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From the CEO

Wow! It's March already!

The Christmas break is now a long-distant memory, and we're into the third month of the year. At our last Board meeting the Chair joked we should all get ready because Christmas 2018 was just around the corner. With footy season upon us and the leaves changing colour, I think she may have a point.

Talking of footy season, our **free** tipping competition is on again this year and it would be fantastic to see as many members as possible participating in this **free** member activity (did I mention that entry is **free**?). Instructions on how to enter appear later in this newsletter.

Monday May 21st, 2018 – General Meeting

Our 2018 General Meeting will be held at the usual venue – The Dandenong Club (details below). I remind all members that in order to establish and maintain active membership (Rule 7) of the cooperative members must:

(a) remain a tenant of good standing through paying rent on time, providing income statements on time, responding to surveys and keeping their house in good order; and

(b) subject to rules attend and participate in all General Meetings of the cooperative and other meetings of members

I encourage all members that can to attend our May meeting. It is a great opportunity to stay abreast of current cooperative happenings, and to engage with your Board, the CEO, staff and other members after the meeting in an informal atmosphere whilst enjoying some light refreshments.

Does sixteen go into three? At SouthEast it does...

Before you question my maths skills let me explain. In January three existing members rightsized into the three units at the now-completed First Street site. By doing so, they made their existing larger homes available to families that really needed dwellings of this size to accommodate them. So, by moving into smaller

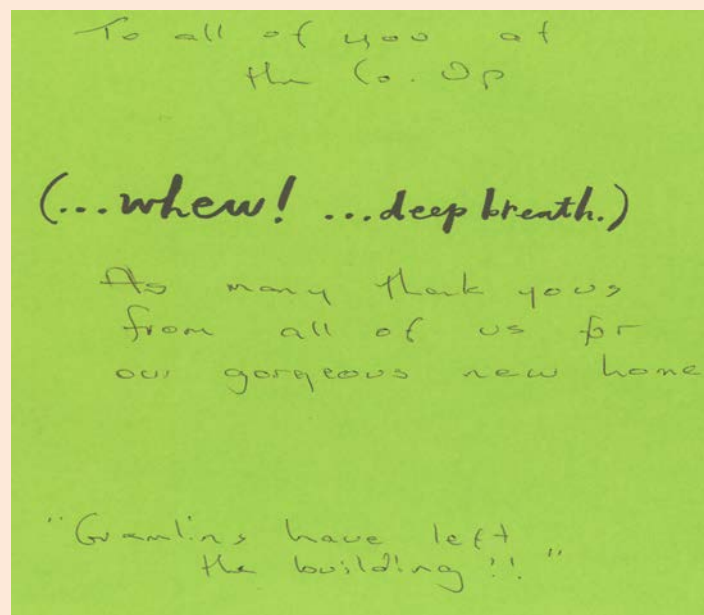
properties these members facilitated housing for sixteen people. Three people rightsized, and sixteen moved in. This is a great outcome for all concerned:

- three existing members now have homes that are now more suitable for them
- the cooperative is now housing more people than ever, and
- three families that needed secure, family-sized homes now have them

Sixteen does indeed go into three at SouthEast.

The SouthEast Right Sizing Experience

Earlier this year three tenants rightsized from their existing tenancies to the redevelopment site bounded by First St and Kombi Road. With permission SouthEast can publish some of the members comments on their experience of their move to the new units. Maggie sent this card (below) to express gratitude at having been able to move into the families “gorgeous new home” and was “blown away” to get a call from SouthEast to say thanks for the thanks card, which is so very much appreciated by the Board and staff at SouthEast. So, thank you Maggie and family. Thanks also to Helen for sharing her feelings and experiences.



Maggie and family thanks card

Helen's Story

Helen shared she was glad to move out of her former SouthEast residence as it was too big to manage. Helen had made some “really good friends” over the years who remained very supportive during the move to the unit at Kombi Road. Not everything went smoothly for Helen. There was a challenge for Helen as during the move, very sadly, Helen's companion pet passed away however the much loved pet had reached old age and so it was a little easier to accept. Helen only moved a few kilometers from her old home to the new one. Helen said she loves it, really, really loves it (her new home). It is compact and manageable, new, and Helen feels happy to have nice neighbours. Each has known the other for over 20 years and they continue to support each other. That's what makes coops special and it turns out the rightsizing experience has been for the best and a very positive event from Helen and Maggie's experience.

If you have similar positive experiences on any topic to share, please send them to me at

dale.carroll@sehc.org.au call me on 9706 8005.

