

HOUSING FUTURES



AGM – A CHANCE TO GATHER AND INTERACT

Thank you to everyone who has already responded to the RSVP for the upcoming Annual General Meeting. We hope that with daylight savings and the weather improving that we might be able gather as many members as possible in person, to allow for member to member interactions.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



**AFTER HOURS
EMERGENCY
MAINTENANCE**



Call Valley Maintenance
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1800 088 106

(you may get a message service so
please leave a message)

Monday 11 November 2024

Meeting starts at 7:15pm

Dandenong Club 1579 Heatherton Road, Dandenong Nth

Members encouraged to attend in person if possible.

Zoom will be available for those unable to attend in person

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FROM THE CEO



Spring is in the air! Happy hay fever season everyone 😊

Footy Tipping

Spring heralds the commencement of warmer weather (hopefully) and the conclusion of the AFL season. SouthEast's footy tipping competition was taken out this year by Craig v z (140 winners) from Tracey AW (136) and Bluegirl35 (136). Congratulations to the winners, and thank you to all participants in our free comp. We hope to see you back again in 2025!

Christmas Functions

Christmas is only eleven weeks away, and this year we are holding two member celebrations. The Board decided upon this approach in an endeavour to make sure that we provide something for everybody. The details of these functions are provided later in this document. It would be great to see as many members attend as possible.

Board Positions

Nominations have been called for three Board positions to be filled due to:

- 2 x retirements in accordance with the Rules,
- 1 x resignation, and
- The expiration of the 3-year term 'corralled' for Eastern Suburbs RHC in the wake of the Merger in 2022

According to the SEHC Rule 33.1(a) to become a Director a member must:

- be at least eighteen years of age, and
- also have been "...an active member of the co-operative of two years' standing (minimum) who has attended all General Meetings over the last two years", and
- be nominated and seconded by two members of the co-operative by the date nominations close

We have had a few potential Directors knocked out of the running because they have not met the above criteria. Whilst the Board plans to review the meeting attendance requirements and possibly present changes to these at May's General Meeting for member consideration, it is unlikely that the nomination/seconding obligations will be changed.

Therefore, if you are thinking about nominating for the Board you need to know at least two other co-op members who will back your nomination. If you do not know any other members, I would suggest that the best way to network with them – if it's possible for you to do this – is to attend General Meetings of the co-op in person and engage with them over tea/coffee and refreshments. Other networking opportunities present in the form of our Christmas parties and our upcoming 25-year celebrations. We want members to be engaged with the running of their co-op, so I encourage any member thinking about nominating to start also thinking about what they need to do to submit a valid nomination. If anyone needs any help or guidance with the process, please contact the office and we will be more than happy to assist.

Steven Morrissey
CEO

CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS

2024

In 2024 SouthEast Housing Co-operative is offering two options for Members to gather and celebrate the end of the year and the Christmas season.

Adult event

On Saturday 30th of November, Members' celebration will be held at the Manhattan Hotel (Ringwood), Mid Field Bar between 12pm and 3pm.

This event is for Members and household members aged 18 and over who would like to share a casual lunch and chat.

Family event

On Sunday 1st of December, a family friendly Member celebration will be held at the Royal Melbourne Zoo (Parkville) between 11am and 3pm.

This event is for Members and children residing with them in their homes with a sit down two course lunch in the Bong Su Room, and free entry to explore the zoo before and after the event.

Please note that numbers for both events are limited, so please do not RSVP unless you intend to attend the event.

RSVP BY 21/11/2024 - By clicking [HERE](#)

or by contacting Melissa on 0400 313 948 or melissa@sehc.org.au



MEMBER NEWS

We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge those Co-operative members who have passed away during 2024. On behalf of the Co-operative and operational team members we send our deepest condolences to their families and loved ones.

Keith Lister

Les Beck

Eric Coventry

Wanda Mitchell Cook



2025 is going to be a special year celebrating twenty-five years of SouthEast Housing Co-operative.

We want to use this milestone as a point to capture your stories. It could be how you came to be part of the co-op, or how being part of the co-op has changed you, or your families' experiences.

Maybe you have some old photos that you would like to share.

If you would like to share your photos or stories, please contact Melissa 0400 313 948 or melissa@sehc.org.au

FROM THE MEMBERS, FOR THE MEMBERS

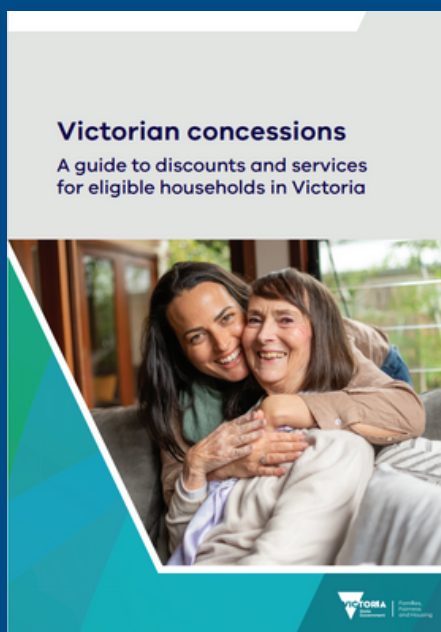
something to be aware of for those receiving home care packages or ndis

This article has been provided by a co-op member about their families experience which they have asked to share to help others. If you have an idea for an article, please contact Melissa.

In January, I received a phone call from my parents' NDIS service provider, informing me that my parents were facing a deficit of \$25,000 and would need to reduce their services. This news was shocking, particularly since my mother had a \$25,000 credit in her package just ten months prior, in addition to the monthly funds received from the government, as both of my parents are classified at level 4. Seeking clarification on the expenditure of their package funds, I requested all monthly statements. However, it took several attempts to obtain these documents, which were finally provided in early February, notably excluding the October statement.

Upon reviewing the statements, I identified several discrepancies and requested invoices for the services rendered. To my surprise, all the invoices provided were from a third-party agency, despite my understanding that services such as massage, occupational therapy, and gardening were independently operated and not managed through agencies. The service provider insisted that these were the original invoices, prompting me to request direct invoices from the service providers and to investigate the agency. Surprisingly, it appears that this agency does not exist.

After cross-referencing the invoices with the statements issued by the service provider, it became clear that numerous transactions did not align, raising significant concerns regarding the accuracy and transparency of the provider's billing practices.



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CO-OP HOUSING VS PRIVATE RENTAL

the financial benefit of co-op housing

As you know co-operative housing offers a fantastic alternative housing option to private rental. In many ways the renter gets the benefit of long-term secure housing for an affordable (and adjustable) rent and attending two meetings per year.

Below is an example of the financial benefits of co-op housing compared to private rental. This is based on a comparison between SEHC and private rental properties in similar conditions, in the same streets based on July 2024 figures.

Location	Private Rental \$ Per week	SEHC Market rent \$ Per week	Minimum annual rental saving by being in the co-op
Box Hill 3-Bedroom House	\$620	\$415	\$10,660
Frankston 2-Bedroom Unit	\$450	\$300	\$7,800
Oakleigh South 2-Bedroom House	\$500	\$389.90	\$5,725.20
Croydon 3-Bedroom House	\$535	\$330.70	\$10,623.60

SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY 22 MARCH 2025
6PM - 10PM

ATTEND THE AGM TO FIND OUT MORE



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