

TENANT NEWS



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▶▶▶▶ The Tenants Union Has Moved!! ◀◀◀◀◀◀



The workers of the resourcing unit are greatly relieved to announce that they have moved to spacious new premises at:

197 GEORGE ST., REDFERN

We are below Alexis CYSS, and behind the Public Tenants Development Project.

We would like to thank everyone who helped with the mammoth move.

Reports to the a.g.m.

1. resourcing unit

REPORT OF THE TENANTS UNION RESOURCING UNIT

TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 26/3/84

STAFF

During mid 1983 Regina resigned to take up employment with Wollongong's Council as their Housing Officer. This event left the Resourcing Unit short staffed for a period of time. Wendy French was employed for a short period as part time relief. Debby Whitmont was employed as a Project Officer, Jane Skelton and Cait Perry were also employed under the Wage Pause Programme.

FUNDING

We have received a substantial increase of funding from the Commonwealth Legal Aid Commission and the N.S.W. Legal Services Commission. However, we have experienced problems with Youth and Community Services. An attempt was made by the Minister's office to shift funding for the Tenants Union from YACS to Consumer Affairs. This attempt failed and as a result a considerable amount of staff time has been spent hassling for funds. The Union will receive YACS funds for the remainder of 1984 however the amount received remains grossly inadequate i.e. \$19,000 p.a. Many of the Community Services which host Tenants Advice Services have also been affected by cuts in YACS funding. Funding submissions were also made to the Office of Special Employment for Wage Pause and CEP funds. Jane and Cait were employed under Wage Pause and two more workers are about to be appointed under CEP.

The Wage Pause jobs involve:

1. administrative work and reorganisation of the information system;
2. research and organisation of submissions on discrimination experienced by people with children in private rental housing.

The CEP jobs will involve:

1. Resourcing of new Tenants Services and development of a country network
2. publication of a Housing Action Manual.

NEW PREMISES

The office is moving out of this hole at last. The new office will be a renovated ward of the Racheal Forster Hospital. The Tenants Union will share it with the Housing Commission Tenants Association. The Tenants Union should be moved by the end of April.

SERVICE

TAS NETWORK

The Resourcing Unit has continued to resource and maintain the network of Tenants Advice Services. Generally these services are based in existing agencies and staffed by volunteers and or the staff of that agency. The Services are independent but are affiliated with the Tenants Union. A number of organisations have gained funding for their Tenants Advice Services e.g Wollongong, Newcastle, Rozelle, Coffs Harbour. These organisations have been funded for a maximum of 12 months under Wage Pause and CEP. In order for these initiatives to continue the state government needs to be pressured to grant long term grants to the Tenants Union and local tenants organisations. The most obvious source of these funds would be from Housing and/or the Rental Bond Board.

There are now 30 Tenants Advice Services at: Mt Druitt; Cabramatta; Eastwood; Fairfield; Panania; Parramatta; Sutherland; Rozelle; Bondi Beach; Bondi Junction; Dulwich Hill; Hillsdale; Manly; Newtown; Pyrmont/Ultimo; Redfern; Sydney University; Albury; Bathurst; Casino; Gosford; Katoomba; Lismore; Newcastle; Orange; Southern Highlands; Woodburn; and Wollongong. The mobile information vans at Canterbury and Balmain also act as TAS's.

Due to lack of resources, and short staffing the Resourcing Unit experienced difficulties in servicing and resourcing the network. We apologise to the TAS's and thank them for their co-operation and support.

Particular action has been taken to support action taken by Fairfield to prevent abuse by a notorious Real Estate Agent and in Bondi Junction and Pyrmont where numbers of tenants are facing eviction.

Informal visits and training back-up have also been made to a number of TAS's and Hotliners.

HOTLINE

The telephone service roster continues operate.



WORKSHOPS

Training workshops for Tenants Advice Services and Tenants Advisors were held at:

Redfern House
 Bondi Beach
 Matraville
 Pyrmont/Ultimo
 Hillsdale
 Redfern Community Aid
 Sutherland
 Fairfield
 Auburn
 Panania
 Eastwood
 Armidale
 Katoomba
 Wollongong
 Byron Bay
 Darlo CYSS
 Macquarie Legal Centre
 Nowra
 Wagga Wagga
 Dulwich Hill
 Central workshop (for workers from bondi Beach, Hillsdale, Waterloo, Auburn, Bondi Junction, Darlo CYSS)
 South Sydney Womens Centre
 Eastwood
 Womens Refuge Workers
 Bondi Junction
 Katoomba
 YACS Rent Relief Officers

MULTI-LINGUAL

The programme is aimed at people who do not speak English. A talk is translated and presented to a group in their own language. The person giving the talk is accompanied by an experienced tenancy advisor. Interpreting of questions and answers is possible. It is hoped that this programme will disperse greater knowldege of tenancy information among people who don't speak English. To date talks have been conducted in: Spanish; Turkish (2); Polish (2); Greek; Portugese.

