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CENSW Updates

Annual General Meeting 2020

Thank you for attending our first ever virtual Annual General Meeting. We had a great turn out with 66 attendees! A special thank you to our speakers and members that contributed videos.

Co-operative Training Program

A Co-operative Training Program will be rolled out next year.

The Co-op Governance modules 1 – 3 include:

- Introduction to Governance & Co-op Principles & Values
- Board roles, Co-op rules, running meetings and AGMs
- The relationship with CENSW via the CCA
- Policy to practice – the importance of implementing policies
- Maintenance management, financial reporting requirements



These modules will take 18 hours and will be delivered over several days.

Your Co-op Development Officer will contact you over the next few months to discuss your training needs.

If you have any questions please contact cdt@comnonequity.com.au

Co-operative Annual General Meeting Requirements

Co-operatives do not have to formally apply for extensions of time to hold their AGM and lodge their annual return/reports. This arrangement is in place until 31 March 2021.

Co-operatives are expected to take steps to meet their statutory obligations as soon as possible.

Where a Co-operative can lodge its annual return/report with Fair Trading within 5 months after the end of its financial year it should do so even if an AGM has not been held.

More information on the Fair Trading website here:
<https://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/>

Newsletter Subscription

We will be publishing a Summer issue of our Newsletter, a first edition in a long time. Please email us at enquiries@commonequity.com.au to indicate if you would like to receive a printed or digital copy.

COVID-19 Update

As of 23 November 2020, changes to regulations include:

- up to 500 people permitted for outdoor religious services, with conditions.

As of 1 December 2020:

- capacity at funerals increased to 300 people, conditions apply
- up to 50 people can visit a residence if outdoor space is being used.

More information can be found here: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/media-releases>

RESOURCES

Uniting Energy Efficiency Program



Uniting, a not-for-profit community services organisation, is working with households across NSW to increase energy efficiency of their homes and to save money on energy bills.

Services that their energy advisers can assist with include: understanding your utility bills, negotiating affordable payments plans, advise on using appliances in ways that can reduce bills and increase comfort and more.

Appointments are available over the phone 1800 545 366. Ask for the energy team or email energy@vt.uniting.org

Centrelink Reporting Changes

From 7 December 2020, reporting employment income to Centrelink will change.

For more information check [here](#).

Department of Community and Justice Scholarships

Apply for \$1000 to assist with your education needs in 2021 through the DCJ Scholarships program.

Register now at: dcjnsw.info/scholarships

Return to Work Program

NSW 2020-2021 State Budget announced assistance for women who have been unemployed for more than a month & assistance for training.

More information [here](#).

EVENT CALENDAR

Tuesday, 1 December 2020 - World AIDS Day

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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