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Tenant Newsletter

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CEO's Message

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Ecclesia Housing has created two new booklets which will make life easier for tenants

Property Maintenance Handbook

&

Pest Control Advice Handbook.

The first booklet explains the process which tenants have to follow to notify us about any maintenance issues you may have, and it outlines the response times for different problems.

The second booklet helps identify the insects and outlines some ways to control

Hi Everyone,

There have been some exciting changes at Ecclesia Housing since our last newsletter. Rob McLean GM Housing Services has achieved 10 years of service with us so congratulations to him. Rob has recently moved into another role and is managing our Business Development and Major Projects section.

Fiona Archer is the new Manager of Housing Services and Community Capacity Building and we are thrilled to have her as she brings a new vision to the role and you will be hearing from her and her team in the future about opportunities to participate in projects that may interest you.

Gary McArthur is our Property Maintenance Manager and is working closely with Fiona to meet the needs of our tenants. To this end Gary has prepared two new booklets a property maintenance handbook and a pest and bug handbook that I know you will find useful and they will be distributed shortly.

This time of the year can make us all feel a bit blue so don't forget to get out into the sunshine and get your vitamin D. It will lift your spirits and energy levels and chase away those winter blues.

Take care and many blessings

Judy



these uninvited guests.

These booklets are available from our office, please call and we will be happy to send you a copy. PH: 9890-6500

Alternatively they will **soon** be available at our web site to be read or downloaded -

www.ecclesiahousing.org.au



“Food For Life” - Supporting the Community

BCS Food 4 Life provides people experiencing disadvantage with access to nutritional food.

Anyone with a Government benefit card register with the BCS Food 4 Life program and in return receive affordable and nutritional food.



Some of the BCS Food For Life Centres are:

Petersham - 111A Crystal Street
(opening late July)
Tuesday - Saturday,
9.30am - 4.00pm
Phone 9572 9836

Raymond Terrace - Shop 5,
22 Sturgeon Street
Monday - Friday 9.30am - 3pm
Phone 4983 2043

Wallsend - Wallsend Baptist Church,
58 Cowper Street
Tuesday & Wednesday
12pm - 3pm
Thursday & Friday
9.30am - 3pm
Phone 0432 757 077

Jannali - Shop 8, Jannali Arcade,
557 Box Road
Tuesday - Friday
9.30am - 3pm
Phone 9528 7492

Hornsby Heights - Hornsby Heights Baptist Church,
110A Galston Road
Thursday & Friday
9.30am - 3.30pm
Phone 9476 4853

Windale - 6A South Street
Wednesday - Friday
9.30am - 3pm
Phone 4947 4341



Need Help with your Budget?

Financial Counselling

Holroyd Community Aid & Info Service

17 A Miller St, Merrylands
9637 7391

Parramatta Mission

119 Macquarie St, Parramatta
9891 2277



Report criminal information to Crime Stoppers, anonymously.

We do not have caller ID, we do not record your calls

THE SAFE & ANONYMOUS WAY TO REPORT CRIME

Rob McLean JP

General Manager - Housing Services



Rob recently clocked up 10 years of service as an employee of Ecclesia Housing (formally Churches Community Housing)

Rob began his career in welfare services with the Uniting Church in 1987. He set up and managed the first Group Homes for Parramatta Mission, becoming Community Services Manager in 1991.

His experience in establishing and managing service delivery to people experiencing homelessness was invaluable in the establishment and growth of the housing and tenancy management services of CCHL.

Rob was employed by CCHL in 2002 as Project Coordinator in Partnerships and was appointed as Manager of Housing Services in 2003.

Rob has now retired from Ecclesia and we wish him the best for his future endeavors.

Fiona Archer-

Housing Services Manager

Fiona is the Manager of Housing Services for Ecclesia Housing. She has been working in the Social Housing Sector for a number of years and backs this up with experience in both tenancy and housing services.

Fiona has a great deal of experience in Project Management for people who live in Social Housing and is respected throughout the sector for her innovative and successful Community Development Projects.

Welcome Fiona



In March this year, Ecclesia Housing, in conjunction with Uniting Care Aging, released 18 x1 & 2 bedroom units under the National Rental Affordability Scheme. These properties were for applicants over 55 years old.

The NRAS properties at Ecclesia are Managed by Rachael Carney, Senior Client Service Officer.

For all enquiries about renting affordable housing please call Rachael at Ecclesia Housing on 9890-6500 or go to - www.housing.nsw.gov.au for one of their fact sheets.



Warm Welcome to Springwood Tenants!!!!

Reader's Contribution



Chicken ,Pasta and Mushrooms–

Time;15 minutes Serves -2

Mushrooms can be replaced with any vegetable– broccoli for example.

Pasta (any)

1 Chicken breast. sliced

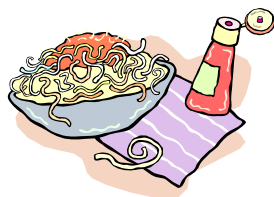
1 cup mushrooms-sliced

1 cup shredded cheese

Garlic

300 mls thick cream

Salt, pepper



Bring pot of water to boil, add pasta.

Slice up 2 chicken breasts, cook gently in 1 tablespoon olive oil and 1 tablespoon butter. Add mushrooms (as many or as little as you prefer), garlic, pepper, salt to taste.

When cooked, add cream, lower heat and stir gently. Sprinkle over grated cheese, stir.

Drain pasta and add to chicken, gently mix until the pasta is coated with chicken

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Contribute and receive a \$20.00 voucher

Do you have something you want to share...a recipe, handy hint or a story?



If you send in any contributions to our tenant newsletter, and we publish this, you will receive a \$20.00 gift voucher from either Coles or Woolworths

Just post your contribution along with contact details to:

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