PUBLICATIONS

1. English , Spanish, Arabic, Turkish and Vietnamese booklets have been reprinted.



2. Manuals continue to be distributed. They are almost sold out. All publications are in short supply and resources to reprint them are limited.

3. TAS Circulars continue to come out. They contain information of immediate relevance to TAS's e.g. new Hotline rosters, and resource persons/back-up listings.

STATISTICS

The stats continue to be collected. It should be stressed that it is very difficult to collect stats from a volunteer network which is under resourced and over worked.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

The puprose of this side of the Tenants Union work is to effectively and thoroughly inform the community of their rights and obligations. The information will better equip tenants in protecting themselves. This side of our work is mostly implemented by giving talks to relevant comminity, educational and government organisations. Over the last year we've given talks to (or at):

- Migrants: at Migrants and the Law Seminar organised by the Law Society of N.S.W. for Law Week
 - * at Cabramatta Migrant Hostel
 - * Adult Migrant Education Chippendale
 - * Adult Migrant Education U.N.S.W.

- Youth:
 - * EPUY Cources at East Sydney Tech, Engadine High School, Glebe High School, Adolesent Development Unit, RPA Hospital.

Community and Government Workers:

- * social workers in services training courses at U.N.S.W.
- * YACS Rent Relief Officers
- * Department of Social Security social workers
- * Rydalmere hospital on licencees
- * Hillsdale Community Centre
- * South Sydney Womens Centre
- * Housing Information Referral Service Seminar on the future of private renting

- Students: * welfare students at Seaforth Tech

- Tenants: * public meeting on housing in Marrickville.

- Radio:
 - * Radio Eastern Sydney for dual use at Welafre cource at Kuringai CAE
 - * Radio programme on singles and Commission policies and single parents.



POLICY DEVELOPMENT

PARTICIPATION WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS/PROJECTS

- * Australian Institute of Urban Studies project on private rental - involved extensive discussion with their researcher Chris Paris;
- * N.S.W. Council of Social Services Boarding House Action Group;
- * National Co-operative Housing Conference;
- * National Legal Centres Conference;
- * Informal Department of Environment and Planning and local government Housing Officers discussions;
- * Combined Pensioners Association - nursing homes action group;
- * involved in Ministerial review of Housing Commission policy;
- * N.S.W. Shelter. The Tenants Union has two representatives on the Shelter Board, Gary Moore and Mary Perkins;
- * Youth Refuge Association - "Shelter or the Streets" youth housing campaign;
- * Law Foundation "Model Court" project, discussed with staff.

POLICY SUBMISSIONS PREPARED

- * to the Department of Consumer Affairs for establishment of funding for Tenants Union and Tenants Services contributed to combine legal centres submission on gaps in legal services.
- * submission on volunteers to the Legal Services Commission.
- * submission on Sydney Water Board Inquiry
- * submission on agents fees.

COMMONWELATH STATE HOUSING AGREEMENT

Tenants Union involved with the broad group including Shelter, BWIU, which drew up a combined submission for the re-negotiation of this agreement.

COMMUNITY TENANCY SCHEME

The Tenants Union has a representative on this committee. The scheme continues to develop and has some potential. However there are a number of questions which concern the Tenants Union, in particular the tenant management practices of local committees and the potential for the scheme to become a second tier of public housing which subsidises slum landlords.

SINGLES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Tenants Union has been involved in the implementation of the state government's singles housing policy. The Tenants Union has had representation on the advisory committee established for this purpose. Single people are now eligible for Housing Commission housing, however the major hinderance to the implementation of this policy is the lack of money with which to do it.

LAND LORD AND TENANT LAW REFORM

There has been much talk about this issue. Promises are always made that the long awaited reforms are around the corner. The old Cabramatta Working Party group has been reconvened and will campaign again this year.

