



Housing Futures

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From the CEO...

Dear Members.

I have now been with SouthEast for almost two months, and have enjoyed immensely working with our great team (directors and staff) on your behalf. A few necessary changes have been made; not least of which to this newsletter. We are endeavouring to make Housing Futures more 'member-oriented' by including articles and information that we believe our members will find interesting. We are also seeking your input; this is your newsletter, so if you have anything you'd like to contribute please feel free to email it through to us (Dale.Carroll@sehc.org.au) and we'll try to include it in the next issue...

This issue commences with a profile of Steven Kropf; an independent director of SouthEast who has contributed his significant business skills to the board for many years. Steven, like me, is a long-suffering Carlton supporter (enough said!).

On the subject of football, we have set up a FREE footy tipping competition with a first prize of 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 on page 4 - if you require assistance please phone Dale Carroll here in the office). 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. Get tipping and good luck!

Finally, Monday May 23rd is the date for the next Member Meeting (details page 6). Whilst I have met some of you, I look forward to meeting even more SouthEast members at the Dandenong Club that evening.

In the interim, I wish everyone a safe and happy Easter break. See you at the meeting in May!

Steven Morrissey
Chief Executive Officer

Meet Steve Kropf – Independent Director



Steve Kropf - Independent Director and Convenor of the Audit Committee

MBA, BBus, BA, FCPA, over twenty years of experience in senior commercial management roles including Chief Finance Officer, General Manager Finance and planning roles through a range of companies covering transport and logistics, tourism, government privatisations and pharmaceuticals. Currently owner and manager of two companies, both in the service sector.

Steve writes:

Experience wise there are many years (far too many for me to count now) that I have had in senior management, commercial and finance type roles – largely in the service industry sector, and I now also run my own two businesses – one in domestic services and one in marketing services. I am FCPA and MBA qualified, there is a pretty large parcel of experience and knowledge that I think I can bring to the board. For SouthEast this means that my focus is to ensure the organisation makes sound and safe commercial decisions with member's funds and assets, and with the aim of long term safe and sustainable growth of the organisation.

On the other side I am a certified scuba diver, and just love that – hacker of a golfer, pretty handy squash player, and even throw a dart every now and then with the guys and in my younger days even played ice hockey at the old St Moritz ice rink in St Kilda– I'm sure some members will remember that place!

I remain a loyal and long suffering Carlton supporter, still dreaming of the glory days in 1995 and even though I have no expectations of a flag this year, I'm so glad the footy is back as I love it!

SouthEast is now on the path to a real period of success, and with our new CEO, I and the board are looking forward to SouthEast exploring the opportunities that will present themselves.

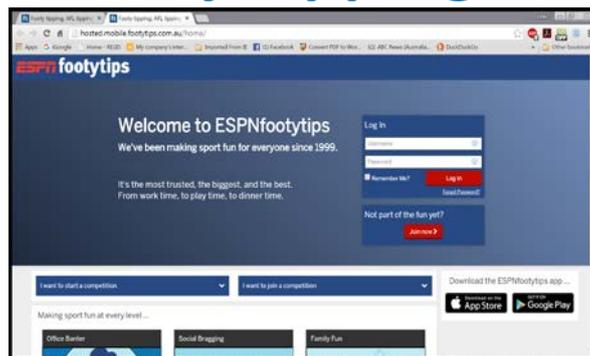
Member's News:

A member spotted an article in 'The Age' newspaper (February 16th) and sent it in to the SouthEast office:

In the article the newspaper's State Political Reporter Benjamin Preiss was urging the state government to include social housing in any future developments when local councils sell off vacant land. Properties currently earmarked for sale include former schools, police stations, departmental buildings, health care sites and research facilities. In the article Community Housing Federation of Victoria's CEO Lesley Dredge contends that some of these properties would be perfect for social and community housing. If they were developed this would go some way to addressing the fact that Victoria's social housing proportion is lower than other states. Indeed, according to Opposition Housing Spokesperson Tim Bull the public housing waiting list is on the verge of hitting 33,000. A state government spokesperson said an inclusionary zoning pilot was being drafted, and would start with government land.

Thank you to the member who sent this article in; we are always interested to read of developments in social and affordable housing – especially so close to home.

Win \$300 just in time for Xmas in the SouthEast Footy Tipping Competition



SouthEast has created a footy tipping comp using the ESPN **Footy Tipping** mobile optimized site (mobile.footytips.com.au). Members are invited to enter the competition. To join go to <http://www.footytips.com.au/competitions> , register, join the competition (name: SouthEast Housing Coop, password: housing) and start placing your tips. There is no cash to outlay and the winner will take home a first prize of \$300. This competition is only open to SouthEast members and their immediate family members living with them.

