

RHHCH NEWSLETTER

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MERGER UPDATE

Preparations for the proposed merger between Link Housing Ltd and our co-operative are progressing steadily.

Following consultations with tenants and members late last year, along with the merger discussions held at our Annual General Meeting on the 3rd November 2010, both Link Housing and Ryde Hunters Hill Community Housing signed an Agreement to Combine Businesses on 20th December 2010. This legal agreement sets out the Board's recommended measures to be taken in order to combine businesses by 30th June 2011.

Basically this agreement entails the sale of the co-operative's business and assets to Link Housing followed by the winding up of the co-operative. The agreement also ensures the security of tenants' residential tenancies and the ongoing provision of existing housing and tenancy services to all tenants.

The merger agreement is subject to the following conditions:

- tenants/members of the co-operative giving their consent via a special postal ballot,
- Registry of Co-operatives giving its approval to the proposed special postal ballot, and
- Housing NSW giving its consent to the proposal.

Registry of Co-operatives

Merging our co-operative with Link Housing needs to be undertaken in conformity with the requirements of the Registry of Co-operatives and the Co-operatives Act 1992. Prior to the postal ballot being conducted, a Disclosure Statement and a Solvency Declaration needs to be approved by the Registry. We are currently holding discussions with the Registry and are close to finalising both documents which need to accompany the ballot papers when they are posted out to tenants/members.

Meetings with Link Housing

To facilitate the merger, the Merger Committee comprising two Directors and the CEOs from both parties is continuing to meet regularly. Also our staff have been meeting frequently with Link staff in order to discuss operational policies and practices and plan the integration of our systems and databases.

Special Postal Ballot

In preparation for the postal ballot, the Board of Directors has appointed Allan Kaufman, former Chairperson of the Board, as Returning Officer. The Returning Officer is responsible for ensuring that the ballot is conducted fairly and in keeping with our Rules and the Co-operatives Act. *continued ...*

Once the ballot papers have been posted out, tenants/members will have 21 days to return their completed ballot papers to the office. For the merger to go ahead, at least 75% of postal ballots returned on time will need to be in favour of the merger. We are aiming to post the ballot papers out by early April.

Merger Queries

If you have any queries about the merger, please feel free to call the office and speak with our staff. Also while conducting the postal ballot, both the Agreement to Combine Businesses and Link's Constitution will be available for inspection at the co-operative's office during business hours.

Jon Atkins
CEO

TENANT CONTRIBUTION REVIEW

The Tenant Contribution Review for 2011 is underway.

All tenants will be required to complete an Application for Rental Subsidy Form and return it to the office by **1st April 2011**.

Please ensure that this form is completed in full and that all residents living in the household are included.

We appreciate your time and effort in completing this review and thank you for your co-operation.

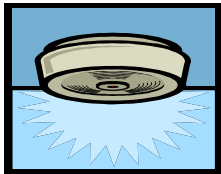
Should you have any queries regarding your Tenant Contribution Review please contact either Wendy or Liz at the office on 9808-3545 or email at:

wendy@housing.org.au or liz@housing.org.au

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SMOKE ALARMS



It's time to change the battery in your smoke detector!

With day light saving coming to an end it is a good reminder to change the battery to ensure that your smoke detector is in working order.

Ask a family member to change the battery if you are unable to so and contact our office with any queries.

REPORTING REPAIRS

It is important to report any maintenance issues at your property as soon as you notice them.

Repairs left unattended can sometimes cause further damage to the property resulting in unnecessary and expensive maintenance.

Please ensure that after a repair has been reported, you call the office if a tradesperson has been to your property or the repair has not been satisfactorily completed.

If you report an Urgent Repair to a tradesperson, please contact the office the next working day to advise staff.

WHAT'S ON IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK

1st to 10th April 2011

National Youth Week (NYW) 2011, a joint Australian Government, State, Territory and Local Government initiative, will be conducted from **Friday 1 April to Sunday 10 April 2011**, with many events taking place all over the country.

This year's theme is **'Own It!'**.

NYW is Australia's largest celebration of young people with thousands of young people aged 12–25 all across Australia getting involved.

NYW is an opportunity for young people to:

- share ideas
- attend live events
- have their voices heard on issues of concern to them
- showcase their talents
- celebrate their contribution to the community
- take part in competitions, and
- have fun!

There are lots of things happening during NYW 2011. No matter where you live or what you're interested in, there are plenty of opportunities for you! You can get involved in NYW 2011 by organising or attending an event, eg:

- sporting activities
- dance parties
- community projects
- conferences
- debates
- exhibitions
- festivals
- forums
- live performances.

More information regarding National Youth Week can be obtained by phone on 1300 363 079 or City of Ryde www.ryde.nsw.gov.au or www.youthweek.com

TENANT CONTRIBUTION ~ RECIPE ~

ANZAC BISCUITS



Anne, a tenant from Ryde has contributed her favourite Anzac Biscuit recipe for all to try and enjoy. She has been making them for years and was excited to share her family favourite recipe.

Ingredients

- 1 cup (150g) plain flour
- 1 cup (90g) rolled oats
- 1 cup (85g) desiccated coconut
- 3/4 cup (155g) brown sugar
- 125g butter
- 2 tbs golden syrup
- 1 tsp bicarbonate of soda

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 160°C. Line two baking trays with non-stick baking paper.
2. Sift the flour into a large bowl. Stir in the oats, coconut and brown sugar.
3. Put the butter, golden syrup and 2 tbs water in a small saucepan. Stir over a medium heat until melted. Stir in the bicarbonate of soda.
4. Pour the butter mixture into the flour mixture and stir until combined.
5. Roll level tablespoons of mixture into balls. Place on the trays, about 5cm apart.
6. Press with a fork to flatten slightly.
7. Bake for 10 minutes or until golden brown.
8. Set aside on the trays for 5 minutes, and then transfer to a wire rack so it cools completely.