to win one of four \$5,000 donations. Nominations close 1pm AEDT, Tuesday October 6, 2020.

The 2020 Not-for-Profit Treasurers' Awards are open and we'd to encourage you to participate in this free recognition and awards program. The Awards are designed to recognise the contribution that not-for-profit treasurers make to their community group, the not-for-profit sector as a whole and to Australian society.

This year, you can take part in the 2020 Not-for-Profit Treasurers' Awards in one of two ways:

- You can nominate anyone who has served as a treasurer of an Australian not-for-profit organisation at any time in the past 12 months; or
- For your chance to win one of four \$5,000 donations to your not-for-profit, simply let them know what lessons you have learned about surviving a crisis while fulfilling your role as treasurer in 2020.

For more information and to enter or nominate visit: <https://bit.ly/2PsFh8f>

HOMELESSNESS WEEK

2 Aug 2020 - 8 Aug 2020

Everybody needs a home - take the pledge.



The **Social Housing Pledge** was launched on 3 August 2020. Individuals and organisations are encouraged to take the pledge to spread the word about building more social housing.

A range of information and resources will be provided to assist in this task, including: statistics about the level of homelessness, a briefing about the SHARP (Social Housing Acceleration and Renovation Program) to build 30,000 social housing properties over 4 years; lobbying tips and a draft template letter asking the MP for a meeting.

Register as a supporter of Everybody's Home to receive the Pledge pack: <https://everybodyshome.com.au/org-signup/>

Homelessness heat maps: <https://everybodyshome.com.au/heat-maps/>

Email the Treasurer, Josh Frydenberg, asking him to invest in social housing, including co-operative housing: <https://everybodyshome.com.au/email-josh-frydenberg/>



How the rise of short-term holiday letting pushes some into homelessness - ABC Australia

Watch Ilona Harker's story here.: <https://bit.ly/2EWsn6Q>

RESOURCES

CHIA & Uniting launch Working with Older Tenant Toolkit

The Toolkit was developed in a partnership between Uniting and CHIA and includes a range of information and checklists to help address the challenges of providing accommodation for an ageing population.

The sections in the Toolkit focus on key issues that impact Older Tenants and best practice solutions. Areas covered include checklist for communicating with older tenants from a CALD background; The Aged Care Service Delivery Model; Understanding Elder Abuse and Housing Adaptations to Support Ageing in Place.



The Toolkit can be found on the CHIA website: <https://www.communityhousing.com.au/>

GET INVOLVED

State Strategic Plan for Crown Land Have your say by 20th August 2020

The NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment is seeking feedback on the draft State Strategic Plan for Crown Land. The Plan will set the vision, priorities and overarching strategy for the management of Crown land for the next 10 years.

Why should you provide feedback?

Crown land is land that is owned and managed by the NSW Government – it is not privately owned, it is “owned” by the people. If you care about your environment, local parks and reserves, this is your chance to have a say about how they are managed into the future.

The draft plan identifies priority areas, outcomes and initiatives to enable the use of Crown land to evolve and meet changing community needs.

For more information and to provide feedback click here: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/have-your-say/>

Email: cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au

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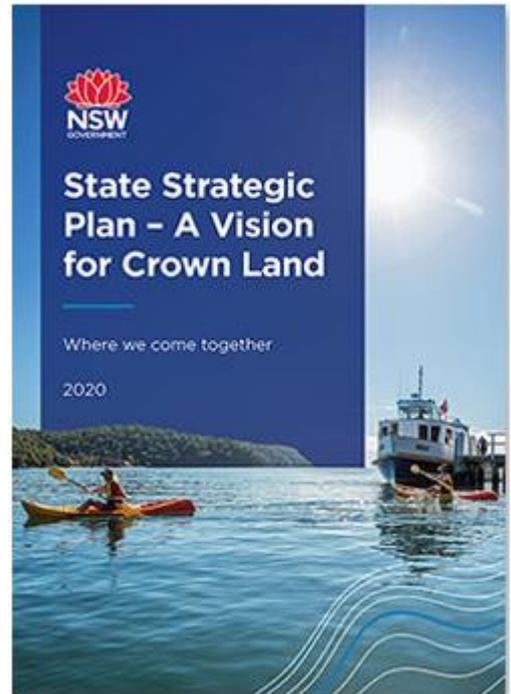
Organ and Tissue Donation

Donate Life Week was held end of July 2020.

There are currently 1,700 Australians on the waiting list for a transplant and a further 12,000 people on dialysis. Find out about the facts and the importance of organ and tissue donation.

<https://donatelife.gov.au/>

Talk to your family, tell them you want to be a donor and register now: <https://donatelife.gov.au/register-donor-today>



CALENDAR

Cultural Events and Observances

August 9 – [International Day of the World's Indigenous People \(UN\)](#)

August 12 – [International Youth Day \(UN\)](#)

August 13 - [International Left-Handers Day](#)

August 19 – [World Humanitarian Day \(UN\)](#)

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