Win a \$300 Coles / Myer card in the SouthEast Footy Tipping Competition!

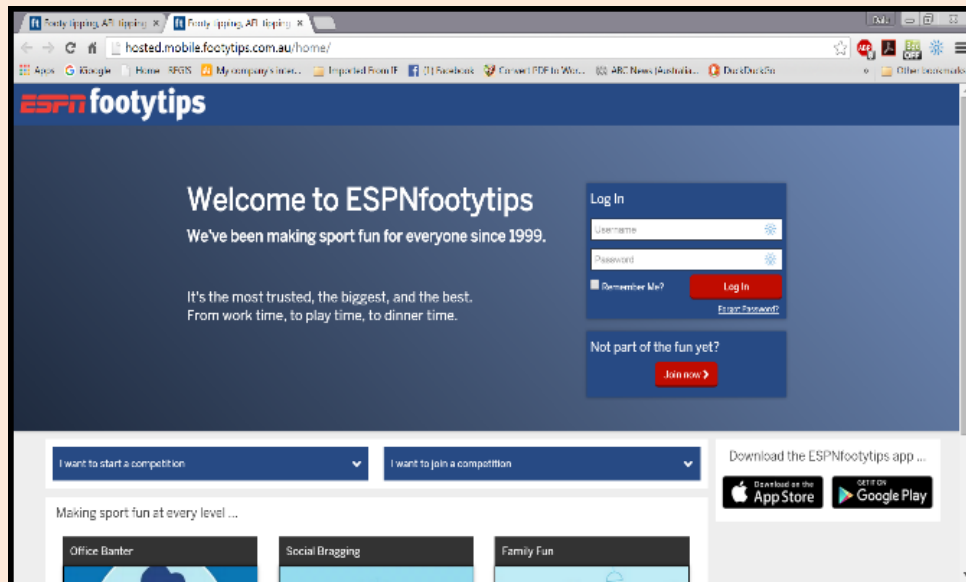
Members are encouraged to join this free comp – nothing to lose but plenty to gain!

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 2018!



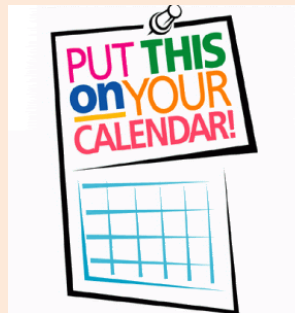
To join go to <http://www.footytips.com.au/competitions> , register, then join the competition (name: SouthEast Housing Coop, password: housing) and start placing your tips.

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

Welcome to new cooperative members

The rightsizing to First St meant SouthEast could now house a bunch of new families in affordable long term tenancies and so roll out the welcome mat for Ayse, Ron and Stephanie and the rest of their families. All up SouthEast has over sixteen new residents now housed in the cooperative and able to enjoy all the extra benefits on offer that public housing tenants can't as easily access simply because the public housing system is not able to provide the extras like member meetings, newsletters and long term leases and the list goes on.

Keynotes



General Meeting



7.15 – 9.00 p.m. Monday, 21 May 2018 at, The View Room, Dandenong Club, 1579 Heatherton Rd, Dandenong, Corner Stud & Heatherton Roads Melways Ref: 90 G3

Rent Review

Rent reviews are annual events and to streamline the process it helps if you can provide your income details as soon as possible. Please send documents either by post to Southeast Housing Cooperative Ltd., attention Joy Haines, Tenancy Officer, PO Box 7141 Dandenong Vic 3175 or email to Joy at Joy@sehc.org.au or fax to 03 9706 8558. If you have any queries or concerns, please call Joy on 9706 8005.



Office Morning Tea – Watch out for a date soon after Easter.

Daylight Saving: Set your clock one hour back on Sunday April 01, 2018 at 3 00 am.

Improvement Ideas: The annual survey on levels of satisfaction or dissatisfaction with SouthEast housing and maintenance services and consideration of your views will be circulated in May. The Housing Registrar designates this as compulsory survey that must be completed at least bi-annually, and the results are provided to the Housing Registrar who is the sector regulator for SouthEast. If you have ideas on improvements to how SouthEast delivers services or you are inspired to see new ways to be great at being a housing cooperative that improves benefits to members and the broader community then please contact the writer by email: dale.carroll@sehc.org.au or call me on 9706 8005.



CHIA Vic's bi-annual conference is to be held in 2018. Their flyer for the event is reproduced below:



*The theme of CHIA Vic's 2018 bi-annual conference is the **Brave New World of Community Housing**.*

With housing affordability issue taking centre stage around Australia, we'll be hearing from local and international experts on the expanding role of community housing.

