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1. Housing for Refugees

On 12 May 2005 Shelter WA hosted a meeting on the issue of housing for refugees. This meeting was attended by representatives from the Australian-Asian Association, Sudanese Community, African Community and Liberian Community, as well as the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs. The meeting resulted in Shelter WA preparing a letter to Housing Minister Fran Logan, which identified six key issues regarding housing for refugees, including a lack of access to large family homes and difficulty accessing home ownership.

The letter urges the Minister to establish a scheme whereby it purpose-builds large dwellings for large refugee families and subsequently enters into a rent to buy scheme with the occupants, as well as increasing the component of large dwellings in the public housing building program.

The letter can be downloaded from www.shelterwa.org.au/housing_news.htm.

2. Shelter WA Newsletter June 2005

Shelter WA's June newsletter was released in the middle of last month and has just been added to our website. The newsletter contains the following articles:

- Housing in the State Budget
- Boarders and Lodgers Project
- Sole Parent Family Home Loan Assistance
- Housing in Hedland
- Major Regional Housing Facelift
- Update on the Housing Advisory Committee
- Housing for Refugees
- News in Brief

The newsletter can be downloaded at www.shelterwa.org.au/newsletters.htm

3. Position Vacant: Policy Officer at CHCWA

The Community Housing Coalition of WA requires the services of a Policy Officer with the experience and skills needed to carry out research and policy development. Your duties will include negotiating with a range

of stakeholders, to develop policy positions, and representing the community housing sector at a range of state and national forums.

Skills in researching, writing and communicating will be needed to secure this challenging position. The position is full time until the 31st of May 2006, with the possibility of continuation beyond then. The salary is based on SACS level 6 (currently \$43,112 to \$45,288).

You can download an information kit from our website www.communityhousing.com.au (go to the "What's On" page and download the file called "CHCWA Policy Officer July 05") or ring the CHCWA office on (08) 9221 7933 and an information kit will be posted to you. The closing date for applications is 5.30pm Monday the 25th of July 2005.

4. Residential Tenancies Act (RTA) Form Changes

Since the introduction of the new Magistrates Court on the 1st of May, matters relating to the RTA have now become their responsibility. The Department of Consumer and Employment Protection (DOCEP) has made changes to a number of forms to reflect this. The forms include:

- Schedule 2: "Information for tenant – A Statement of your Rights and Responsibilities" – this can be downloaded from the DOCEP website www.docep.wa.gov.au - go to "Forms" (on the side bar) and then "Consumer Protection Forms".
- Schedule 4, Form 2: "Notice to former tenant as to disposal of goods" – available from the State Law Publisher
- Schedule 4, Form 3: "Notice as to disposal of goods" – available from the State Law Publisher
- Schedule 4, Form 5: "Notice of intention to dispute application for disposal of Bond Money" – this can be downloaded from www.justice.wa.gov.au (easiest to search for "Bond Money")

For more information contact Ben O'Rourke on 9282 0994 or email borourke@docep.wa.gov.au

5. Forum: Australasian Housing Institute

The inaugural forum of the WA branch of the Australasian Housing Institute will hear from Hans Gerritsen on the American "Common Ground" program that deals with the issue of homelessness in a particularly bold and innovative way. The forum will also offer an opportunity for attendees to enquire about membership of the AHI and its program of future activities in WA. This forum is on the 20th of July 2005 at 4.30 pm on the 5th floor DHW 99 Plain Street East Perth. Contact Shane Edmunds on 9222 4869 for more information.

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