

# RHHCH NEWSLETTER

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## MERGER UPDATE

In the March Newsletter, mention was made of the postal ballot that needed to be held in relation to the proposed merger between RHHCH and Link Housing Ltd.

### Postal Ballot

On 11th April the Registry of Co-operatives & Associations granted permission to RHHCH to conduct a postal ballot of its tenants/members. The postal ballot involved two resolutions, namely (A) the disposal of RHHCH's business, assets and liabilities to Link and (B) the winding up and deregistration of the RHHCH.

On 9th May, RHHCH's Returning Officer, Allan Kaufman, counted all votes returned during the course of the ballot period and declared both resolutions carried by the co-operative's tenants/members.

The results of the postal ballot were as follows:

*Resolution A* - Formal votes in favour - 91%

*Resolution B* - Formal votes in favour - 89%

### Registry of Co-operatives

After lodging an application to have the two resolutions registered, the Registry of Co-operatives notified RHHCH that the resolutions had been formally registered on 24th May.

### Community Housing Division

On the 10th June, the Executive Director of CHD, Ms Leonie King, gave "in principle support for the merger". Final approval is dependent on a number of formalities being satisfactorily addressed in the near future.

### Merger Date & Office Changes

Both the RHHCH and Link Boards of Directors are committed to completing the merger by the end of June 2011. This means that we plan to merge with Link on 1st July 2011.

In addition, Link's head office at Level 12, 815 Pacific Highway, Chatswood will become our head office and the Ryde office will become an outreach office. Refer to page 2 for the contact details of Link's head office as well as the open hours for the Ryde office.

To facilitate the re-organisation of our local office, please note that the **Ryde office will be closed from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June and will re-open again on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July.**

Note also that the Ryde outreach office will be open **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** from **12<sup>th</sup> July** and that the demand for outreach services locally will be reviewed at the end of October 2011.

### Further Details

We would like to sincerely thank all tenants/members who took the time to inform themselves about the proposed merger and who participated in the ballot.

Further details about the merger, office arrangements, the future payment of rents, the provision of new deposit books, maintenance services etc. will be sent to all tenants by the end of June 2011. Up until Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June, inquiries about the merger can be directed to staff via 9808 3545. From 27<sup>th</sup> June, inquiries should be directed to Link's office on **9412 5111**.

Jon Atkins  
CEO

## TENANT ADVISORY GROUPS

Link Housing Ltd will be hosting Tenant Advisory Group (TAG) meetings during July. These meetings will offer tenants the opportunity to discuss the range of housing services currently provided by Link. All RHHCH and Link tenants are invited to attend one of these TAG meetings in their area. Booking is essential for catering so please call **9412-5111** by 6<sup>th</sup> July.

<b>HORNSBY</b>	12-2pm, Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2011 Hornsby RSL 4 High St, Hornsby 2077
<b>RYDE</b>	12-2pm, Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2011 St Anne's Church 42-50 Church St, Ryde 2112
<b>LOWER NORTH SHORE</b>	12-2pm, Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2011 Crows Nest Community Centre Level 2, 2 Ernest St, Crows Nest 2065
<b>NORTHERN BEACHES</b>	12-2pm, Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2011 Manly Community Centre 12 Wentworth St, Manly 2095

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## WELCOME FROM LINK'S CEO

I extend a wholehearted welcome to the tenants of Ryde Hunters Hill Community Housing who will shortly transfer to Link Housing Limited.

A total of 91% of the tenants/members who voted in the ballot were in favour of the merger. This shows a strong belief that we will be stronger together rather than standing alone and we at Link share this belief.

Link is also committed to the standards of tenant support and asset management that you require.

In November 2011, we will be assessed for registration as a Class 1 provider – we are currently Class 2. We are confident that we will be successful. This will give us opportunities to support additional tenants while keeping the quality of service our tenants expect.

In the last few months, we appointed additional staff to extend our tenant and asset management services. We want to be sure that we maintain a high level of service.

I welcome any suggestions from you for additional services or improvements. You can contact me at [Phillip@linkhousing.org.au](mailto:Phillip@linkhousing.org.au). We will be celebrating the merger on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2011 and I look forward to meeting you.

Warmest regards  
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CEO  
Link Housing Ltd

## TEMPORARY OFFICE CLOSURE DATES

The Ryde office will be closed temporarily from  
**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2011**

as staff will be re-locating from the RHHCH office to Link's office in Chatswood

Should you have a maintenance emergency during this time, please refer to the URGENT REPAIRS on your lease.

If you are unaware of your urgent repair tradespeople, please contact the office before  
**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2011.**

Should you need to speak to a member of staff urgently, please leave a message on the answering machine.

**From the 4<sup>th</sup> July 2011, please contact staff at the Chatswood office on**

**9412-5111**

## LINK HOUSING NEW CONTACT DETAILS



**From Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2011, please contact staff at the Chatswood office**

**Address:** 'Chatswood Chambers'  
Level 12  
815 Pacific Hwy, Chatswood  
(cnr Help Street)

**Phone:** 9412-5111

**Fax:** 9412-2779

**Email:** [enquiries@linkhousing.org.au](mailto:enquiries@linkhousing.org.au)

### Chatswood Office Open Hours

<b>Monday</b>	<b>9.00am to 4.30pm</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9.00am to 4.30pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>1.00pm to 4.30pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9.00am to 4.30pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9.00am to 4.00pm</b>

## RYDE OUTREACH OFFICE OPEN HOURS

From the 12<sup>th</sup> July 2011, the office at 38 Church Street, Ryde will be open for two days per week on  
**Tuesdays and Thursdays**  
9.30am to 4.30pm