

# RHHCH NEWSLETTER

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## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

You are invited to attend

### RHHCH'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

to be held at

Ryde Anglican Centre Main Hall  
42-50 Church Street  
RYDE NSW 2112

**Wednesday 21 November 2007**  
**5.30 for 6.00pm start**

Supper and refreshments will be provided after the meeting.

Please come along and be part of our biggest event of the year.

**RSVP TO THE OFFICE BY TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2007 IF YOU CAN ATTEND**

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Two office holders recently stood down from our Board of Directors. Alex Maitland resigned from his position as Chairperson in July and Darren Bailey, our former Treasurer, relinquished his position on 15<sup>th</sup> August.

Alex was first appointed to the Board as a Director on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2004. He was appointed Chairperson on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2004. Alex was then elected Chairperson by members at our Annual General Meetings in November 2005 and November 2006 and continued in that role until 24<sup>th</sup> July this year. During his three year's of voluntary service as a Director, Alex played a major role in a wide range of areas. These included compliance and the monitoring of performance, policy development, undertaking staff performance reviews, assisting with funding submissions, representing the co-operative at community sector meetings and conferences and designing and developing our website. Though no longer a Director, Alex continues to fulfil the role of webmaster.

Darren was first appointed to the Board on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2005 as Treasurer. He was subsequently elected Treasurer by members at our Annual General Meetings in November 2005 and November 2006. Darren resigned from the Board on 15<sup>th</sup> August this year. He and his wife have recently moved to London after accepting new employment opportunities there. Darren was an active Treasurer. He instituted many improvements to our financial reporting processes and played a major role in developing the co-operative's annual and long-term budgets. Darren's financial expertise played a crucial role in helping the co-operative gain and sustain our 'A' grade registration status.

We thank both Alex and Darren for their exemplary and enduring contributions. We wish them every success in their future endeavours.

## REGISTRATION

We are pleased to advise that RHHCH has once again received an 'A' grade registration status after participating in the Performance Based Registration System (PBRs).

The PBRs is a compulsory annual assessment in which housing providers must satisfy nine performance outcomes relating to service quality, corporate governance and financial sustainability. This year, on 12<sup>th</sup> July, the Performance Monitoring Team visited our office and conducted a 'Reality Check' of the co-operative's operations. Staff and two Directors responded to a wide range of issues raised during the visit.

The performance-based registration system recognises good outcomes and is designed to create a culture of performance among community housing providers, not merely one of compliance. RHHCH management would like to thank all staff, tenants and the Board of Directors for contributing to our organisation's ongoing success.

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## GARDENING COMPETITION

Due to the overwhelming success of our Gardening Award Program in 2005 and 2006, we have once again decided to conduct our Annual Gardening Competition.

We invite all enthusiastic gardeners to enter their gardens (including balcony gardens) into the third RHHCH Gardening Competition.

We have 3 categories, appropriate to your residence

-  **Balcony Garden**
-  **Courtyard Garden**
-  **Front/Backyard Garden**

To enter, please fill out the enclosed entry form and return it to our office by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2007. Please ensure you indicate which category you are entering.

The judging will take place Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2007 and prizes will be presented at the AGM on **Wednesday 21st November 2007.**

## RENT REVIEW

Our biannual rent review is due to get under way at the end of September.

To make the process easier for both tenants and staff, RHHCH now have access to Centrelink's **Income Confirmation Scheme**. This free service allows only authorised staff from RHHCH to access your income information directly from Centrelink.

In August, we sent all tenants information regarding the scheme together with an authority to sign and return to our office.

Please return the signed authority to our office as soon as possible if you have not yet done so.

If you require another copy of the authority, or any further information, please contact the office as soon as possible.

Information can also be obtained from Centrelink or by visiting the Centrelink website at [www.centrelink.gov.au](http://www.centrelink.gov.au).

## HOUSING NSW YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Nominations are now open for the Housing NSW Youth Achievement Awards and Youth Scholarships. Young people aged under 25, living in social housing across the state are encouraged to participate.

The Awards and Scholarships were first launched in 2006. The program was so successful that it is being run again in 2007.

### Youth Achievement Awards

This award showcases the achievements and contributions of young people living in social housing and assists them to reach their full potential. Categories for nomination include academic achievement, arts and culture, achievements in the workplace, community service, sports and special achievement.

### Youth Scholarships Awards

These awards are for the encouragement of young people living in social housing, to remain in the education system to complete their HSC, through the provision of a \$2,000 grant.

[www.housing.nsw.gov.au](http://www.housing.nsw.gov.au)

**Entries close 28 Sept 2007.**

## TENANT'S CONTRIBUTION

### ***Basil Pesto Chicken***

#### **Ingredients**

- 200g dried fettuccine
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 single chicken breast fillets, thinly sliced
- 2 tablespoons basil pesto
- 1 cup cream
- shaved parmesan, to serve
- basil leaves, to serve

#### **Method**

1. Cook fettuccine according to the packet directions.
2. Meanwhile, heat oil in a large, non-stick frying pan over medium-high heat. Add chicken and cook, stirring often, for 5 minutes or until brown.
3. Add pesto, cream, salt and pepper to frying pan. Reduce heat to medium-low.
4. Cook for 5 minutes, or until sauce has thickened slightly.
5. Drain pasta. Add to pesto mixture. Toss over low heat until well combined.
6. Transfer to serving bowls. Top with parmesan cheese and basil.
7. Serve warm.



