

Community Housing Tenant News

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Network to elect representatives

Exciting days are here as the Tenant Network gets ready to elect its first Representative Committee.

Tenants from different Metro associations have been working hard and a core group of able and committed tenants have been attending and guiding the Federation's work as a steering group.

But they are now ready to take the next step and hold formal elections and begin to take on additional responsibilities as they start to represent tenants' views from across the region.

Representatives have been trained in meeting skills by Central Sydney North Regional Tenants Resource Service. They have also developed some terms of reference (rules) to say what their aims are and how they will run their meetings.

The Representative Committee will be made up of one representative per housing association. Associations are encouraged to have deputies as well as the official delegate. Committee meetings will be



Participants at the most recent network workshop

open and other tenants may attend. There will only be one vote per association and reps are expected to canvass opinion from tenants in their associations to find out what their views are.

So reps are elected as delegates from their housing association - to put forward the views of tenants from that association.

There are 3 possible options for the election process:

1. Where there is an existing representative structure at the Housing Association, like a Tenants' Voice, Tenants' Advisory Group or Tenants' Council, the Tenant rep. would be elected through the existing group.

2. If there is no representative structure for tenants set up at the housing association, elections will be held at the Network's Inaugural General Meeting (IGM), which is scheduled for **Tuesday 26th June 2007 at Club Ashfield.**

Tenants who wish to stand for election as the representative for their housing association can say so on the day and will be able to make a brief presentation or circulate a written profile about why they think they should be the rep. If there is only one candidate they will be

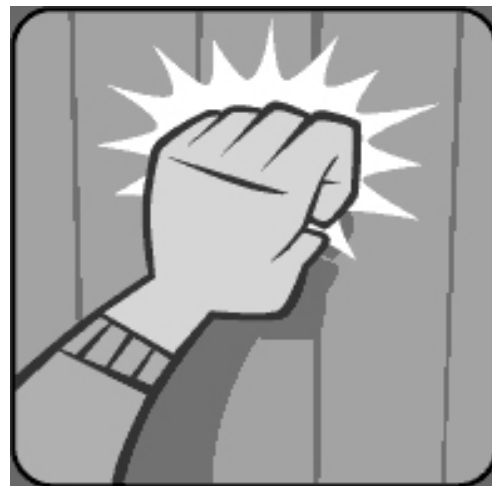
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elected unopposed. If there is more than one candidate, tenants **from that association** will elect their delegate.

Proxy votes will be allowed, as long as they are from Tenant Network members. Membership forms are available from Adam West at the Federation. In the event of a drawn ballot the vote will be opened out to all tenants at the IGM.

3. There is no one prepared to stand for election for an association. In that case, there will be no delegate elected.

Please contact your housing association to see which of these options will apply to you association or call Adam West at the Federation for further information or a copy of the terms of reference on 9281 7144 ext 211 or email adamwest@communityhousing.org.au



Knock Knock! Tenants' Network calling

The Tenants' Network invites you to join us to:
Strengthen partnerships
Have your say
Enable and increase tenant participation
Help build communities and have some fun at the same time!

Next Tenant Network workshop

Inaugural General Meeting and elections

FREE - all Metropolitan tenants welcome

Tuesday 26th June

Club Ashfield

10.00 for a 10.30 start

Lunch and refreshments provided

If you'd like to come along, please complete a registration form and return it to your association
Special workshop topic:

Tenant Participation in the UK

+ inspiring examples of what tenant participation can do