



COMMUNITY HOUSING:

JEWEL *in the* CROWN

CHFV CEO **Jacqui Watt** says the community housing sector has been one of the “jewels in the crown” when it comes to effective Government stimulus spending. She confirms that

community housing organisations have developed hundreds of quality-built new homes both on-time and on-budget, while at the same time delivering affordable

rental properties that leave a legacy of long term social and economic benefits in communities right across Victoria. *>more on p.6*

CHL gets five star result in Sale



Community Housing Limited (CHL) recently launched a new ten unit development in Howard Street, Sale after working closely with local community group Five Star Project Inc. The development consists of a combination of one and two

bedroom apartments plus a common space for social support. New tenant Leah Pernu could barely contain her excitement as she got her first glimpse of her new home. *Photo by Eleanor Venables and provided courtesy of the Gippsland Times.*

With **600,000 ORGANISATIONS** and **4.3 MILLION VOLUNTEERS** contributing an estimated **\$43 BILLION** to Australia's GDP, the not-for-profit sector is estimated to contribute as much to the economy as the Australian retail sector. *>see p. 4*

The recently released Victorian Auditor General Office (VAGO) Report confirmed that Victoria's eight Housing Associations are **MORE THAN FULFILLING THEIR BRIEF** in terms of the number of homes they have built. They are on target to deliver 1733 dwellings, 183 more than the original growth target. And the unit cost is lower than expected too. *>see p. 7*

CHFV President Bryan Lipmann says community housing can address the **DEMOGRAPHIC TIME BOMB** coming our way. *>see p.10*

“DEAR JULIA, TONY AND BOB”... Catherine Upcher sends a pre-election plea to Canberra. *>see p.12*