

Community Housing Tenant News

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News from St George

Education Bursary

SGCH started a bursary scheme 2 years ago to assist children of tenants to further their education, arts, music and sports.

It is also to help families who have finance difficulties, and need to help their children with their education.

The bursaries are open to all children of tenants of SGCH who have a tenancy of at least 1 year and are in good standing with their rent payments.

There are :

5 bursaries for Uni /Tafe College of \$1,200,

10 bursaries for Secondary school of \$800,

10 bursaries for Primary school of \$400.

All children are eligible. If there is more than 1 child in the family applying, each child must have a separate application form available from SGCH office.

Applications need to have proof of scholastic achievement from the current year, plus a letter from the schools

principal, teacher, tutor etc.

For further information contact St George Community Housing office.

Ph: 9585 1499

email:

www.sgch.com.au

White goods interest free loans scheme

SGCH provides an interest free loan to assist people who have been tenants for a minimum of 6 months and who have rent paid 2 weeks in advance and are not in arrears for service/water debts over \$100. Eligible tenants should be able to repay the loan with a minimum payment of \$10 per week.

This loan is to be used to purchase fridges, freezers, washing machines, dryers or microwaves.

The loan is up to \$500, and necessary documentation for the purchase of goods must be on retailer's letter head. The money will be paid to the said retailer.

The tenant must sign a contract with SGCH to agree to repay the loan within the specified repayment time.

Christmas BBQ

On the 5th December SGCH will hold a Xmas BBQ for Tenant Advisory Group members as a thank you for attending meetings during the year.

Membership

The Network membership is FREE and open to all community housing tenants. If you would like to join please get an application form from your housing provider.

Donations

If anyone can donate Christmas decorations for the December workshop it would be much appreciated. Please contact Greta Angel on 9981 7658

Recipe for Mushy Peas

- 1) 1 packet of whole dry peas
- 2) Soak over night in cold water
- 3) Drain and rinse in clean water
- 4) Put in pot with 2 to 2.5 litres of water and a teaspoon of Bi-Carb soda & salt if desired.
- 5) Bring to boil for 10 minutes until mushy stirring regularly.

They can be kept in a freezer for up to 8 months.



Next Tenant Network workshop Tuesday 11th December 2007

10.30– 1.30

**Club Ashfield: 5-9 Charlotte Street Ashfield 2131 NSW
(just next to Ashfield Station)**

Free – all metro tenants welcome – lunch and refreshments provided

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

Special workshop topics:

- Tenant participation at North Coast Community Housing**
- Tenant employment Initiatives in Victoria and NSW**
- Discussion groups on planned changes to Tenancy Law**

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!

Somewhere to take the family

The Historic Houses Trust suggest Government House which was constructed between 1837- 1845.

It is the most sophisticated example of a Gothic Revival building in New South Wales. www.hht.nsw.gov.au for further details.

The community Housing Tenant Network Newsletter Team agree fully with the concept of the State Plan Priority R4: Building Harmonious Communities.

News from Burwood

"They are very busy" says Network representative John Evans.

Western Suburbs Housing Co-op Social Club (WSHC)

WSHC will be holding our annual Christmas Party at the Nurragingy Reserve Doonside, on the 1st of December 2007. All our clients are welcome to come, but must notify our staff about how many people are coming so we do not under cater for those who will be in attendance. Also we need to know your children's ages and gender as all children between the ages of 1 and 12 years will receive a gift from Santa, there will also be gifts for the adults and children by way of raffle. But a different format to last year, this year the tickets will be given out, one ticket per household, at no cost to our clients. You can only win one prize, but that also depends how many clients turn up and how many prizes there are donated. There will be a sausage sizzle, soft drinks, fairy floss, ices, jumping castle, show bags and santa claus will be there, so we hope to see a pretty big roll up see you all there.

Best wishes to all

From the Board, Peter and all the Staff

Austudy Rent Assistance

Democrats Senator for South Australia, Senator Natasha Stott-Despoja, is proud of the extension of Rent Assistance to Austudy recipients, which she initiated. This is long overdue, until then only students under 25 on Youth Allowance, were able to access rent relief.