CHIA Vic's conference is a vital educational and networking event that provides our members and key stakeholders access to the industry's latest developments, policy and best practice via inspirational speakers. With housing affordability now garnering front page news coverage, and Federal and State Government elections looming, the 2018 conference will investigate the Brave New World of Community Housing.

International Keynote Speaker on the secret to Canada's success

To date, Australian governments have failed to develop a much needed National Housing Strategy. Meanwhile, Canada launched its strategy, A Place to Call Home, at the end of 2017, quickly becoming the global poster child for social housing.

Our keynote speaker, Derek Ballantyne, is the new Chair of the organisation tasked with the implementation of Canada's National Housing Strategy. Derek will provide insights into the development of the strategy and expected outcomes.

The prices for early bird registration are now current on our website.

They are: Members - \$450 + GST - Non-members - \$510 + GST - Tenants - \$110 + GST.

See [the conference page](#) on the CHIA Vic website for more information on the conference topics and speakers.

New Board Directors

The Board at its February meeting welcomed two new directors. Kerrie Robins comes as a member Director (filling a casual vacancy), and Piero Ammirato as a non-member / independent Director.

In accordance with the Co-op's rules Kerrie will stand for election as a Director at the next AGM (November 19th, 2018). Kerrie has been an active member of SouthEast since 2011, is currently undertaking legal studies, and brings great enthusiasm to our Board.

Piero has a deep knowledge of the cooperative sector - particularly how Italian cooperatives operate successfully across numerous industries - and years of experience working with state and federal governments. His formal qualifications include a Ph.D. from Adelaide University. The addition of these two Directors further strengthens our Board as we face the challenges and opportunities presenting themselves in 2018 and beyond.

Put it on the Nature Strip



Some local governments allow the practice of placing articles in good repair on the nature strip for people to collect. Probably as they don't have annual free hard rubbish collections or residents must book a pick up and it is not entirely free or other reason. If you have goods to buy, sell or swap and you want to let people know you can contact the office and we will list the goods in the next newsletter or provide your name and number if you give permission. A better alternative for those with Facebook is to join a local market place group where often you can buy, swap, sell or give away so long as you list a price and location and whether its pick up only or you will deliver. Some sites will also allow you to seek help finding goods and services and share important community information such as emergency warnings.

Smart electricity meters are here, but consumers are failing to reap the benefits

Extract sourced from the ABC News web site on the 05 03 2018.

The Conversation: By Sangeetha Chandrashekeran, Gavin Duffy and Martin Gill

Across most of Australia, the electricity industry is in the midst of a major rollout of so-called "smart meters" led by retailers — your household may very well have one already.

With the exception of Western Australia and the Northern Territory (and Victoria which has them already), all new and replacement meters will be smart. This means that instead of simply recording electricity use for later checking, they can give retailers detailed consumption data, measured at 30-minute intervals or less — and also allow the supply to be turned on or off remotely.

Retailers can also offer to upgrade select customers' existing meters to smart meters (again with the exception of Victoria, which has a blanket rollout), and consumers are free to accept or decline (except where a broken or ageing meter is being replaced).

This is an important testing ground for the soon-to-be legislated [Consumer Data Right](#), which aims to give consumers better access to their own data, which in turn will help them save money.

But our [research](#) has found that under the current policy settings consumers are not getting the full range of benefits from the smart meter rollout, for a few main reasons.

Getting smart on bills

The main consumer benefit of a smart meter is to reduce electricity bills. But to do this, consumers need easy access to their daily electricity usage data, which can

then be translated into useful information that enables them to compare tariffs. Consumers ought to be able choose such value-added services from third party providers by granting access to this data. But consumers cannot currently access their daily electricity usage data **when they need it free of charge**. There is no common data format nor a simple way to authorise third-party access to the data, thus creating extra costs for third parties.

Retailers can charge a fee to access consumer data, effectively blocking rival companies that might be offering cheaper retail tariffs.

But if consumers themselves could allow third parties to access their metering data, subject to security and **privacy** protections, it would give those consumers a much wider choice of tariffs and services.

Currently the federal government's **Energy Made Easy** website (run by the Australian Energy Regulator) does not let consumers compare tariffs and services in a timely and user-friendly way.

There are proposals to reform the website, and there is no shortage of good existing examples on which it might be modelled, such as the Victorian government's Switch On and the North American Green Button initiative.

