

BOARD MEETING PUBLIC RECORD

27 JULY 2012

THIS PUBLIC RECORD OF A BOARD MEETING ON 27 JULY 2012 WAS APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON 31 AUGUST 2012 AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE REPORT FOR PUBLIC RELEASE ON THE SEHC WEB SITE

VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON SOCIAL HOUSING

It was noted that the submission endorsed by members at the General Meeting on 16 July 2012 would be forwarded by the due date of 31 July 2012.

It was noted that Rental Housing Co-operative sector submission was also being finalized.

HOUSING FUTURES SURVEY

The General Manager reported there had been 68 (42.787%) responses to the Housing Futures survey. The survey has confirmed that the aim of making the newsletter more accessible and accountable has succeeded.

Over 64.7% read all the newsletter and a majority of 55.9% retain copies. The overall view of the newsletter is positive - 17.6% Excellent, 35.3% Very Good and 41.2% Good. The overall view of articles was 11.76% Excellent, 38.24% Very Good and 39.71% Good.

For views on the coverage of board issues, tenancy issues, maintenance issues and co-operatives and co-operation:

Board Issues – 9 (13.24%) Excellent, 21 (30.9%) Very Good, 26 (38.24%) Good and 6 (8.8%) Average. Maintenance Issues—13 (19.12%) Excellent, 12 (17.65%) Very Good, 28 (41.18%) and 7 (10.3%) Average. Tenancy Issues—13 (19.12%) Excellent, 11 (17.65%) Very Good, 28 (41.18%) Good and 7 (10.3%) Average. Co-operatives and Co-operation—12 (17.65%) Excellent, 23 (33.8%) Very Good, 27 (39.7%) Good and 5 (7.34%) average.

In response to the question, should members be allowed to put free ads in the newsletter, 51 (75%) said yes.

There was even stronger support for member contributions to the newsletter. In response to the question: Would you like to see contributions by members to the newsletter? 82.35% said yes.

In response to the question: Would you be willing to contribute to the newsletter? 18 (26.5%) said yes. Seven members who provided their names are being followed-up and invited to contribute to the

September issue of Housing Futures based on the guideless adopted for the web site. These members are being written to inviting contributions for the September edition of Housing Futures.

HOUSING REGISTRAR SURVEY

The General Manager reported that there had been excellent response rates to the Housing Registrar 66 (41.51%) responses – compared with 25% in 2010 and 18.21% in 2011.

RETURNING OFFICER

The board agreed to appoint David Griffiths as Returning Officer for the AGM on 19 November 2012.

FINANCE AND BUSINESS

The report was tabled and noted.

ARREARS

The General Manager reported that arrears were \$7,813.81.

COMPLAINTS

The General Manager reported that there were no complaints in July 2012.

MEMBERS

The membership of a member who had left the co-operative was cancelled.

SEHC BOOKLET

It was agreed that the booklet on co-operators talking about co-operation and co-operatives would proceed to be published. It was noted that the booklet would be given to every member and distributed to three national co-operative conferences – two in Australia and one in the UK. It was noted that the Principal and Chief Executive of the UK Co-operative College, Mervyn Wilson, would be distributing the booklet in the UK,