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CENSW BOARD

Board Meeting Update

The points below are from the **18 August 2020 CENSW Board** meeting.

1. Our new **Strategic Plan** is being finalised and will be available on the website soon. The Plan builds on the existing CENSW goals and strategies with a key focus on growth and representation of the sector.
2. The Board made the decision to hold this years' **AGM** as an online event due to the ongoing risks associated with COVID-19. More information on how this will work and what support will be offered is provided in this Bulletin.
3. We have updated our **Fraud and Corruption policy**. This is an important policy document for CENSW and will also be placed on our website soon. We encourage you to have a look at it as it also guides the way CENSW will respond to fraud and corruption in the sector.
4. The Board is recruiting a **new Technical Director** to fill the vacancy created by Melanie Carmeci's departure. We have had a lot of interest in the role which is pleasing. The Board is conducting interviews in the this week and we will let you know of the outcome as soon as a decision is made.
5. Dennis Vaccher returns to Chair our **Compliance, Audit, Risk and Governance Committee** and we also welcome **Jemah Day Egan**

from BRANCH Housing Co-op on the Board to fill a casual member Director vacancy.

6. The first meeting of the **CCA Working Group** has occurred. Thank you to all the Co-op members on this group for their time, commitment and knowledge to help shape an improved CCA agreement that will support both CENSW and the sector moving forward.

Please stay safe as the risk of COVID continues.

Carmen Osborne, Chair

CENSW UPDATES

CENSW Annual General Meeting

This year's Annual General Meeting will be held virtually, online due to COVID-19. This decision has been made to ensure the safety of our members and staff.

Date: Saturday, 21 November 2020

Time: 10:00AM - 12:00PM



This year, we are also providing members the option to receive AGM materials electronically, so as to reduce waste.

Our Office Manager, Prema, will be contacting Co-op Chairs to find out what support their Co-ops might need to attend the meeting in this manner, and how they wish to receive the AGM materials.

Prema will assist with issues such as:

- technological support
- how to sign into zoom
- web cameras

- internet connections
- and options available if you do not have these resources

More information on how voting will work, items to vote on and the agenda will be sent in the coming weeks.

CENSW Board Member Director Nominations now open

New Member Directors for the Board of CENSW will be elected at the Annual General Meeting being held on 21 November 2020.

If you wish to submit a nomination, please email us at enquiries@commonequity.com.au to receive a nomination pack. You can also request for hard copies to be mailed to you.



The Pack includes:

- Checklist for Nominee Member Directors
- Member Director Information Sheet
- Statutory Declaration
- AGM Member Director Nomination form
- Overview of Board Responsibilities

Submissions have to be received by COB Friday, 2 October 2020, and can be made through one of the two options below:

Email: enquiries@commonequity.com.au

Subject: Member Director Nomination Forms - NOMINEE'S NAME

Post

Common Equity NSW
PO BOX Q1323
SYDNEY
NSW 1230

CENSW & Co-operative Agreements (CCA's) Consultation Working Group

The CCA Working Group had their first meeting on Tuesday, 11th August 2020, and will be meeting monthly for the rest of the financial year.

The Co-op members of this group are:

- Gary Luke - Emoh Ruo Housing Co-operative
- Tara Morelos - Extended Family Housing Co-operative
- Les Ritchie - Nelson Bay Housing Co-operative
- Kim Brydon - Palace Women's Housing Co-operative
- Chris Ryan - Planet X Housing Co-operative & Member Director on CENSW Board
- Zulema Capielli - Alma Housing Co-operative

VACANCY

Aston Hall Co-operative

Aston Hall Co-operative has a vacancy arising in a 2-bedroom unit at their Co-operative on Bourke St, East Sydney. Aston Hall is a small Co-operative and would be very interested in housing people with experience in Co-operative housing. The vacancy would be suitable for a couple or a single parent and child.



Please circulate this information to your members and any other people who you think may be suitable.

Please contact chris@commonequity.com.au for more information.

INDUSTRY UPDATES

Use of common areas in Land & Housing Properties - DCJ

The Department of Community and Justice (DCJ) has recently issued a memorandum regarding the practice and use around common areas and meeting rooms in Land & Housing properties because of COVID-19. They are cancelling all bookings and events in community rooms that can't adhere to social distancing rules effective immediately, due to the risks around COVID-19.

Social housing complexes are considered relatively high risk for possible outbreaks of COVID-19 and DCJ are doing everything to help prevent risks. It is highly recommended that we all follow the DCJ advice.

Health & Safety Orders

If you do hold an event you need to comply with the current Public Health Order: <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/public-health-orders.aspx>

Events require a detailed COVID-19 Safety Plan to be in place for each room, in each location for each event:
<https://www.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2020-06/Covid-19-safety-plan-general.pdf>

This plan would need to be followed and adhered to by all groups and individuals who use the room. Please let the CENSW Co-op Development Team members know if you are using your common and/or meeting rooms for any events. They can go through your COVID-19 Safety Plan to ensure it ticks all the boxes. Email: cdt@commonequity.com.au

RESOURCES

Jobkeeper & Jobseeker

JobKeeper payment has been revised and will be extended to 28 March 2021.

JobSeeker and other income support payments have also been reviewed and extended to 31 December 2020.

For more details please check the Australian Government's Treasury website here: <https://treasury.gov.au/coronavirus>

More information on how this may affect your rent will be provided in the next Bulletin due 7 September 2020.

New COVID-19 resources from NSW Health & NDIS

These new resources have been created for people with disabilities and also includes information in languages other than English.

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/disability/covid-19/Pages/default.aspx>

GET INVOLVED

The New Economy Network Australia (NENA) – National Civil Society Strategy

Work is underway for a national civil society strategy. The New Economy Network Australia (NENA) – a network of individuals and organisations keen to build a better society by transforming the nation's economic system – started a co-creation process for a National Civil Society Strategy for a New Economy earlier this year.

For more information and to provide input to the strategy check the NENA website here:

CALENDAR

Cultural Events and Observances

Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

Dementia Awareness Month

September 1 to September 7 - Asthma Week

September 2 – International Day of Peace

September 2- Indigenous Literacy Day

September 6 to September 12 - National Child Protection Week

September 7 to September 11 - Australian Women's Health Week

September 9 - International Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Awareness Day

This email bulletin is printable and meant for all members, so please feel free to share it with others.

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Team	Email Address
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