

Co-op Connect

Winter 2014



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WELCOME!

Welcome to the Winter 2014 issue of *Co-op Connect*, a quarterly newsletter published by Co-operation Housing to keep WA's housing co-op sector up to date with relevant news, events – and each other.

Co-operation Housing's mission is to be the key co-operative housing provider in WA.

To this end, we recently joined forces with FOHCOL to celebrate International Co-operatives Day and promote housing co-ops to the wider community.

The day was a huge success, with many happy participants and plenty of information shared. See over for details.

Rebecca Hicks

CEO, Co-operation Housing

INTERESTED IN CONSENSUS DECISION MAKING?

As part of our commitment to offering education and training to the housing co-operative sector, Co-operation Housing has engaged experienced facilitator Katrina Berkov to run a workshop titled 'Consensus decision making', specifically aimed at members of the housing co-operative sector.

Everyone is welcome. Please RSVP if you would like to attend.

Consensus decision-making

When: 12–5pm on Sunday 17 August 2014

Where: First Fremantle Housing Collective (cnr Watkins & Swanbourne Sts)

Cost: \$25 per person (free to Co-operation Housing members)

RSVP: Please call 9336 5045 or email admin@co-operationhousing.org.au

NATIONAL CO-OPERATIVE HOUSING CONFERENCE 2014

Learning from each other

Friday 5 September 2014 at Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre

This conference will be hosted by Common Equity Housing Limited.

The attendance fee is \$50 for housing co-operative members.

Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2014-co-operative-housing-conference-registration-12172932569?ref=estw>

LEASE PROPOSAL UPDATE

Co-operation Housing has now begun preliminary discussions with the Department of Housing regarding signing a lease agreement and then entering into a tenancy agreement with each of our member co-ops.

Clarification regarding existing deeds of trust

Some of our member co-ops have observed that their deed of trust agreement with the Department does not include wording to the effect that the Department may repossess the properties at any time for any reason. Please note that although the wording is not present in the deed of trust document, it is the case that, as sole beneficiary of the trust arrangement, the Department can at any time by notice in writing require a trustee (co-op) to transfer to the Department any properties subject to the deed of trust, without the need for a breach to be committed by the co-op.

REASON TO CELEBRATE!

The joint FOHCOL–Co-operation Housing celebration of International Co-operatives Day on Saturday 5 July was a huge success, thanks to all our wonderful organisers and volunteers both beforehand and on the day.

The celebrations included some events open only to co-op sector members and some open to the wider community. There was a Friday-night shared dinner at Pinakarri, a Saturday-morning tour of four co-ops in the Fremantle/ Cockburn area, information and Q&A sessions and plenty of informal socialising over morning tea and lunch.

Several co-op members generously invited participants into their homes, and we received some lovely feedback from members of the public who had been curious about the co-ops in their local community and really appreciated the chance to find out how they work.

Thanks to everyone who attended on the day or was involved in any other way in celebrating and promoting the co-op model.

A special thank you to the four members of ARCH who travelled all the way from Bunbury for the day!



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