

RHHCH NEWSLETTER

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

RHHCH's Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday 22nd November 2006.

A total of 62 people attended the AGM including representatives from the Office of Community Housing, Community Housing Lower North Shore and the City of Ryde.

The agenda included the presentation of the following reports:

- **Chairperson's Report** by Alex Maitland (Chairperson)
- **Treasurer's Report** by Darren Bailey (Treasurer)
- **CEO's Report** by Jon Atkins (CEO)

Liz Breden gave a special presentation on the Social Club, and our Annual Gardening Awards were presented to the winners. See page 3 for a full report of the winners.

After the presentation of the reports, the election of the new Board of Directors by members took place. We are pleased to announce that the following Honorary Directors were elected to the new Board:

Chairperson: Alex Maitland (Non-tenant)
Vice-Chairperson: James Koulouris (Non-tenant)
Secretary: Jane McNeil (Non-tenant)
Treasurer: Darren Bailey (Non-tenant)
Director: Deborah Arguedas (Tenant)
Director: Taumohe Nisa (Tenant)
Director: Dominic O'Brien (Non-Tenant)
Director: Joseph Scarf (Non-Tenant)

Thanks to all Directors, tenants, members and guests who contributed to making our AGM such an outstanding success.

Copies of RHHCH's Annual Report 2005/2006 are available from the office. ■



L to R - Mandy Arnold, Eva Leone, Alex Maitland & Jon Atkins

RHHCH HOLIDAYS

**RHHCH office will closed from 12 noon
Thursday 21st December 2006 and re-open
at 9.30am Monday 8th January 2007.**

We would like to remind everyone that during this time, should an **URGENT REPAIR** occur, please contact **ONLY** the relevant tradesperson listed on your lease.

Urgent Repairs include only:

- A burst water service, or
- A blocked or broken lavatory system, or
- A serious roof leak, or
- A gas leak, or
- A dangerous electrical fault, or
- Serious storm or fire damage, or
- A failure or breakdown of the gas, electricity or water supply to the premises, or
- A failure or breakdown of any essential service on the premises for hot water, cooking, heating or laundering, or
- Any fault or damage that causes the premises to be unsafe or not secure.

Please contact the office on 9808-3545 prior to 21st December 2006 if you are unsure of your listed tradespeople.

All repairs are to be reported to our office after the 8th January 2007. ■

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RHHCH Social Club

Our Social Club is Growing!

At the recent AGM, Liz Breden gave a presentation on the Social Club. She explained what the Social Club is all about and what the members want to achieve.



As an incentive to boost the numbers, a raffle took place for anyone who joined the Social Club on the night. Thirty two tenants signed up which has significantly increased the numbers.

A very special thank you to Taumohe Nisa and Rosemarie Jablonski who helped out on the night and represented the Social Club at the AGM.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WHAT: Morning Tea
WHERE: RHHCH 38 Church Street, Ryde
TIME: 10.30 am
WHEN: Thursday 25th January 2007

This is a great opportunity for you to come, relax, have a cup of tea, meet some new people and make some plans for activities during 2007. We look forward to seeing you there.

Please contact the office on 9808-3545 to let us know if you are coming.

New members always welcome!

RHHCH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday	9.30am – 4.30pm
Mon, Wed & Friday	By Appointment Only
Public Holidays	Closed

BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOUR

You can help make your community a friendlier, safer and happier place to live by being a good neighbour.

Being a good neighbour can be as easy as saying hello or inviting your neighbour in for a cup of tea. All you need is a little consideration and you're on your way to building a better neighbourhood. Here are some simple ideas:

- Invite your neighbour over for a cup of tea and a chat;
- Take the time to say "hello;"
- Keep an eye out for elderly neighbours and help them if they need it;
- Organise a social activity to get to know your neighbours
- Contact the police if you notice suspicious behaviour;
- Keep your TV and radio volume down, especially at night.

Tips On Keeping Your House Cool This Summer

With the weather warming up here are some tips on how to keep your home cool this summer:-

- On hot days, close all blinds, curtains, windows and doors to keep the heat out.
- Use fans to generate cooling breezes.
- Close off warm areas of the house not being used and cool only the rooms required.
- Open windows when the outside temperature is below the inside temperature.
- Put off heat generating jobs such as cooking and ironing until cooler times of the day.
- Regularly clean the air conditioner or cooler to keep coils and fans free of dust to maintain efficiency and air quality.
- Keep yourself cool by wearing lightweight clothing that allows air to move across your body to evaporate moisture

Here's a really cool recipe for you to enjoy

Simple Smoothie Recipe

Serving size: Serves 1
 Cooking time: Less than 15 minutes

INGREDIENTS

2 cups soy and/or skim milk
 A few spoons of low-fat yoghurt
 Any fruit — eg banana, mango, berries, peach etc.
 1 teaspoon of honey (optional)
 Few drops of vanilla essence

METHOD

Mix all ingredients together in a blender and refrigerate.