PHONE IN

As part of the research for the submissions seeking legal change to prevent discrimination against people with children, a phone in has been organised for April. It will concentrate on the Sydney metrop. area and Wollongong, Newcastle and Orange/Bathurst. Bi-lingual people have volunteered to answer phones - and a range of languages (Greek, Italian, Spanish, Turkish, Arabic, Polish, Vietnamese and hopefully more) will be represented.



2. Secretary's

TENANCY IN N.S.W.

Over the last year the lot of the tenant has, if anything, deteriorated. There have been a few advances such as the Housing Commission policy on singles, and the implementation of the Community Tenancy Scheme. On the debit side there are the continuing problems associated with the recession: the loss of houses from the rental market (there has been a 25% reduction in the boarding house stock over the last three years); and rises in rents. This is in addition to pre-existing problems such as the lack of security of tenure and adequate maintenance etc.

Again, there is no change in the law reform situation. As far as we know it has been shelved with no immediate prospect of being resurrected. Hence tenants and especially licensees in N.S.W. are in a very disadvantaged position.

THE POSITION OF THE T.U.

The Tenants' Union has had a series of problems regarding the funding of the Resourcing Unit. The Legal Services Commission funding was forecast to increase, then it took a long time to define, then the tables were turned and we were back at the start. The position was improved when the state body gave interim funding. There was a major crisis in YACS funding when YACS tried to shunt us off to Consumer Affairs but the latter would not pick up the tab. After a short and sharp campaign interim funding was granted but we have been left in a very tenuous position.

There are currently 6 workers at the resourcing unit, including two wage pause workers who will be leaving at the beginning of July, and two from CEP who are employed until April '85. The latter have been employed since the A.G.M.

THANKS

On behalf of the Board I would like to thank the staff of Mary Perkins, Debbie Whitmont, Cait Perry, and Jane Skelton, for the excellent work they turn out. As can be seen from the project officers report (that of the resourcing unit) the amount of work covered is quite phenomenal. Also on behalf of the board I would like to thank Jean Currell who does the typing, and the volunteers in the Tenants Advice Service who held up the advice system. Finally I would like to personally thank the board, and a special thanks to Peter Colley for whom the accounts are a science not an art. I am not standing for secretary again and wish the incoming secretary all the best.



3. Elections

Following the A.G.M. the Management of the Tenants' Union is as follows:

DIRECTORS

For a 2 year term

Sue Dawson
Greg Combet
Gary Moore
Helen Sullivan
Julie Webb

ALTERNATE DIRECTORS

For a one year term

Julie Melbourne
Regina Haerstch
Nada Spasojevic

Filling a casual vacancy (Jean Currell resigned at the last board meeting)
Terry Johnson

Directors with one year to go (No election)

Merideth Foley
Peter Colley
Christine Gibson

OFFICE BEARERS

Secretary - Greg Combet
Treasurer - Peter Colley
Membership Secretary - Terry Johnson

4. Treasurer's

TENANTS UNION OF NEW SOUTH WALES CO-OP LIMITED

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 1983

	<u>General</u> \$	<u>Project</u> \$	<u>Wage Pause</u> <u>Program</u> \$	<u>Total</u> \$
<u>INCOME</u>				
Donations	348.00			348.00
Resource manual		596.15		596.15
Leaflets	60.00			60.00
Service fee	709.00			709.00
Grants		27,321.00	15,716.00	43,037.00
Interest	182.61			182.61
Miscellaneous	176.70			176.70
Building society interest		1,726.97		1,726.97
	1,476.31	29,644.12	15,716.00	\$46,836.43
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>				
Salaries & wages		27,600.62	5,209.39	32,810.01
Printing	274.80	1,507.81		1,782.61
Postage	284.16	425.86		710.02
Stationery	82.12	61.95		144.07
Hotline		246.14		246.14
Telephone		689.10		689.10
Photocopy	54.83	93.27		148.10
Secretary		3,234.80		3,234.80
Insurance		282.25		282.25
Travel		801.54		801.54
Multi-lingual project		269.90		269.90
Workshops		136.35		136.35
Miscellaneous		142.80		142.80
Subscriptions	5.00			5.00
Bank charges	64.51			64.51
Depreciation		217.00		217.00
Publicity		600.00		600.00
CTS Travel		141.38		141.38
Other expenses		148.67		148.67
W.P. administration			15.05	15.05
W.P. training			50.00	50.00
	765.42	36,599.44	5,274.44	\$42,639.30
Excess of Income over Expenditures				\$4,197.13

