

# RHHCH NEWSLETTER

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## GOING GREEN COMPETITION



### \$100 gift voucher to win !!!

Ryde Hunters Hill Community Housing is committed to the care and preservation of our environment.

We have developed an environmental policy and objectives and we are also providing information on a regular basis through our newsletter.

The environmental policy and objectives are to be implemented via our detailed annual Environmental Sustainability Plan (ESP). This outlines all the tasks and projects to be undertaken in order to meet the policy objectives. Both can be viewed readily on our website: [www.housing.org.au](http://www.housing.org.au)

To win, please complete the attached competition entry form by answering the questions and provide evidence of how you are reducing your carbon footprint and helping to protect the environment.

Entries close 17<sup>th</sup> May 2008

Please contact Liz for more information.

**9808-3545**

## STAFF CHANGES

**Rob Ljubicic, RHHCH's Asset Manager**, has accepted a six month Project Manger's job in the Maldives. He will be assisting with the reconstruction of buildings there after the 2006 Boxing Day tsunami. We wish Rob all the best for his future endeavours.

**Jenny Bennett** has joined RHHCH in the role of Administrative Assistant. She has had a long, successful career in customer service and we welcome Jennv to our team.

## TEMPORARY STAFF RESTRUCTURE

Jon Atkins will be on leave from mid April to mid July. During this time the following temporary staff arrangements will apply:

<b>Acting CEO</b>	Wendy Edwards	<a href="mailto:wendy@housing.org.au">wendy@housing.org.au</a>
<b>Acting Snr Housing Mgr</b>	Liz Breden	<a href="mailto:liz@housing.org.au">liz@housing.org.au</a>
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<b>Admin Assistant</b>	Jenny Bennett	<a href="mailto:jenny@housing.org.au">jenny@housing.org.au</a>

Please ensure that during this time you direct your enquiries to the correct person. Thank you.

## OFFICE HOURS

<b>Monday</b>	<b>By appointment</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Open 9.30am to 4.30pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>By appointment</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Open 9.30am to 4.30pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>By appointment</b>

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## QUICK REMINDERS

### DEPOSIT BOOKS

When depositing money into RHHCH's Westpac Bank account, please use your deposit book. If you require a new book, please contact us and we will post one to you.

### POSTAL ADDRESS

Please use our postal address when sending mail to our office, not the street address.

**P.O. Box 361  
Ryde NSW 1680**

## SENIORS WEEK

The City of Ryde will celebrate Seniors Week's 50th anniversary with a host of activities, concerts, seminars and multicultural celebrations from late March and through April.

Activities will include:

**27 March** - Community Information Expo

**31 March & 4 April** - Morning Tea at Ryde & West Ryde Libraries

**31 March** - Day Long Central Coast Sightseeing Tour and Cruise

**31 March** - Indonesian Information Day and Lunch

**1 April** - Age Friendly Home Open Day

**3 & 17 April** - Easy Care Gardening Talk (3 April) West Ryde Shuttle Service

**7 - 11 April** - Seniors Computer Skills Workshops

**15 April** - Financial Advice

**21 April** - Road Safety Seniors Driving Workshop

**24 April** - Lane Cove Men's Shed Visit

For more information on activities, dates and times, please see the City of Ryde's website  
[www.ryde.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au)

or call 9952 8222 to speak to a customer service representative.

## INCOME AND TENANT SUBSIDY REVIEW

The first income and tenant subsidy review for 2008 is underway. Tenants who have not supplied RHHCH with Centrelink consent and authority will be contacted shortly by mail for income details.

If you have provided Centrelink consent and authority, details of your assessed contribution will be posted to you for confirmation.

## ENVIRONMENT WATCH

### ~ Reducing Waste ~

RHHCH is committed to the care of our environment. In our last newsletter we introduced the first of our "Environment Watch" tips.

Focusing on Saving Water, we showed how you can help the environment by making some simple changes to the way in which we live.

In this edition, we would like to provide you with some simple ideas to reducing household waste.

With a household average of 1.14 tonnes of waste per year, here are four easy ways in which you can help to reduce waste in your own home.

#### 1. Composting and Worm Farming

The easiest way to deal with food waste is to set up a worm farm or a compost heap at your home. You don't need a lot of space, even unit dwellers can set up a small worm farm on a balcony. Most food scraps (but not meat or dairy) and garden waste can be composted.

#### 2. Buy reusable not disposable

Some quick reusable ideas:-

- Take your own reusable bags when shopping
- Avoid items that are designed to be used once eg plastic or foam plates, cups, plastic bags etc
- Take your own cup when buying a coffee or drink
- Try to only buy products that are reusable or come in reusable packaging
- If you can't reuse them, try to buy products that are recyclable

#### 3. Go for 'No Junk Mail'

By simply putting a No Junk Mail sticker on your letterbox you'll reduce the amount of paper that goes to waste each year.

#### 4. Be a best practice recycler

It's easy to be best practice recycler – find out what council will recycle and make sure you put all of those items in your recycling bin. Most councils will recycle the following items:

- Plastics 1,2,3 (and often 4,5,6 & 7)
- Glass bottles and jars
- Steel, aluminum and aerosol cans
- Milk, juice and cream cartons
- Magazines, newspapers, letters, envelopes and scrap paper
- Cardboard boxes

Many other household items can be recycled too. For more information on recycling and other waste saving ideas, go to:

[www.acfonline.org.au/greenhome](http://www.acfonline.org.au/greenhome)  
&  
[www.planetark.com/campaignshome.cfm](http://www.planetark.com/campaignshome.cfm)