YUMMMM !!!

Gardening Award Winners

Once again we have held our annual Gardening Competition and have been overwhelmed by the standard of the gardens. The hard work and commitment that has gone into your gardens this year has been outstanding. We were pleased to announce this years winners of the competition at our AGM.

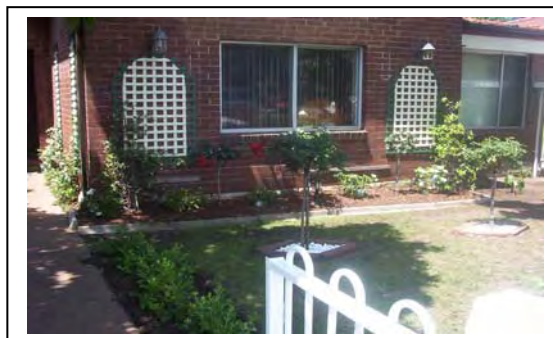
Consistent Effort



Consistent Effort – Margaret Thornton

Margaret's garden, last years Front yard winner, has a wonderful display of Agapanthus which were in full bloom on the day we were judging. Margaret's garden is a credit to all her hard work over the year

Front Yard



Front Yard – Laila & Ahmad Dandan

Laila and her family took on a huge challenge when they moved into their house. The garden was very overgrown and out of control. Their many hours of hard work have paid off resulting in a beautiful relaxing garden.

Special Feature



Special Feature – Viet Lam Le

We introduced a new category for our competition this year and the results were spectacular. Mr & Mrs Le's garden is complete with topiary reindeer, a water feature and beautiful Bonsais trees. Fabulous!!

Courtyard



Courtyard – Hiti Karunaratne

Hiti has created a wonderful vegetable garden. Along with his many varied vegetables, Hiti grows his own bananas, paw-paws and even his own grapevine. Hiti finds his garden a relaxing, peaceful haven.

CONGRATULATIONS to all of our winners and thank you for your hard work over the past year. We look forward to next year's competition with much enthusiasm.

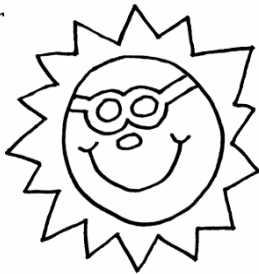
Kid's Page

Hey Kids! Here are some fun holiday activities to keep you busy during the holidays

Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

Summertime Anagram

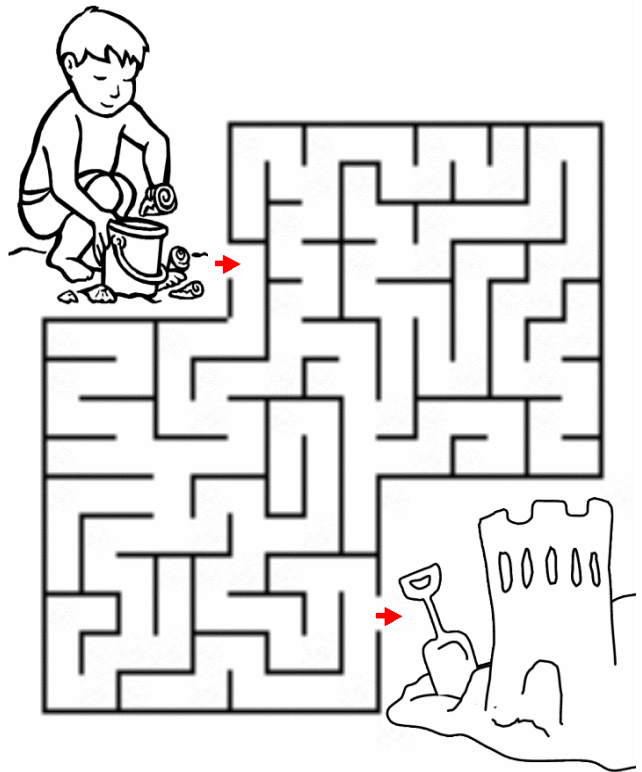
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- h o r s s t _____
- a c g i m n p _____
- e f l o r w _____
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- g i n s w _____
- n s u _____

Summer at the Beach Maze

Help the little boy find his sand castle.



Colour in the Dolphin



*The Board of Directors and Staff
of*

*Ryde Hunters Hill Community
Housing*

wish you all a

Happy and Healthy

Festive Season and a Prosperous

New Year