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TENANTS UNION OF NEW SOUTH WALES CO-OP LIMITED

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER, 1983

<u>1982</u> \$		\$	<u>1983</u> \$
<u>MEMBERS FUNDS</u>			
<u>SHARE CAPITAL</u>			
680	766 shares of \$1 each fully paid		766
19,665	Accumulated funds & reserves 31/12/82	19,643	
(22)	Transfer of surplus	<u>4,197</u>	
19,643			23,840
<u>OTHER LIABILITIES</u>			
<u>11</u>	Monies held in trust		<u>11</u>
<u>\$20,334</u>			<u>\$24,617</u>
This is represented by:-			
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>			
642	Furniture and fittings (Note 2)		695
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>			
4,432	Cash at bank	9,935	
14,910	Deposit - Building society (at call)	13,633	
350	Interest bearing deposits	350	
-	Other debtors	<u>4</u>	
19,692			23,922
<u>\$20,334</u>	<u>NET ASSETS</u>		<u>\$24,617</u>



TENANTS UNION OF NEW SOUTH WALES CO-OP LIMITED

In my opinion:

- (a) the attached balance sheet and statement of income and expenditure are properly drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Co-operative Act, 1923, as amended, and so as to give the information required by or under this Act in the manner so required and give a true and fair view of:-
 - (i) the state of affairs of the Co-operative at 31 December, 1983 and of
 - (ii) the income and expenditure of the Co-operative for the year ended 31 December, 1983.
- (b) I have obtained all the information and explanation which to the best of my knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of the audit.
- (c) Proper books of account have been kept.
- (d) The balance sheet and income expenditure accounts are in agreement with the books.
- (e) The register of members and other records which the Co-operative is required to keep by or under this Act or by its rules, have been properly kept,
- (f) The rules relating to the administration of the funds of the Co-operative have been observed.



R.B. BROWN
Chartered Accountant

Dated, 14 March, 1984

*and that's it
for the a.g.m.
folks!*

VIDEO VIDEO

EVICITION PROCEDURE VIDEO

Marrickville CYSS, in conjunction with Marrickville Legal Centre and Redfern Legal Centre are producing a video of an eviction court case.

The scripts were developed by Marrickville and Redfern Legal Centres and the roles played by participants of Marrickville CYSS. Filming and organisation of the project was done by CTSS Project Officer, Peter Symons and interested people from Metro Video. Filming took place at No.2 Court of Newtown Courts.

The finished product will hopefully be able to be used as an education resource showing how, as an advocate or as a tenant to argue the hardship in these matters, and thus gain extended time on eviction.

It will also show who is positioned where in the court room, and what role they play in the procedures.

The video has not yet been edited. A screening will be organised for people to make comments after this has been done.

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1. Introduction

Most people would agree that housing is a basic human need. Whereas in early civilisations, humans sought shelter at night and from bad weather, today we regard a house as "home" and it provides us with security, comfort, storage, a recluse and a place to entertain, as well as providing shelter.

At present, many of the health problems in our community relate to a lack of adequate housing. Many people are living in poorly maintained housing which affects their physical health. Others are paying high rents, leaving inadequate funds to pay for essentials such as food. Those who overcrowd their homes to cut costs, pay for it with physical and mental health problems. The majority of renters have little security of tenure and suffer the stresses of threats of eviction and harassment. In addition, the whole South Sydney community lives in close proximity to commercial and industrial activity which has been shown to be hazardous to health.

2. Decline of Dwelling Stock in South Sydney

According to 1982 Council figures (Sydney City Council), 25.5% of South Sydney's land areas was zoned residential. The actual stock of dwelling units has been declining over a long period, due to expansion by Sydney University, acquisitions by Government authorities, such as Department of Main Roads (D.M.R.) and Housing Commission of N.S.W. (H.C.), selling of strata filling of boarding houses, and private development.

Between 1976 and 1981 Census counts, 285 dwellings were lost in South Sydney; this represents 21.1% of dwelling stock.

South Sydney (S.S.) also has a high vacancy level in its dwelling stock. At June 1981 Census, 8.9% of private dwellings in S.S. were unoccupied, compared with a Sydney metropolitan average of 7.2%. The majority of vacant buildings are owned by either the N.S.W. Housing Commission (awaiting rehabilitation for housing) or the D.M.R., (awaiting proposed road systems expansions).

