

RHHCH NEWSLETTER

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REPORT ON ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A total of 55 people attended RHHCH's Annual General Meeting, which was held on Wednesday 21st November 2007. Amongst the guest were representatives from North Shore Community Housing, Christian Community Aid and The Strachan Building Group.

The agenda included the presentation of the following reports:

- **Chairperson's Report** by Dominic O'Brien
- **Treasurer's Report** by Olwen Paul
- **CEO's Report** by Jon Atkins

At the conclusion of the presentation of these 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:

Chairperson	Dominic O'Brien (Non-tenant)
Vice-Chairperson	Joseph Scarf (Non-tenant)
Secretary	Jane McNeil (Non-tenant)
Treasurer	Olwen Paul (Non-tenant)
Director	Deborah Arguedas (Tenant)
Director	Aldo Manitta (Non-Tenant)
Director	Geoffrey Smith (Non-Tenant)
Director	Nazir Gul Daawar (Tenant)

Following the election of the members of the Board, Liz Breden gave a presentation on the activities of the Social Club during 2007 and announced the winners of this year's Gardening Competition.

An Arts and Craft Exhibition was conducted at this year's AGM with many of our clients generously exhibiting examples of their amazing talents. The display included paintings, pottery, jewellery, traditional clothing, patchwork quilting and needlecraft. It was a beautiful arrangement of pieces, which was appreciated by all that attended. We would like to make special thanks to the following contributors: Gholam and Shaistah Sadiqi, Yu Zhang Dong Fang, Antonia Vourlos and Joan Garten for their participation. Many thanks to all for making the AGM a success.

RHHCH's Annual Report 2006/2007 can be viewed on our website at www.housing.org.au

RHHCH HOLIDAYS

**RHHCH office will close from
12 noon Friday 21st December 2007
and will re-open at
9.30am Monday 7th January 2008.**

URGENT REPAIRS

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

Urgent repairs include only the following maintenance issues:

- **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 20th December, if you are unsure of your listed tradespeople.

All non-urgent repairs are to be reported to our office after the 7th January 2008

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GARDEN COMPETITION

It was another great year for the Annual Garden Care Awards Program with many new tenants entering their gardens into the competition. 2007 is the third year of the competition and it is proving to be a well-anticipated event for many tenants with 'green thumbs'.

CONGRATULATIONS

to all winners for 2008

Balcony Garden

Hema Sirimanne

Courtyard Garden

Joan and Norman Garten

Front/Rear Yard

Margaret Thornton

Encouragement Award

Deborah Arguedas

We would like to thank everyone who entered this year's competition for the effort and commitment taken in looking after their gardens.

We would also like to thank Bunnings Warehouse Carlingford for their support and generous contribution.

POSTAL ADDRESS

Australia Post has requested that all mail being sent to the office, be sent to our Post Office Box. If you are sending mail to our office please ensure that you use our postal address, not the street address.

**RHHCH
P.O. Box 361
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Due to changes with Australia Post, mail that is addressed to 38a Church Street, Ryde, will be returned

*The Board of Directors and staff of
Ryde Hunters Hill Community Housing,
wish you all a happy,
healthy and prosperous
Festive Season and New Year*

ENVIRONMENT WATCH

As part of our commitment to the care of our environment, we will be running a series of "Environment Watch" tips in our quarterly newsletter.

We will be showing you how you can help the environment by making some simple changes to the way in which we live.

~ Saving Water ~

Even with all the rain Sydney is experiencing at the moment, we cannot forget that we are in a water crisis. There are some simple measures, which we can take around the home to reduce our water usage.

1. Mulch the garden

Mulching is great for many reasons. It saves water being evaporated from the garden, adds nutrients to the soil and keeps the weeds down. Mulch can be made from newspaper, leaves, grass clippings, bark, straw or any organic material.

2. Fix dripping taps

Dripping taps or leaking toilets can waste over 30,000 litres of water a year. Please inform our office of any leaks or drips so we can have them fixed as soon as possible.

3. Short showers

Having shorter showers saves not only water but also time and money. You can save even more by placing a bucket in the shower to catch some of the waste water. This water can then be used on the garden.

4. Water restrictions

Sydney is still on Level 3 mandatory water restrictions. Please be aware and adhere to these restrictions as listed:

- Hand held hosing of lawns and gardens and drip irrigation is now only allowed on Wednesdays and Sundays before 10am and after 4pm.
- No other watering system or sprinkler to used at any time
- No hosing of hard surfaces including vehicles at any time
- No hoses or taps to be left running unattended
- Fire hoses must only be used for fire fighting

For further information on water restrictions or water saving advice, please refer to:

- Sydney Water at www.sydneywater.com.au or
- The Australian Conservation Foundation at www.acfonline.org.au/greenhome