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New Resources Available

[Increasing Affordable Housing Through the Victorian Community Housing Sector](#)

The Community Housing Federation of Victoria (CHFV) have recently released a commissioned report by Deloitte Access Economics entitled 'Increasing Affordable Housing Through the Victorian Community Housing Sector'.

This report marks an important step in CHFV's work in supporting its members to expand and develop their support to low income and vulnerable Victorians in housing need. CHFV's report welcomes a holistic approach to addressing Victoria's housing affordability crisis.

[Pathways and Choice in a Diversifying Social Housing System](#)

This is a positioning paper from a study seeking to provide a better understanding of how access to social housing and mobility within the Australian social housing system are experienced by tenants, in a time of significant changes to the sector. The Paper

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Dear <<First Name>>,

CHFA are counting down the days now until the opening of our 2nd National Affordable Housing Exchange. The Exchange brings together the some of the best presenters our sector has to offer to provide an enormous range of quality masterclasses, seminars, and sessions. We're hoping to see you there. If you haven't registered yet there is still time - **the details are below.**

Other news focuses on the outcomes of the NSW election, with details regarding changes to the ministry and departmental responsibilities, and we also have an update on the move towards a common equity scheme in WA.

Happy Reading,

Shelly Forceville
Administration and Communications Officer
On behalf of the CHFA Team

Count Down to National Affordable Housing Exchange 2011

CHFA's 2nd National Affordable Housing Exchange is set to open this week on Thursday 14 April. The event runs for two days over the 14 and 15 April offering a wide selection of masterclasses on practical topics, as well as seminars and plenary sessions. There will be a wide selection of exhibition booths, and numerous networking opportunities. You are sure to find something of interest at the Exchange no matter your background in the sector.

Registration is still open but time is running out. [See the Exchange website for further details, full program and registration.](#)

outlines the conceptual and contextual background that informs the study which is currently underway.

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For more new community housing and related resources please see the [Resource section of the CHFA website](#).

Training and Events

[Governance, Risk and Compliance Workshop \(Sydney\)](#)

18 May 2011
The NSW Federation of Housing Associations (NSWFHA) have organised this high level workshop which will provide practical, sector based guidance on how

NSW Government Full Ministry Announced

Following the election of a new Government in NSW new Premier Barry O'Farrell has announced the full Ministry and new administrative arrangements to support the new NSW Government.

Details of the changes are as below:

The main administrative change is that there will be a reduction from 13 to nine clusters, with each principal department in a cluster to be led by a **Director General**.

The nine Clusters, Principal Departments and Directors General are:

1. **Premier and Cabinet, Department of Premier and Cabinet, Chris Eccles**
2. **Trade and Investment, Department of Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services, Richard Sheldrake**
3. **Treasury, The Treasury, Michael Lambert (Acting)**
4. **Finance and Services, Department of Finance and Services, Michael Coutts-Trotter**
5. **Health, Department of Health, Dr Mary Foley**
6. **Family and Community Services, Department of Family and Community Services, Jenny Mason**
7. **Attorney General and Justice, Department of Attorney General and Justice, Laurie Glanfield**
8. **Transport, Department of Transport, Les Wielinga**
9. **Education and Communities, Department of Education and Communities, Pam Christie (Acting).**

As a result of this Administrative Order, the Department of Human Services will be renamed the Department of Family and Community Services.

The key changes for our department are:

- The Office for Women's Policy will transfer from the Department of Premier and Cabinet to the Department of Family and Community Services
- Aboriginal Affairs will transfer to the Department of Education and Communities
- Juvenile Justice will transfer to the Department of Attorney General and Justice
- Children's Services will transfer to the Department of Education and Communities
- **Housing NSW Assets will transfer to the Department of Finance and Services, with the remainder of housing functions staying in FACS**
- Disaster Welfare Assistance function will transfer to the Ministry for Police and Emergency Services, Attorney General and Justice cluster.

The Premier has announced two Ministers for the Department of Family and Community Services:

- The Honourable Pru Goward MP, Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for

to implement an effective governance, risk and compliance system in a housing association. The workshop will be delivered by CompliSpace in conjunction with The Walton Group. The event will be opened by the Registrar of Community Housing. This full day workshop will use a case study to raise real life community housing issues and demonstrate how these can be managed effectively through an appropriately designed governance, risk and compliance (GRC) system.

[Strengthening Communication in Your Workplace \(Sydney\)](#)

27 April 2011

NSWFHA will be running this training, which will provide an opportunity for workers in the social housing field to identify and review their current communication strategies with both clients and colleagues. The training will include strategies for contributing to the development of effective communication strategies, representing the organisation to a range of groups, facilitating group discussions and communication skills for conflict resolution. This is also a valuable opportunity for peers working in the field to share ideas and build on their current skills.

For more upcoming events please visit the [Events page of the CHFA website](#).

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Women

- The Honourable Andrew Constance MP, Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services.

Cooperation Housing - Update on WA Common Equity

Cooperation Housing, the new common equity housing organisation being established in WA have recently released a newsletter providing an update on their progress in getting the scheme up and running for housing cooperatives in WA. Here are the updates:

- Co-operation Housing is currently developing its position statements regarding CMT and FOHCOL which will be conveyed to co-ops in the near future.
- The draft Co-operation Housing/Co-op contract document has been forwarded to all co-ops. Queries and/or editorials can be forwarded to Rebecca Hicks, Co-operation Housing's Project Manager
- Stage 1 of Co-operation Housing's phased implementation plan will commence in April 2011 and cover Co-operation Housing's Registration and Compliance process with the Department of Housing.
- An MOU outlining the agreement under 35% of co-ops' rental income payable to Co-operation Housing is forthcoming.
- Technical Directors providing expert knowledge are being sourced, with Mr Adam Briggs, Fremantle Branch Manager of Bendigo Bank taking up a position this month. Additional Technical Directors in the identified areas of law, accounting, architecture/engineering will be recruited in the near future.

Following discussions with Department of Housing's Regulation and Compliance Unit, Co-operation Housing will finalise its registration as a Registered Provider prior to co-ops transferring title of properties. Meetings are also scheduled with the Department's Manager of Securities and Conveyancing to discuss the specifics of title transfer. Details will be forwarded to co-ops as soon as they are available.

Cooperation Housing also announced recent changes to their Board of Directors following the resignation of Mick O'Loughlen. Cooperative Housing have thanked Mick for his dedication and commitment to Co-operation Housing over the years. **Olwyn Maddock and Andrew Shack** have both accepted Director positions to fill the casual vacancies until the next AGM. The Board of Directors now consists of Adam Briggs, Pauline Farrell, Morgana Lagden, **Olwyn Maddock** (also Company Secretary), Alisha Ryans-Taylor and Andrew Shack.

Tenant Support Network for his National News bulletins. The Community Housing Federation of Australia is funded by the Australian Government through the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

If you would like more information about Cooperation Housing you can contact them by phone or email: (08) 9336 5045 or admin@co-operationhousing.org.au

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