

Joining forces for housing

ALEXANDRA ECONOMOU

SOUTH Australian not-for-profit organisation Common Ground Adelaide has helped secure its local expansion plans through a new national partnership.

Common Ground has joined forces with Melbourne-based Housing Choices Australia, one of Australia's largest affordable housing providers.

Common Ground Adelaide chairman Colin Goodall said the board had spent the past two years planning ways to se-



PLANS:
Common
Ground
Adelaide
chief
executive
Maria
Palumbo

cure the future of CGA's local operations.

CGA was established in 2006 by the Rann government, aided by business and community leaders. It also received \$3 million from Santos to help establish its SA operations.

CGA now provides housing for around 220 people: men, women and children, many of whom would otherwise be sleeping rough.

Common Ground operates in different states and territories, as well as regional areas.

CGA now has an office in Port Augusta, in the state's North.

"This has been an intense process involving extensive discussion and evaluation as we remain committed to upholding the Common Ground vision," Mr Goodall said.

+