

Co-op connect



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WELCOME!

Welcome to the first issue of *Co-op connect*, a quarterly newsletter published by Co-operation Housing.

Co-operation Housing is the only registered community housing provider in Western Australia that specialises in housing co-operatives.

Co-op connect will keep WA's housing co-operative sector up to date with relevant news, events – and each other.

We hope you find it an interesting and informative read, and we welcome your suggestions for future issues.

Rebecca Hicks

CEO, Co-operation Housing

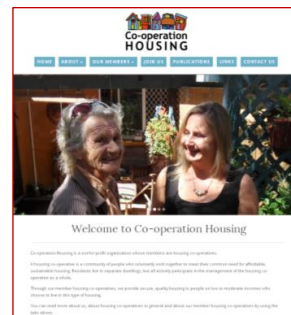
WEBSITE LAUNCHED!

We are proud to announce the launch of the Co-operation Housing website!

As well as promoting Co-operation Housing itself, the website promotes each of our member co-ops, the international co-operative principles and the housing co-operative sector as a whole.

Please visit it and let us know what you think:

www.co-operationhousing.org.au



EXCITING GROWTH NEWS

Co-operation Housing is very excited to announce that we have secured a partnership with the City of Fremantle that will see us take on the management of an existing affordable housing complex for seniors, and embed within it a financial and social model based on the international co-operative principles (see over), with the aim of transforming the complex into a vibrant, financially and socially sustainable community.

This is very exciting news, as it represents a rare growth opportunity at a time when the establishment of new housing co-operatives has slowed. It is also a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate to the City of Fremantle and to the broader community the many benefits of co-operative living.

We'll keep you posted on the transitioning process in future issues.

NEGOTIATING STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

Co-operation Housing's member co-ops are currently considering the option of having Co-operation Housing enter into a lease agreement with the Department of Housing on their behalf. This would have the advantage of further consolidating the sector and potentially giving it more negotiating power, particularly with regard to leveraging future growth opportunities.

We'll keep you posted on the negotiation process in future issues.

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MEET OUR BOARD MEMBERS

Our Board comprises three elected directors, three technical directors and our CEO and company secretary. Our elected directors are all residential members of our housing co-operatives, and have the important role of representing their interests in decision making. Our qualified technical directors have professional expertise and experience in the fields of law, finance, education and affordable housing, and are responsible for ensuring that all Board decisions are sound and undertaken with due diligence.



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BA (Honours) (Fine Art)

Elected Director



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BEng (Mechatronic)

Elected Director



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**BA (Honours) (Sociology & SE Asian Studies),
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CEO and Company Secretary



THE SEVEN PRINCIPLES OF CO-OPERATION

Cooperatives around the world operate according to the following seven fundamental principles.

- > Voluntary and open membership
- > Democratic member control
- > Member economic participation
- > Autonomy and independence
- > Education, training and information
- > Co-operation among co-operatives
- > Concern for the community

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday 5 July 2014

This year's International Day of Cooperatives will be on Saturday 5 July 2014.

Co-operation Housing is planning a special event to celebrate. Details to come – check our website !

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