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<https://www.activeapril.vic.gov.au/>

HOW IT WORKS

Now in its tenth year, Premier's Active April continues to help Victorians join in the fun of increased physical activity. WHAT IS PREMIER'S ACTIVE APRIL? Premier's Active April encourages all Victorians to do 30 minutes of physical activity a day during April. It's free, it's fun and it's part of the Victorian Government's commitment to get more people active and healthy.

As a participant, you can log your daily activity in the mobile or web app and chart your progress throughout the month. You can also create and join teams, track the progress of team members and explore the all-new [My Local](#) to discover events, offers and facilities that are available across Victoria.

In 2018, every Premier's Active April participant will receive*:

- ✓ 10 free passes to a participating [YMCA](#) or local government recreation facility
- ✓ 15% off at [Sportsmart](#) in store and online
- ✓ one hour free tennis court hire at [Melbourne Park or Albert Reserve](#)
- ✓ a 2 for 1 ticket offer to [SEA LIFE Melbourne Aquarium](#)
- ✓ a 2 for 1 ticket offer to [Otway Fly Treetop Adventures](#)
- ✓ a 2 for 1 ticket offer to [Legoland Discovery Centre Melbourne](#)
- ✓ 15% discount for [Rock Up Netball](#) programs
- ✓ 20% discount for [Netball Victoria](#) school holiday clinics
- ✓ 5 free group dance lessons at a [Dancesport Victoria](#) centre
- ✓ 10% off Term 2 [MyGolf](#) Junior program
- ✓ a 2 for 1 green fee offer at [Golf Victoria](#) courses
- ✓ entry into the draw to win tickets to the 2019 Australian Open Tennis Finals^
- ✓ a chance for your school to win visits from high-profile sporting personalities
- ✓ weekly email tips on healthy eating and being active

- ✓ a range of benefits, prizes and resources for [Schools](#) and [Workplaces](#) participating in Active April.

Register now for Premier's Active April 2018. You'll feel great! DOWNLOAD TODAY! **THE ACTIVE APRIL MOBILE APP!** It's even easier to be active on the go with the Active April mobile app for iOS and Android. You can manage your teams and track activity all with the click of a button. It also features a digital card giving you easy access to all the Active April offers featured in the all-new [My Local](#). What are you waiting for? Click on the relevant button below and download the app today!



WHAT ARE THE RULES?

To participate in Premier's Active April, you will need to [Register](#). Registrations open on *January 25* and will remain open until *April 30, 2018*.

Anyone can participate in Active April – friends, students, families, workmates or individuals.

Achieve online trophies simply by tracking your 30 minutes of daily activity using the mobile or web app. You can do the activity on your own, together as a family, with your friends, classmates or workmates. There are a variety of online trophies that can be achieved – for completing 5, 10, 15, 20 and 30 days of activity. Trophies are displayed in your online *Trophy Cabinet*, viewable by logging in. You can also print your trophies or share them on Facebook.

The 30 minutes of activity can be made up of any sort of physical activity, including incidental activity. You can accumulate your 30 minutes (or more) throughout the day by combining a few shorter sessions of activity of around 10 to 15 minutes each.

Our Community



ourcommunity.com.au
Where not-for-profits go for help



SouthEast subscribes to the Our Community Group and in turn receives monthly updates on grants available across the sector plus a wealth of free resources like the policy bank that can be found by clicking on the Board link in the table below or go to the web site at <https://www.ourcommunity.com.au/>

The Our Community Group provides advice, connections, training, and easy-to-use tech tools for people and organisations working to build stronger communities. Our partners in that work are not-for-profit organisations and social enterprises; government, philanthropic and corporate grant makers; donors and volunteers; enlightened businesses; and other community builders. We are a Certified [B Corporation](#) and multi-award-winning social enterprise.

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What's on in the City of Greater Dandenong



The City Magazine

The City is Greater Dandenong's monthly magazine. It features all the latest news and events from the City of Greater Dandenong. *The City* is delivered to all residents. If you haven't received your copy of The City, or require an edition in an alternative format, please [contact Council](#) or click on the this link:

<http://www.greaterdandenong.com/document/23047/the-city-magazine>

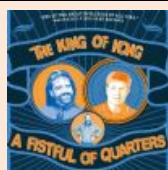
Here are tasters from the March Event Calendar 2018

14th Social Knitwork - Dandenong Library - 10.30am (every Wednesday) Ph: 1300 630 920



[The Goonies \(PG\) - Sunset Cinema 2018](#)

[16 Mar 2018 7pm](#) - Come along to Harmony Square in Dandenong for the opening night of Sunset Cinema 2018. Sit back, relax, and enjoy free family movies under the stars. This week: The Goonies (PG) and The King of Kong: A Fistful of Quarters (PG)



