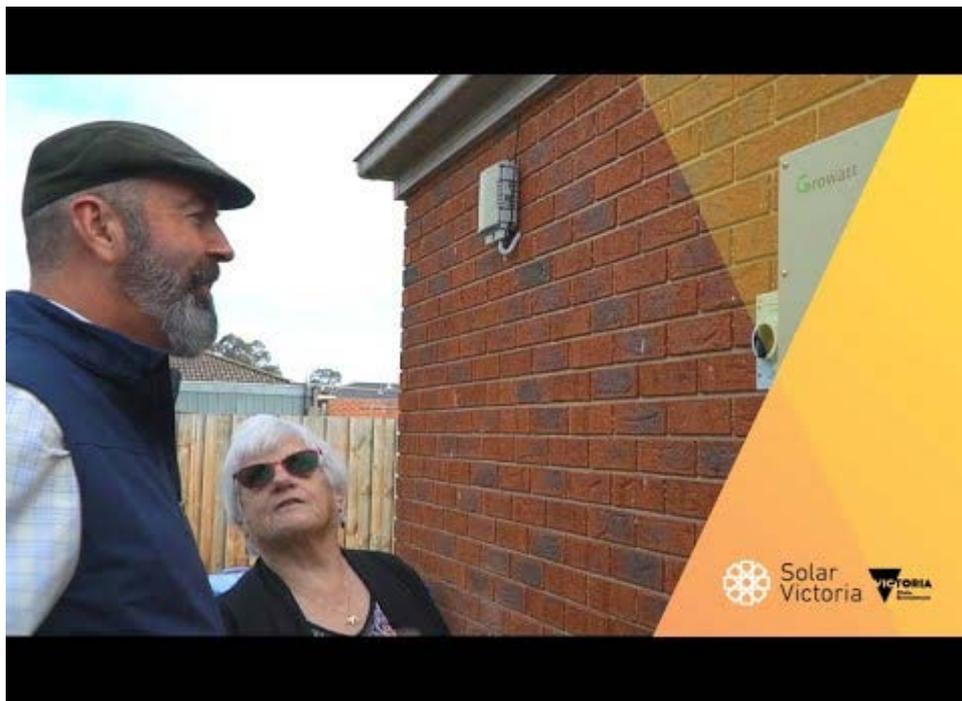


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Community housing residents save
with the Solar Homes Program

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From the CEO...



“May you live in interesting times...” This quote, like the coronavirus, has its origins in China. The greatest pandemic since the Spanish influenza outbreak of 1919 has certainly made for interesting times. During these times it is critical that we reduce face-to-face interaction between staff, contractors, co-op members and others to minimize opportunities for the transmission of the virus. Here at SouthEast we have put some plans into action to ensure – as far as is practicable – the safety of co-op staff and members:

- All property inspections have been cancelled until further notice
- All cyclical maintenance that is not critical has been put on hold
- Co-op staff are being geared up to work remotely. This means that we will be contactable by phone (9706 8005) or email as usual; but the office will be unattended most of the time until further notice
- All members and tradespeople will be asked the following questions before any tradesperson is sent to a member’s home:
 1. *Has anyone in your household been overseas in the last six months?*
 2. *Has anyone in your household been in contact with anyone testing positive to coronavirus?*
 3. *Is anybody in your household feeling unwell at the moment?*

These are all commonsense actions that align with the information provided to us by governments and peak industry bodies.

I urge all members to follow the directives of government to ensure their safety and the safety of others. The sooner we stop the spread of this virus the sooner life can get back to normal.

Take care everyone,

Steven Morrissey.

RENT REVIEW 2020

Want to avoid the hassle of submitting bank and Centrelink statements this year?

Want to avoid the person-to-person contact often necessary to obtain these documents?

We can help!

Presently the Annual Rent Review is underway. Members will be aware that part of the process is to submit Bank Statements and Centrelink Statements so that the amount of rent you must pay can be calculated. It can be time consuming and frustrating applying for these documents. It also often involves person-to-person contact; something best avoided at this current time.

Centrelink Income Confirmation Service is the answer!

This is an online service that allows SEHC to obtain a member's Income Statement directly from Centrelink.

SEHC tenants who consent and are eligible to participate in the Income Confirmation service **do not** have to submit 8 weeks of bank statements or apply for an Income Statement.

Many tenants have already signed for this service and cannot believe how easy it makes the rent review process.

Phone Joy to discuss on 9706 8005 now!

