

Housing co-operatives offer an alternative to private home ownership, the private rental market and public housing. They are democratically controlled by their members and offer greater housing security; better building quality and members report higher levels of wellbeing.

The community need

- Resolving Australia's housing crisis requires a multi-faceted approach that includes housing co-operatives.
- Rental and equity housing co-operatives are the "missing middle" for low to middle income Australians.
- Older Australians have reported a preference for shared equity and co-operative housing models.

ACHA's key objective is to increase awareness of the benefits and potential of co-operative housing.

What will that take?

- A highly engaged federal government leading housing reforms and supportive of the co-operative housing sector.
- Working with the Business Council of Co-operatives & Mutuals (BCCM) to increase knowledge and awareness of the importance of housing co-operatives in maintaining diversity and choice in the Australian housing system.
- ACHA to be recognised as a national voice for co-operative housing.
- ACHA and its members to be recognised as authorities in the delivery and development of co-operative housing.

Co-operative housing as a response to community need

Co-operative housing delivers affordable housing that supports renter agency, housing affordability, secure and sustainable tenancies and the development of a supportive co-operative community.

The priority outcomes ACHA seeks to deliver

- To sustain and strengthen best practice co-operative housing in each state and territory.
- To grow co-operative housing to 10% of Australia's social housing stock.

ACHA's 2023-2024 priorities

- To develop housing projects that will increase the supply of co-operative and community led housing.
- To contribute to the development of good governance practices for co-op and governing boards.
- To ensure ACHA is represented at key housing conferences.
- To actively contribute to the national co-operative housing agenda.

ACHA has been established to advocate for the benefits of the housing co-operative model and the growth and diversification of the social housing sector in Australia. It is an alliance of Registered Community Housing Providers that deliver co-operative housing, including **Common Equity Housing Ltd (CEHL) Victoria, Co-operation Housing (WA), Common Equity NSW, Common Equity SA** and **United Housing Co-operative** (as a representative of Victorian independent rental co-operatives).