Scarlet Letter



Scarlet Letter is the newsletter of the Council Single Mothers and their Children Inc. Victoria (CSMC) and is a pearl of production with content particularly suitable for single mothers. The Spring 2015 issue featured single mum Peta Searle: the AFL's first and only female coach. It also contains; useful links to DHHS Centrelink Express Plus Mobile Apps that tap into concessions cards and a number of online transactions; beach units for rent at rates as low as \$35 per night outside school holidays; situated at Rye offered by McCauley Community Services for Women. Also there were four single mother stories that may be of interest to SouthEast members. To find out more about how to access the autumn edition or how to join CSMC contact their office on 03 9654 0327 or email: projects@csmc.org.au

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Member Note: the member lease requires rent is paid two weeks in advance at all times.

May Member Meeting!

The first member meeting for 2016 will be held 7pm Monday 23rd May at the Dandenong Club.

The carer claim form and the annual services survey will be mailed out closer to the event.

**May 2016 General Member Meeting
7.00 – 9.15 p.m. Monday, 23 May 2016
View Room Dandenong Club**

1579 Heatherton Rd, Dandenong, Corner Stud & Heatherton Roads
Melways Ref: 90 G3

Please arrive at 6:30 p.m. for registration so the meeting will start on time.

Summer may be over but Easter is just around the corner



Centrelink Concessions Guide

Members who enjoy saving money will want to have this guide – concessions covered and how to get a copy of the guide follow –



The Victorian Government offers a number of concessions designed to assist and improve the affordability of essential services for low-income Victorian households. **This guide outlines how concessions can help you pay your domestic rates, water, energy and gas bills.** You will find details about programs, eligibility criteria and how to apply for concessions.

Also included is some basic information about other concessions and services available to eligible concession cardholders together with relevant contact details.

For further information on Victorian Concessions please visit the Department of Health & Human Services website www.dhs.vic.gov.au/concessions or contact the Concessions Information Line on 1800 658 521 (toll free).

What's in the guide?

Eligible cards for Department of Human Services concessions



Energy

Annual Electricity Concession
Controlled Load Electricity Concession (formerly the Off Peak Electricity Concession)
Electricity Transfer Fee Waiver
Excess Energy Concession
Life Support Concession
Medical Cooling Concession
Non-Mains Energy Concession
Service to Property Charge Concession
Winter Gas Concession



Hardship

Utility Relief Grant Scheme (mains)
Utility Relief Grant Scheme (non-mains)
Water and Sewerage Connection Scheme



Rates and property

Fire Services Property Levy Concession
Municipal Rates Concession



Water

Non-Mains Water Concession
Water and Sewerage Concession



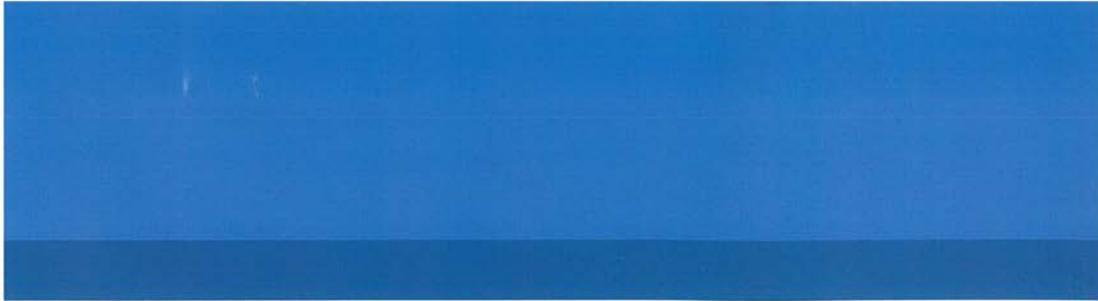
Other concessions and services

Household Assistance Package

Clean Energy Advance
Clean Energy Supplement
Low Income Supplement
Essential Medical Equipment Payment

For help in your language call the Concessions Information Line on 1800 658 521 (toll free) and ask for an interpreter.

The 2015 Frances Pennington Award was conferred upon SouthEast Housing Co-operative for the co-op's outstanding voluntary contribution to the local community. This prestigious award is something that all members can be justifiably proud of:



Frances Pennington Award 2015

Certificate of Recognition

Awarded to

South East Housing Co-operative

In recognition of your outstanding
voluntary contribution to your local community

Martin Foley MP
Minister for Housing, Disability & Ageing



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<http://www.sehc.org.au/index.php/board/public-records>

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