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# Federation Bulletin



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## Development Network Meeting, 24<sup>th</sup> April

[Cordell's demonstration, Workcover Construction team and development benchmarking](#)

The Federation would like to invite anyone from the sector with an interest in property development to a development network meeting on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April at the Federation's offices.

There will be three topics for discussion on the day: a demonstration from Cordell's, a presentation from the Construction team at Workcover and an update and discussion on development benchmarking.

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## Cordell's: products and services to assist community housing providers who are engaged in property development

[Cordell's CEO Rob Wild and Chief Estimator Gary Thornley](#)

At the suggestion of the sector, the Federation has been in preliminary discussions with [Cordell's](#) for a number of months. Cordell Costing Solutions products are the leading authority on construction cost information for the building, property and insurance industries throughout Australia. This presentation is an opportunity for the sector to see what products and services Cordell's could offer to Community Housing Providers. Our discussions so far have centred on three potential products and services:

Using Cordell's costing data and processes to ensure tenders have been costed realistically and thoroughly.

Using Cordell's tenders online service

The potential to use Cordell's as a source of benchmarking data.

If there is sufficient interest from the sector, the Federation would be willing to enter into negotiations with Cordell's about a group purchase for access to these services on behalf of the sector.

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## Implications of the new WHS Act for construction

[Presentation from Workcover Construction team](#)

The new WHS Act has significant implications for people engaged in construction. This presentation from Workcover's Construction team will address these specific issues.

For example, are you aware of new WHS requirements to:

Produce a 'Designer's Safety Report' in consultation between the designer and Person in Control of a Business or Undertaking who commissions the work, including information to be provided to designer from person who commissions the work regarding workplace hazards and risks.

Obtain 'underground services information'. Reasonable steps need to be taken to obtain this information, and provide it information to workers.

Conduct audiometric testing and other new compliance requirements

Additional responsibilities for sub-contractors' safety

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## Development benchmarking

### Update on progress and consultation

The Federation has been in consultation with the sector and a number of other parties about your priorities for development benchmarks and to identify the most effective route to collect and provide development benchmarking data back to the sector. This session will be an opportunity for the Federation to provide an update on this work and to consult more widely on the benchmarks and data sets the sector wishes to see provided most urgently.

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## Details

### When, where and how much?

**Time:** Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April, 9.00 – 2.30, working lunch included

**Location:** NSW Federation of Housing Associations offices, Suite 301, 64-76 Kippax Street, Surry Hills 2010

**Cost:** free

**Registration:** Please register for catering purposes by emailing [adamwest@communityhousing.org.au](mailto:adamwest@communityhousing.org.au)

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