Downsizing

Half of over-55s are open to downsizing — if they can find homes that suit them

Source: ABC NEWS <https://www.abc.net.au/> - 12 02 2020

The Conversation

By Amity James, Steven Rowley and Wendy Stone



Photo: Downsizing, or rightsizing, is considered an essential component of meeting the housing aspirations of older Australians. (AAP: Lukas Coch)

More than half of Australians over the age of 55 are open to downsizing, according to a new report based on a survey of 2,400 households.

The main barrier to moving to a smaller home is a lack of housing that matches their needs and preferences.

The rapid growth in the number of older Australians adds to the major challenge housing markets face in meeting their diverse housing needs.

Downsizing, or rightsizing, is considered an essential component of meeting the housing aspirations of older Australians.

At the same time, downsizing creates housing opportunities for younger households by

freeing up family homes.

The ageing population also creates fiscal challenges for government, in terms of delivering services to the home and providing residential care.

Selling the family home



Gerry and Rosemary Franklin made the tough decision to move into retirement accommodation after living in their family home for almost half a century.

Downsizing can enable older Australians to age well and age in place rather than potentially move prematurely into residential care.

The report released today by the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute (AHURI), for which 2,400 households over 55 were surveyed, found 26 per cent of such households had downsized.

Another third had thought about it. Overall, the findings point to a strong appetite among older Australians to downsize their dwellings.

With about 6.5 million Australians aged 55 or older, living in about 4.3 million households, our findings suggest downsizing could be relevant to 2.5 million households.

More ... <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-02-12/older-australians-downsizing-over-55-right-housing-stock-needed/11954726>

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Focus on The Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency (VACCA)

SouthEast actively pursues its commitment to partner with sister agencies. This issue of Housing Futures introduces the Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency which is located on the same level as SouthEast (level 3) at the Plaza Business Centre, McCrae St Dandenong.

If you would like to support this agency please check out this link
<https://www.vacca.org/page/get-involved/support-us>



The Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency is a state-wide Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation. For over 40 years we have promoted and protected the rights of Aboriginal children and families.

At VACCA, we rely on donations and fundraisers to support our cause.

Your donations will help

- Fund our cultural programs.
- Help families who need our help and support.
- Train, support and recruit new Foster Carers.

Donations of all sizes are welcome and are securely taken through our GiveEasy page. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

Support us and donate online today or learn more about how you can get involved below.

Get involved

In addition to donations, you can help VACCA by:

- Hosting a VACCA Morning Tea For Culture fundraiser in your workplace, school or group.
- Participating in Cultural Awareness Training
- Organising Cultural Awareness Training for your team or workplace.

You can support VACCA, by setting up a donation link and ask your colleagues, friends and family to donate for your birthday, wedding, a party or through your workplace or school.

[Learn more about how to fundraise to support VACCA](#)

Other ways to support

We are always happy to connect. Contact us to find out more about:

- Fundraising for VACCA
- Supporting a specific project
- Leaving a bequest (a gift in your will)
- Workplace or business support, or
- Giving via a trust or a private ancillary fund.

Phone 03 9287 8800 or email supportus@vacca.org

[Learn more about where donations go](#)

About VACCA

VACCA delivers more than 50 programs across Victoria that help to support culturally strong, thriving & safe Aboriginal communities. These thriving communities mean strong Aboriginal Children.

Our services support Aboriginal children and adults in Victoria and can be accessed by non-Aboriginal people who have an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander family member, such as children or a partner.

[Learn more about our Vision and Purpose](#)

Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency Co Op Limited ABN 44 665 455 609 is registered non-profit organisation with the Australian Charities and Non-Profit Commission. VACCA is endorsed by the Australian Tax Office (ATO) as a deductible gift recipient (DGR) - public benevolent institution.

VACCA is registered to conduct fundraising activities with Consumer Affairs Victoria (CAV). VACCA is a member of the Fundraising Institute.