These trends and gentrification have caused an overall loss of population from South Sydney and a tightening of the existing housing market. Supply of rental housing can no longer match demand, forcing rents up and leading to increased overcrowding of dwellings.

3. Health Effects of Housing

3.1 Housing Costs

Escalating rents in the private market have placed considerable straining on tenants' budgets, particularly as wages have not kept pace and more people have become unemployed. During the Census period 1976-1981, inner city rents rose 86% while average earnings (of the employed) rose only 64%. Rent increases have continued since, with a Sydney Morning Herald survey revealing 25% average rent increases in South Sydney over the 6 months from April to October, 1982. This rate was much higher than the 5-10% rent growth displayed in 57 other metropolitan areas over the same period.

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Such trends appear to have a severe impact on tenants' health. Nutrition of the whole household suffers as tenants report spending more money on housing and less on food. This in turn, places increased emotional strains on household members. Another result of high rents is increased overcrowding of houses. In Redfern, particularly among tenants renting from private landlords, families are tending to rent houses of inadequate size, or 2 families will share one house. Overcrowding in Redfern has been shown to have detrimental effects on health in a survey conducted last year (see details later).

3.2 High Density Living

Notwithstanding overcrowding within houses, overall residential densities in South Sydney are already very high. Housing Commission high-rise developments have increased densities to the extent that South Sydney has the lowest per capita rate of open space in N.S.W. (0.86 hectares per 1,000 people, as against 2.83 ha. per 1,000 recommended as acceptable rate by Department of Environment and Planning). Indeed, the little open space in South Sydney is unevenly distributed so that there is very little unalienated open space near the high-rise flats.

Researchers have for a long time linked poverty, unemployment, overcrowding and density of occupation with diseases such as tuberculosis (and note that T.B. is creeping back into our population now), infant mortality, mental health problems and other respiratory diseases. Ken Smith's 1983 Redfern Housing and Health Survey found a high degree of overcrowding on the private rental market and a correlation between crowding and health. The survey revealed a significant association between overcrowding and the total number of health complaints experienced, and the number of consultations with G.P.'s and other health services. Overcrowding was also associated significantly with emotional health factors such as depression, lack of confidence, inability to concentrate, incapacity to make decisions.

Studies into the effects of high-rise living have revealed sufficient evidence to reverse this building trend. The N.S.W. Housing Commission has stopped building high-rise flats but there are over 2,000 people (mainly aged and single-parent families) already living in high-rise flats in Waterloo and Redfern. Research has found correlations between high-rise living and morbidity, respiratory infections and psychological strain. Studies also revealed that high density living affected parent-child relationships and discouraged close relationships with friends and neighbours. Ken Smith's 1983 Redfern Survey found a significant association between height of building and respondents feeling they were losing confidence in themselves.

3.3 Sub-Standard Housing

Many people in South Sydney are currently living in housing stock which is severely run-down. Whether squatting in vacant buildings or renting from private landlords, these people have little legal right to repairs and maintenance to bring their housing up to a reasonable standard. Their health risk from factors such as dampness and mildew, peeling lead paint, vermin, faults in drainage and sewerage lines, and building defects. They are also highly dissatisfied by their housing situation and frustrated by the lack of alternatives available.

3.4 Insecure Tenure

Tenants in private rental accommodation enjoy little security of tenure. They live in constant fear of eviction - either eviction following expiry of their 3 or 6 month lease, or threats of eviction if they fall behind in rent or make complaints to their landlords about essential issues such as repairs. Such fears are experienced by all members of a household and actual evictions can lead to interrupted schooling for children and general disruption of family life and other relationships. Housing Commission tenants are only offered weekly tenure and, although actual evictions are rare, the Commission often threatens to evict, thus instilling fear and feelings of powerlessness into tenants.

Homelessness is an increasing problem in South Sydney, particularly amongst unemployed youth. The decline of boarding house stock (30% lost in South Sydney from 1976 to 1981) has dried up the only affordable source of accommodation for unemployed singles. Most cannot afford private rental housing and are discriminated against by landlords. Until recently, they were ineligible for Housing Commission accommodation and there is not even a Youth Refuge available in the area to provide emergency accommodation. Their only alternatives are squatting in derelict, vacant properties, living on the streets or moving constantly between friends. The continued effects of unemployment, poverty and homelessness are showing up with physical health problems among young people, as well as feelings of inadequacy, depression and other stresses.