[The King of Kong: A Fistful of Quarters \(PG\) - Sunset Cinema 2018](#)

[16 Mar 2018 9pm](#)

20th Little Craft for Little Hands - Heritage Hill 10.30am–11.30am - Ph: 8571 1666

► **Conversation Circle – Advanced** - Dandenong Library 6pm–7.30pm - Ph: 1300 630 920

21st Gambling Forum - Dandenong Civic Centre, 225 Lonsdale Street 6pm–7.30pm
- Ph: 8571 1000

► **Life Drawing** Heritage Hill 6.30pm–8.30pm Ph: 8571 1666

22nd Learning Help for Adults Dandenong Library 2pm–5pm - Ph: 1300 630 920

23rd Language Playgroup for Families Seeking Asylum Dandenong Library - 11am
(every Friday) Ph: 1300 630 920

29th Library Storytime Springvale and Dandenong Libraries 10.30am - Ph: 1300 630 920

Active Minds

An active mind is a healthy mind and besides puzzles
are FUN

Sudoku Puzzle (Solution in next Housing Futures edition)

5				4		1	2	
			3	6			4	9
6		7				8	5	
	8		9			3		
9		1	4		6	2		5
		2			1		7	
	3	9				6		7
1	5			7	3			
	2	4		1				8

How to Solve a Sudoku

You want to try sudoku, but you don't know where to begin. Sudoku looks hard because it involves numbers, but, it's not math-based. Even if you think you're bad at math, you can still do well at sudoku. In fact, the numbers could be replaced with letters or symbols and the results would be the same; it's all about recognizing the pattern. Start by learning the basics of sudoku, then move on to learning the beginning and advanced techniques.

Figuring Out the Basics

Learn the setup. In a typical sudoku, you'll have a square grid of 9 large squares. Inside each of those larger squares will be 9 smaller squares. When faced with a puzzle, some of those smaller squares will be filled in with numbers from 1 to 9. More difficult puzzles will have fewer squares filled in.^[1]

The larger squares are often outlined with a darker line, while the smaller squares have a thinner line. Also, sometimes the larger squares will be coloured in a checkerboard pattern.

Line up the rows and columns. One basic rule of the game is every column and row must have all of the numbers from 1 to 9. That means that within a row or column, a number cannot repeat.

Pay attention to the numbers in the large squares. Similarly, in each of the 9 large squares, every number from 1 to 9 must appear. Once again, that means that each number can only appear once, as there's only 9 smaller squares in each larger square. So, if a large square already has the number "2" in it, you know it can't include another number "2" anywhere in the square.

Use a pencil instead of a pen. As a new sudoku player, you're going to make mistakes, and with a pen, you'll end up with a mess of a board. Instead, use a pencil so you can erase your mistakes.

Starting with Easy Hints

Look for a single empty in a larger square. Check each square to see if it has a single square open. If it does, it's easy to fill in. Just figure out what number is missing from 1 to 9.^[2]

For example, if a larger square has numbers 1-3 and 5-9, you know it's missing the number "4," which you can fill in.

Check for singular empty squares in the rows and columns. Run your finger down each row and column to see if any of them only have 1 square open. If a row does, figure out which number from 1 to 9 is missing in that row or column and fill it in.^[3] If a column has numbers 1-7 and 9, you know it's missing the number "8," which you can fill in.

Scan rows or columns to fill in larger squares. Look at a row of 3 large squares. Check for a number that's repeated 2 times in different squares. Run your fingers along the rows that contain that number. The third large square must contain the same number, but it can't be in 1 of the 2 rows you're tracing. It must be in the third row. Sometimes, 2 other numbers will be in that row, so you can easily fill in the number you're scanning.^[4] If "8" is repeated in 2 squares, look for that number in the third square. Run your finger down the rows with each "8," as you know the "8" can't be in those rows in the third large square.

Add the opposite direction. Once you've got the hang of scanning across just rows or columns, add the other direction as well. Take the previous example with a slight difference. When you get to the third square, it only has 1 number filled in in the open row.^[5] In that case, trace down the columns. See if the number you're trying to fill in is in 1 of the columns. In that case, you know it can't go in that column and must go in the other one.

Work in groups of numbers. That is, if you see that you have a lot of one number on the board, it can help to start trying to fill in the rest of that number. Say you have many 5s on the board. Use your scanning techniques to fill in as many 5s as you can.

Source: For the complete Wiki How, article go to <https://www.wikihow.com/Solve-a-Sudoku>

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