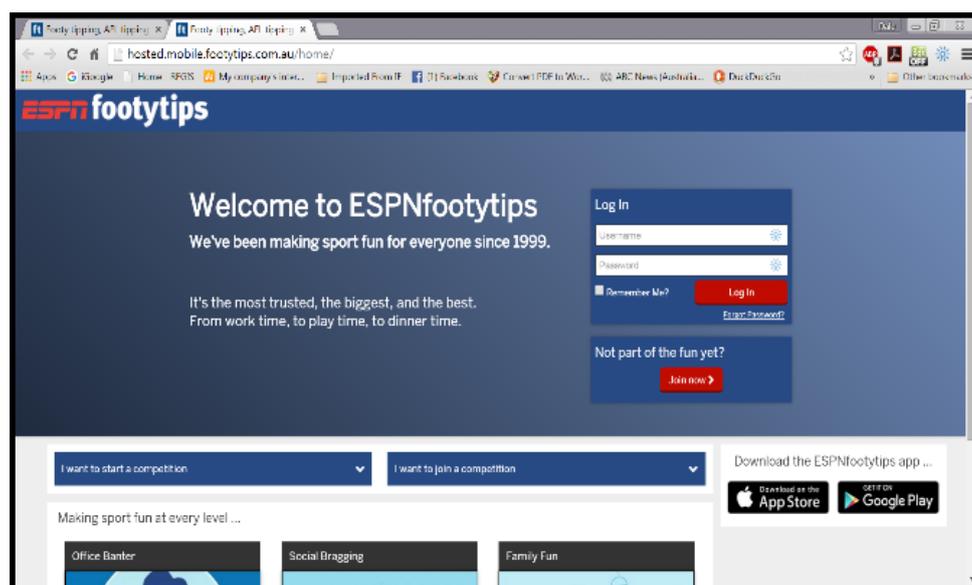
Tipping Competition!

Members are encouraged to join this free comp – nothing to lose but plenty to gain!

We have again set up a FREE footy tipping competition with first prize a \$300 Coles / Myer card (2nd gets the \$200 card, and third the \$100 card).

It is only open to SouthEast members and their immediate family members living with them (details on how to enter are below). If you require assistance please phone Dale Carroll in the office on 9706 8005.

Footy tipping comps are often won by people who don't know the first thing about football, so if you fall into this category don't let your lack of knowledge of the AFL stop you from entering. We really hope to see 100+ members have a crack at this competition in 2020!



To join go to <http://www.footytips.com.au/competitions> , register, then join the competition (name: SouthEast Housing Coop, password: housing) and start placing your tips.

There is no cash to outlay – this is a free competition! Get tipping and good luck!

Energy Efficiency Program WINNERS

The Government wanted to see more solar installed in properties across Victoria; but first they had to evaluate how well our program worked so tenants were asked to provide a copy of their most recent electricity bill to used to help demonstrate the benefits of solar to you and other co-op members.

Congratulations to the winners who each won a \$250 voucher, Patricia Blainey and Lorna Wallace, and thanks to all those who participated.



SouthEast Values

The International Cooperative Alliance (ICA) has developed cooperative principles for cooperatives throughout the world as guidelines to put cooperative values into practice.

These principles allow cooperatives to compete in the market whilst operating within a unique set of principles that set them apart from conventional profit-maximising businesses.

These principles define cooperatives and provide guidance on how they should operate and engage with members and the community.

Principles

- voluntary and open membership
- democratic member control
- member economic participation

- autonomy and independence
- education, training and information
- cooperation among cooperatives
- concern for community

SouthEast Housing Cooperative supports the ICA cooperative principles and values. Key activities and practices that promote cooperative principles include:

Voluntary membership and open door policy.

Everyone who is eligible for public housing can apply to become a member and access our services.

Democratic values.

Each member has one vote, which is exercised to elect the board at the Annual General Meeting and to decide upon proposed changes to the cooperative's rules.

Education and Information.

The cooperative provides training opportunities to members who are Board members. Each SouthEast member receives a SouthEast Rights and Obligations Manual.

Cooperation among cooperatives.

The cooperative is a member of the Community Housing Industry Association (Vic) and has worked together with other housing cooperatives to obtain a mutual benefit.

Inter-generational solidarity.

All surpluses are re-invested into the cooperative. Cooperative assets cannot be distributed. This allows the cooperative to operate in perpetuity for the benefit of future generations and our community.

Concern for the Community.

The cooperative has purchased new properties in order to provide more low-income families the opportunity to live in a place they can call home on a long term basis.

Mutuality.

All members are treated equally, pay rent according to their income, and can access repairs and maintenance services as necessary.

Active Minds

<i>Sudoku #595 (Easy)</i>					<i>Sudoku #596 (Easy)</i>														
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Solution to last puzzle

<i>Sudoku #567 (Easy)</i>									<i>Sudoku #568 (Easy)</i>								
9	2	6	7	3	5	1	4	8	2	4	8	3	5	9	6	7	1
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Additional Sudoku puzzles as well as the solution to these two puzzles can be found at the following web page: <https://www.puzzles.ca/sudoku>

Contacts and Support

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Publications: Key publications including tenant policies and procedures can be viewed on the SouthEast website at www.sehc.org.au.