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CENSW UPDATES



Emoh Rou Celebrates 25 years!

Emoh Rou Co-operative is celebrating 25 years this September. A group of them had their first meeting to discuss finding a housing solution in late 1987. After much hard work and dedication, they finally stepped into their new home in Erskineville in 1995.

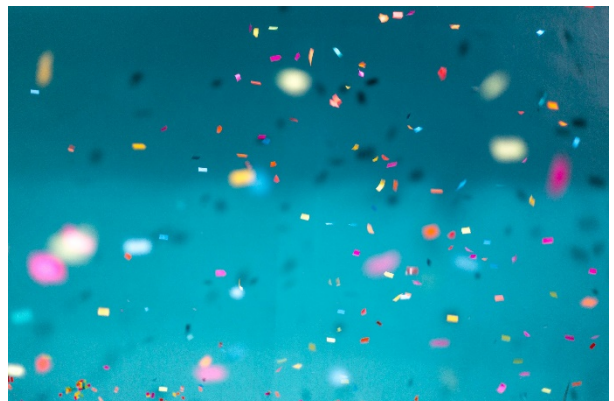
Members of Emoh Ruo and Alpha House were integral in the formation of a Co-operative housing sector in NSW.

“September is a time of sunshine, coffees, birdsong, blossoms and the beginning of lighter evenings. For us in Emoh Ruo, September 2020 is a time of celebration and thanks, as it will be 25 years since we moved into Emoh Ruo, our home”

Amalina Wallace, Emoh Ruo

Nominations for Awards

We are seeking nominations from your Co-operative and members to be presented at the upcoming AGM being held on Saturday, 21 November 2020. Please see the Chair of your Co-op for further information.



The Award Categories are:

1. Service

10 years – members who have completed 10 years of service

20 years – members who have completed 20 years of service

2. Innovation

This award is for Co-ops or members who have introduced changes or initiatives with a strong creative element or that shows a new approach in any area of Co-op life, including forming new community partnerships & sustainability initiatives.

3. Co-op Sector Community Development Award

This award is for Co-ops, Co-op members, and CENSW member directors who are forming linkages across multiple pathways to foster community development.

Please contact Phoebe Coyne at phoebe@commonequity.com.au or 02 9356 9240 for more information and nomination forms.

Closing date for submissions: **26 October 2020**

Virtual AGM - 21 November 2020



To date all Co-ops will have received information about our COVID safe AGM which will be happening online. Prema, our Office Manager, will assist Co-ops with issues such as technological support, how to attend a Zoom meeting and more to help make the process as easy and smooth as possible for everyone.

If you have any questions, please contact prema@commonequity.com.au or call 02 9356 9200 or 1 800 066 834

Co-op Meetings - Zooming along throughout September

We are in the process of meeting with each Co-op and providing an update on a range of work areas that have been undertaken and to get an idea of how Co-ops are faring.

Any questions please contact mirjana@commonequity.com.au or ring 02 9356 9210

SPM audits completed

The SPM property audits are now completed. Data from the audits will provide us with information on the condition of all our properties. This information will then be used to develop detailed maintenance plans for individual Co-ops and will also identify which properties will be eligible for our Thermal Comfort Upgrades Project.

We will be in touch with individual Co-ops to explain the findings of the audits.

Any questions please contact Stephen@commonequity.com.au or ring 02 9356 9220

RESOURCES

Damn Good Advice for Chairs Guide from Community Directors, launched during Not-for-Profit Finance week (early August), an initiative of the Commonwealth Bank and Our Community.

<https://communitydirectors.com.au/advice-guides/damn-good-advice-for-chairs>

Their website also contains a range of free webinars, covering topics such as:

- What to ask about your finances?
- Panel discussion: Not-for-Profit Sector Outlook

- Re-thinking success with Innovation and Design Thinking

Deep collaboration website

A new platform has been launched looking to help multicultural Australians have difficult conversations with First Nations people around race and power to foster better collaborations.

Visit the website: <https://platformc.org/deepcollaboration>

Older Women's Network (OWN)

The Older Women's Network NSW has been promoting the rights, dignity and well-being of older women for over 35 years. Over the years OWN has developed services and resources for older women and written and contributed to numerous influential reports on key issues for older women such as income security, homelessness, ageism and domestic violence.

Check their website for COVID-19 information and online classes and resources. <https://ownnsw.org.au/>

COVID-19 free support line – 1800 171 866

Common Ground grocery store re-opened

Common Ground in partnership with Addison Road Community Organisation re-opened their grocery store on 1 September 2020.

They provide low cost rescue groceries, everyone welcome.



Opening hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays – 12pm to 4pm

Address: Common Ground Sydney

31 Bridge Rd, Camperdown, NSW

For more information call 02 9569 7633 or info@addiroad.org.au

CALENDAR

September 10 - R U OK Day

September 21 - International Day of Peace (*Correction from 25 Aug Bulletin)

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

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We acknowledge the traditional Aboriginal owners of the country throughout Australia and pay our respects to them, their culture and their Elders past, present and future.

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