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### SWA Update: Shelter WA Housing News – 22 December 2005

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#### 1. Community Consultations: *Housing Strategy WA*

As reported in a previous edition of SWA Update, consultations on the draft *Housing Strategy WA* are now under way, with the closing date for submissions set for 28 February 2006. Shelter WA is conducting community consultations targeted at low income housing consumers, including in particular young people, Indigenous people, seniors, women, people from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) backgrounds and Homeswest tenants.

The first stage of the consultations started on Tuesday 13 December in Mandurah. This forum was jointly organised with the Peel Community Legal Service. It was attended by 20 people, which formed a good cross-section of stakeholders in Mandurah's housing sector. This forum confirmed the view expressed by Shelter WA at the launch of the discussion paper that the strategy is short on specific targets and financial commitments. The main issues that were stressed by participants were sustainability, affordability and the need for the Housing Strategy WA to look at the local and regional level.

Shelter WA's Project Officer, Jim Anthony, is currently working up the outcomes of the forum and conducting background research. Jim is compiling a discussion paper, which will be used to inform a second community forum, to be held jointly with WACOSS in early February 2006.

Following this forum, the second phase of the project will start. This consists of focus groups to be held in a number of locations across the metropolitan area. These focus groups will target six specific groups of low income housing consumers, being:

- young people,
- Indigenous people,
- seniors,
- women,
- people from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) backgrounds and
- Homeswest tenants.

Shelter WA will work closely with partner organisations and aims to tie in with existing meetings as much as possible. However, the process of using separate meetings for different sub-groups will allow Shelter WA to explore the impact of *Housing Strategy WA* on these particular groups in more detail than is possible in meetings that are open to the general public.

We are currently looking for partner organisations with whom to conduct these specific issues focus groups. Please contact Jim Anthony ([jim@shelterwa.org.au](mailto:jim@shelterwa.org.au)) or Paul Pendergast ([paul@shelterwa.org.au](mailto:paul@shelterwa.org.au)) at Shelter WA if you are interested in being a partner organisation.

The draft discussion paper for *Housing Strategy WA* is available from [www.dhw.wa.gov.au/housingstrategywa](http://www.dhw.wa.gov.au/housingstrategywa).

## 2. December Newsletter

The December 2005 edition of Shelter WA's newsletter is now available online. The theme of the newsletter is the *Housing Strategy WA*, and the editorial gives an overview of Shelter WA's consultations on the strategy. In addition, the newsletter contains articles on:

- National Housing Conference Reports from participants
- Boarding and Lodging Houses Campaign
- Mandurah Housing Forum
- Regional Housing Analysis Port Hedland
- Financial Workforce Disincentives in Public Housing

The newsletter can be downloaded at [www.shelterwa.org.au/newsletters.htm](http://www.shelterwa.org.au/newsletters.htm).

## 3. Position Vacant: Housing Coordinator- City Foundation Housing Ltd

Foundation Housing Ltd requires the services of a Housing Coordinator with the experience and skills needed to carry out tenancy management responsibilities across a diverse property portfolio. Your duties will include:

- Tenancy and Housing management,
- services to clients,
- working within a legal and ethical framework,
- working with support agencies.

Writing and communicating skills will be needed to secure this challenging position. The position is full time. The salary is based on SACS level 6 (currently \$43,999 to \$46,675). For a JDF and selection criteria please contact Fiona on 9301 2045 or email [fiona@foundationhousing.org.au](mailto:fiona@foundationhousing.org.au).

## 4. Christmas Break

The Shelter WA office will close tomorrow Friday 23 December and reopen on Tuesday 3 January 2006. SWA Update is taking a break during January; the next edition is scheduled for Wednesday 8 February. Shelter WA wishes you a happy Christmas and New Year.

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