

# RHHCH NEWSLETTER

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## NEW MERGER PLAN

Tenants and members have previously been informed about merger negotiations with Community Housing Ltd which formally began in December last year. The progress of this proposed merger was reviewed by our Board of Directors on 3<sup>rd</sup> August. After a detailed examination of all merger objectives and issues, the Board decided to withdraw from these merger negotiations.

Fundamental to the Board's assessment of any merger proposal are the following objectives: sustaining the quality of tenancy and housing services, implementing adequate governance arrangements and the potential for boosting the supply of affordable housing.

With these primary objectives in mind, our Board of Directors has initiated new merger negotiations with Link Housing Ltd. Link Housing was formed as a result of a merger between Garrigal Housing Association and North Shore Community Housing on 1<sup>st</sup> July this year. Link Housing was also the successful tenderer for the Nation Building (Stage 2) package of 218 new units being constructed in Ryde, Hornsby and Warringah. A total of 126 of these dwellings are located in the Ryde LGA.

The first step in the proposed merger involved the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) by both parties on 9<sup>th</sup> September. A Merger Committee comprising two Directors and the CEO from each housing provider has been established and will assume responsibility for all merger negotiations.

Crucial elements of the merger process include consultation and ultimately a special postal ballot on the value of the merger going ahead. This postal ballot will involve all active members of the co-operative. Following the development of a Merger Implementation Plan, the dates for tenant consultation as well as the postal ballot will be announced. Staff will write to tenants and members as soon as these dates become available.

In the meantime, further information about the merger negotiations with Link Housing can be obtained from staff by calling our office on (02) 9808 3545.

*Jon Atkins / CEO*

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

RHHCH's Annual General Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2010**.

We warmly invite all tenants to celebrate this occasion with us and encourage your participation in this event.

Dinner will be provided following the AGM.

Where	Ryde Anglican Centre 42-50 Church St Ryde
When	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2010
Time	5.30pm for a 6.00pm start
RSVP	28 <sup>th</sup> October 2010

Any member who has a resolution to submit at the meeting must do so before the 5<sup>th</sup> October 2010.

Please contact Kylie or Jenny on 9808-3535 or email [jenny@housing.org.au](mailto:jenny@housing.org.au)

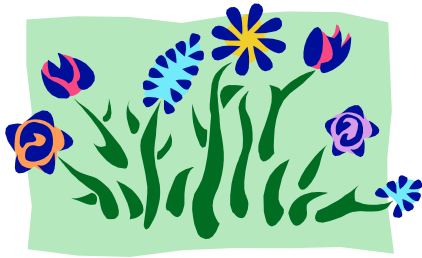
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## OPENING HOURS

Day	Open	Close
Monday	9.30am	4.30pm
Tuesday	9.30am	4.30pm
Wednesday	1.30pm	4.30pm
Thursday	9.30am	4.30pm
Friday	BY APPOINTMENT ONLY	

## 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GARDENING COMPETITION



Entry forms are enclosed for the **6th Annual Gardening Competition**. All tenants with a 'Green Thumb' are encouraged to enter this year's competition with great prizes to be won.

Please have your completed entries back to the office by the Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2010 indicating which category you are entering.

This year's three categories include:

1	<b>General Garden</b> (including front/rear gardens and courtyards)
2	<b>Balcony Garden</b>
3	<b>Kid's Garden</b> (Including pot plants and vege patches)

Gardens will be judged in mid October with the winners announced at our Annual General Meeting on

**Wednesday 3rd November 2010.**

**For more information, please contact Liz on 9808-3545 or [liz@housing.org.au](mailto:liz@housing.org.au)**

## MEMBERSHIP 2010

2010/11 Annual Subscription fee \$1.10 is due. If you have not paid your subscription since July 2010 please make a payment with your Westpac deposit book.

You can also pay your subscription in person at the RHHCH office but only during opening hours.

If you have not paid your subscription, you are not eligible to vote at the AGM.

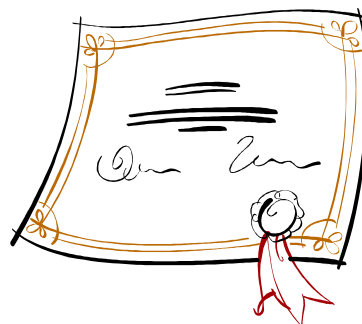
Any queries, please contact the office on 9808 3545.

## NOMINATE YOUR NEIGHBOUR COMPETITION WINNER !

We are pleased to announce Turin, a tenant from Lak Sevana in Ryde, as the winner of our Nominate Your Neighbour Competition. Turin was rewarded with a \$100 Gift Voucher.

Many of Turin's neighbours nominated him because of the way he generously volunteers his time to help keep the common areas of their multi-unit property clean and tidy. His neighbours commented how he generously helps other tenants with their needs and does things without being asked.

**CONGRATULATIONS TURIN**  
on being Nominated by Your Neighbours as someone they recognise as deserving of being rewarded.



## ENVIRONMENT WATCH

### 'Green' Spring Clean

Spring is a great time to clean up around the home ready for the warmer months ahead. Be careful not to use harsh chemicals that can be damaging to you and our environment.

Here are some simple non-toxic alternatives:

Product	Replace with:
Floor cleaner	4 litres water with ¼ cup vinegar for wood; warm water with drop of mild enviro-safe washing liquid for other floors
Spray surface cleaner	Add 10 drops of lavender oil to plain soap of lemon juice diluted in water in a spray bottle
Abrasive surface cleaner	Bicarb soda on a damp cloth
Furniture polish	1 part lemon juice & 2 parts olive oil or beeswax
Tile Cleaner	!/2 cup of bicarb, ¼ cup of wash soda granules and 5 drops of eucalyptus oil
Air freshener	Essential oil mixed with water in spray bottle