3.6 Boarding and Lodging Houses

Boarding and lodging houses have tended to accommodate the aged, young singles, handicapped people and those from institutions. They tend to attract people who cannot afford private rental housing but have no access to public housing, or those who require supported or supervised accommodation. South Sydney Boarding Houses, according to Council inspectors, are largely in run-down condition. Darkness, dampness, fire risks, poor ventilation and crowding have detrimental effects on residents' health. Surveys and reports by Health Department personnel have indicated inadequate levels of care in many boarding houses (in terms of food/hygiene), as well as physical abuses and over-medication of residents. Such factors obviously affect the physical and mental health of an already vulnerable population group. In addition, residents have no security in this housing, (they can be put out at a day's notice), and few legal rights against powerful exploitative proprietors.

4. Conclusion

It is difficult to separate social, environmental and economic factors as determinants of residents' health in South Sydney. However, it is clear that sub-standard, expensive housing, overcrowding and lack of security of tenure have a detrimental effect on the health of a population group who are already in a high risk category for health problems. Ken Smith's study revealed a high level of dissatisfaction with housing, particularly for those living in high-rise or in overcrowded conditions.

In order to redress these health problems, it is important to attack the underlying causes. Therefore, I would stress that one important role for our Health Centre is to work on housing issues, on an attempt to help prevent some of our community health problems.

Beth Mitchell
February, 1984.



PUBLIC TENANTS

The Public Tenants' Development Project is a group of people made up of Housing Commission tenants and Community Workers in Inner Sydney.

This group was formed after tenants from each area met to protest about the closure of rent offices in local areas.

The rent office closures is just one of the problems that Housing Commission tenants have had to face over a number of years. As individuals and small groups, it has been almost impossible to speak with Commission officers about these problems but as a larger group we have been able to speak with Housing Commission officers and with representatives of the Housing Minister. We are suggesting that tenants have a choice of ways and other places to pay rent.

The Project has employed 8 workers, who are all Housing Commission tenants, to work with groups of tenants in the next 12 months.

As well as the rent office closures, we will be working on other problems that commission tenants face.

At present, our meetings are held weekly, on Monday mornings, at Rachel Forster Hospital 'Roundhouse' in Redfern, but shortly they will be held in our new premises at 197 George St, Redfern. If you want to come along ring us first to check the location. The meeting is run by a Chairperson with a secretary taking minutes. These are not high powered positions and usually one or both is a Housing Commission tenant. We make an agenda or list of things to be talked about, at the beginning of each meeting, so anybody can add to the list.

The meeting is run in a friendly fashion and tenants can say as much or as little as they please. The group would welcome any tenants who feel they would like to attend. Transport can be provided for anyone who needs it.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE RING:

Liz Faunce	698 9299
Joy Ross	698 9299
Phillipa Broad	698 9299
Louise Turnbull	357 2778
Beth Mitchell	690 1222
Marsha Rosengarten	357 5555



ACTION (P.T.A.)



WE'RE REALLY SORRY

We would like to apologise to all the members of the Tenants' Union for taking so very, very, long to get out the Tenant News. Unfortunately problems of funding and staffing beset us, increasing workloads and leaving very little time to produce a newsletter. However, now that we have finished moving premises and have a (briefly) expanded workforce at the resourcing unit, the Tenant News will resume its usual splendour.....until the next crisis. Thanks for bearing with us.

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION

Because the newsletter has not come out for so long many members are behind in their renewal payments.

1984 renewal is now due!

If you are member and have not yet done so please fillout the accompanying form and send it in.

If you are not a member of the union you may like to join . An application form is available on the back of this newsletter.



renew your membership!

APPLICATION TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP OF THE TENANTS' UNION.

Name.....
 Address.....
 Telephone.....
 Occupation.....

Please Tick

Are you a tenant? Squatter?

Are you a home owner?

Organisation?

Annual Service Fee.

N.B. In cases of financial difficulty this may be negotiated with the Union.

- * Pensioners/Unemployed/Students \$1
- * Workers \$5
- * Organisations \$15
- * Donation \$ _____

I enclose

Signature.....
 Date

Return to:
 The Tenants' Union, of NSW Co-op Ltd.
 197 George St., Redfern, 2016

OFFICE USE ONLY.

Service
 Donation
 Receipt No.....
 Membership No.....

