

Alliance News

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Alliance Housing (WA) Newsletter



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*Supporting Affordable Housing
in the South West*

New Office, Same Great People

On Friday the 5th of May 2017 Alliance Housing WA celebrated the opening of our brand new office thanks to a generous grant provided by Lotterywest. The day saw a great turnout with a variety of attendees including some local Bunbury V.I.Ps pictured below.

Our celebrations kicked off with a few words from our CEO Mike Bateman followed by Judy Jones our Chairperson. We were honoured to have MLA for Bunbury Mr Don Punch attend and ceremoniously cut the ribbon to signify the official opening of our office. With the office officially open, our guests were able to have a tour of our facilities, after which they were treated to a beautiful spread of pastries and sandwiches.

You will now find us next to Aqwest at **Unit 2, 93 Albert Road, Bunbury**, with parking and office entrance located on Mackinnon Way. If you have any difficulties finding us at our new location, please give us a call on 9791 5438 and we will help direct you.



John Castrili, Nola Marino, Gary Brennan



Our Board Chair Judy Jones and Mr Don Punch cutting the ribbon



Guests enjoying some pastries & sandwiches

It is with sadness that we farewell Julie-Ann Lorca from the Alliance Housing Board.

Many thanks to Julie-Ann for her contribution to Alliance Housing over the past 2 years and we wish her well in her future endeavours.



Win a \$50 Voucher

Our annual Tenant Satisfaction Survey has been sent out to all tenants. The winner of the \$50.00 Bunnings voucher will be announced in our 2016/17 annual report.

The Survey is a great opportunity for you to give us feedback on our services, and help us further enhance the future of Community Housing in the South West. The winner of the voucher will be announced in our next newsletter.



Check us out online



Why not look us up online at www.alliancehousing.com.au and learn more about what we do and the people who do it. There is also some helpful links to keep you connected to the greater community.

INTOWN CENTRE

Shoe String Cafe

(In Town Centre)

Located at 52 Wittenoom St in the Bunbury CBD, the In Town Centre, trading as the Shoe String café, provides a day centre and meals service for the diverse range of people who might be facing difficulties in our Bunbury community. They offer an array of services including:

- ♥ Bottomless Tea & Coffee
- ♥ Free Morning Tea
- ♥ \$3.00 – 3 course Lunch
- ♥ Pool table
- ♥ Television Lounge
- ♥ Books/Magazines
- ♥ Emergency Relief
- ♥ Referrals as needed



The cafe is open to everyone from **Monday to Friday** from **9am until 2pm** and only closed over weekends.

Drop in to the centre or give them a call on 9791 4214



New Adventure Ahead

After six years as the Chairperson of Alliance Housing (WA), Judy Jones has decided to step down from her role.

Judy has made a significant contribution in guiding the Board and the organisation through periods of major change and can be extremely proud of her achievements. She has been resolute in her desire to ensure Alliance Housing stayed true to its mission by ensuring the provision of good quality, affordable and accessible housing in communities throughout the South West.

Under Judy's stewardship, the organisation has grown in both size and professionalism which is a reflection of her leadership and drive to ensure Alliance remains committed to the provision of not just good but excellent service and achieves the best outcomes for its growing number of tenants.

Judy leaves Alliance Housing in a strong and healthy position ready to begin yet another new and exciting chapter in the organisation's history. We wish Judy a well-earned rest, safe travels and a smooth and trouble free highway to new adventures.

THANK YOU JUDY



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Preparing for Storms

Winter storms can bring heavy rain, damaging winds, lightning, hail, floods and tornadoes to some parts of Western Australia each year. If you live in a storm-prone area, it's your responsibility to be prepared in order to ensure your safety and reduce potential damage to your home.

Prepare:

- Trim branches which you can reach safely on your property. If there are branches near or touching power lines, please give us a call on 9791 5438.
- Dispose of rubbish and put away loose objects.
- Prepare a list of emergency contact numbers and keep them easily accessible.
- Prepare an emergency kit, which might contain things like a portable radio, torch, spare batteries, first aid kit, waterproof bags, non-perishable food items, gloves and medication. For more information go to <https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/safetyinformation/pages/emergencykits.aspx>

• If you live in a flood prone area it is important to prepare an emergency evacuation plan in case your home becomes flooded.

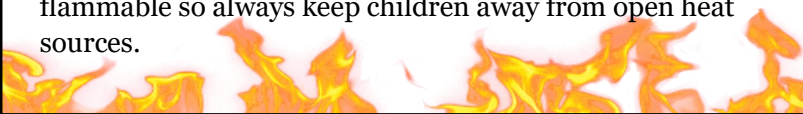
During A Storm:

- Close your curtains and blinds and stay away from windows.
- If there is lightning, unplug electrical appliances and do not use landline telephones.
- If you are outside, find shelter away from trees, power lines, metal objects, storm water drains, rivers and/or streams.
- Take extra care on the roads when driving.



Keep Warm This Winter

- * Never use boiling water to fill your hot water bottler and replace it as soon as it starts to look cracked or worn.
- * Only buy wheat bags or other heat packs that come with clear heating instructions, and never over heat your bag as this could cause the bag to ignite and start a fire.
- * Carefully check that your electric blankets, hot water bottles and other winter items are in good condition and have not been recalled.
- * Children's clothing with a 'low fire danger' label are still flammable so always keep children away from open heat sources.



Welcome a new Face

Please help us welcome Chané Naudé, our newest team member in her role as Receptionist. Chané will be the first friendly face you see when you visit our office, and the warm helpful voice if you happen to give us a call.