## KNITTERS WANTED URGENTLY

Newborn, AIDS suffering babies, born on the African Continent, many who are sent home from hospital wrapped in newspaper for warmth, need your help.

In order to help these tiny babies, a group of women have formed a knitting circle. They are asking for urgent help in this effort to knit small, warm jumpers for these babies. Average knitters can complete a jumper in two evenings!.

### Special Instructions

It's an easy and quick pattern. Only use 8 ply acrylic yarn, preferably bright and mixed colours as these garments may never be washed. One colour or striped is great. By request, please only use the pattern provided as this style does the best job.

### AIDS Baby Jumpers Knitting Pattern

Knitted all in one. Double knit wool is ideal (8ply), Size 5mm needles (tight knitters), or 4.5mm needles (loose knitters). Please stick to the pattern as this has proven to work really well.

### FRONT

- (1) Cast on 44 stitches, work 18 rows K2, P2 rib
- (2) Work 30 rows stocking stitch (1 row plain, 1 row purl)
- (3) Cast on 12 stitches at beginning of next 2 rows, and at the same time, change to K2, P2 (for the sleeves), Rib 22 rows,
- (4) Next row: Rib 21, cast OFF 26 stitches, rib 21 (The first side is now finished!)

### BACK

- (1) Next row, rib 21, cast ON 26 stitches, rib 21,
- (2) Work 22 rows in K2, P2 rib, Cast off 12 stitches at the beginning of the next 2 rows
- (3) Work 30 rows stocking stitch (1 row plain, 1 row purl)
- (4) Work 18 rows K2, P2 rib, cast off in rib and sew sides together – that's it!.

If you are able to help, please drop in the completed jumpers to our office and we will forward them on.

**THANK YOU**

## DEPOSIT BOOKS

If you need to make a payment into our account for rent, water or any other reason, please make sure that you use your deposit book.

If you require a new book, please contact our office during office hours and we will be happy to forward a new one for you.

## TRIPLE P 0-12 YEARS SEMINAR SERIES

Organised by the City of Ryde in conjunction with Northern Sydney Central Coast Health, a group of FREE seminars are being held at Ryde Civic Centre.

These seminars are designed for the parents/carers of 0-12 year olds interested in learning about positive ways of promoting their children's development.

### Seminar 1 – The Power of Positive Parenting

Introducing parents to the five core principals of positive parenting

Date: Thursday 15 November 2007

Time: 7-9pm

### Seminar 2 – Raising Confident, Competent Children

Introducing parents to the key building blocks children need to do well in life.

Date: Thursday 22 November 2007

Time: 7-9pm

### Seminar 3 – Raising Resilient Children

Identifies key skills for parents to help their children to build emotional resilience

Date: Thursday 29 November 2007

Time: 7-9pm

**Bookings are essential and can be made through the Community Project Officer, Families & Children**

**9952 8311**

**Closing date for bookings is 8<sup>th</sup> November 2007.**

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday	By appointment
Tuesday	9.30am to 4.30pm
Wednesday	By appointment
Thursday	9.30am to 4.30pm
Friday	By appointment

**For an appointment please call the office on 9808-3545**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

15 November	Judging Gardening Competition
21 November	Annual General Meeting

# Kid's Page

## Find-a-word

Here is some weekend fun. See if you can find the 20 "hidden" words all about your home.

F	J	K	G	F	L	B	D	L	R	B	M
C	A	E	S	U	O	H	P	E	W	O	O
L	D	D	A	S	C	Z	T	M	I	L	O
O	A	E	D	F	H	U	L	U	N	P	R
T	A	P	S	C	P	B	Y	S	D	I	H
H	P	N	E	M	C	S	S	W	O	K	T
E	M	O	O	L	N	T	H	E	W	C	A
S	V	C	K	R	D	O	O	R	S	L	B
L	V	J	D	O	E	Q	W	J	K	W	S
I	M	L	L	G	E	W	E	P	N	Z	J
N	F	E	N	C	E	P	R	L	H	E	S
E	L	T	P	A	N	Y	R	C	N	I	L
P	B	T	N	R	R	J	L	T	O	C	A
S	T	E	F	P	N	Z	W	L	I	P	U
Y	L	R	Y	E	T	O	P	B	S	D	N
D	K	B	A	T	H	R	B	L	I	N	D
M	C	O	O	X	O	P	N	E	V	W	R
P	H	X	R	I	Y	I	G	P	E	L	Y
F	B	L	P	F	L	D	L	K	L	X	K
K	E	X	F	P	O	K	D	E	E	Z	N
Q	G	I	D	K	U	K	M	P	T	R	N
E	B	I	O	X	N	M	D	O	P	M	R
S	S	U	O	L	G	D	W	T	K	M	D
P	G	A	R	D	E	N	E	J	E	K	F

BATH  
BATHROOM  
BED  
BLIND  
CARPET

CLOTHESLINE  
COMPUTER  
DOOR  
FENCE  
FLOOR

GARDEN  
HOUSE  
LAUNDRY  
LETTERBOX  
LOUNGE

SHOWER  
TAPS  
TELEVISION  
TOILET  
WINDOW

### Joke Corner

1. What did one eye say to the other eye?
2. What do you call a donkey with 3 legs ?
3. Why was six afraid of seven ?
4. What do you get when you cross a kangaroo with a sheep?

### Answers

1. "Something smells between us"
2. A wonkey.
3. Because seven eight nine.
4. A woolly jumper.