

# CWH INSIDE HOUSING

LIVING LOCAL BUILDING COMMUNITIES



The main structure has now reached level 4 and the finishing trades are starting to make their way through the lower levels.

## 'Arthur' – A short film

A thought-provoking insight into bullying, self-confidence and mental health

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## Tenant Participation Group

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## Back to School BBQ

Join CWH Staff and Dr Justin Coulson for our Back to School BBQ

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## As the year draws to a close



Janelle Goulding  
Chief Executive Officer

Welcome to our final edition of Inside Housing for 2014. It is almost impossible to believe that Christmas is around the corner and 2014 is nearing an end. This has been an outstanding year for City West Housing as our first development for several years reaches completion and another two projects are in the pipeline.

This year has been a year of change for City West Housing as our new staffing structure was finalised, many policies updated and reviewed and there was a very strong focus on the asset management and maintenance of our properties.

I would like to welcome Chris Bartley, our

new Community Engagement Manager to the team. In 2015 a major objective for City West Housing will be the development and implementation of a strong Community Engagement plan, which will involve input and collaboration with our tenants and the wider community to ensure a strong sense of belonging and to enrich the lives of everyone in our community.

As we approach the holiday period it is timely to raise this thought. Living in apartments can sometimes present challenges which may escalate to disputes amongst neighbours. Disturbances in common areas and noise can sometimes be unintentional but can cause a significant disruption to other people's

lives. As we have a diverse mix of tenants in our buildings including families with children and older residents it is important to be extra considerate of your neighbours.

In closing, I would like to take a moment to spare a thought for the victims of the Rozelle Fire which occurred in September. City West Housing was very pleased to make a donation to the appeal and to also be able to offer accommodation to two of the victims who were left homeless following the tragedy.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy, safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year and I look forward to seeing you all in 2015. ○

## COMMUNITY SPIRIT

City West Housing (CWH) is working with the community for the community

### 'ARTHUR' – A THOUGHT PROVOKING SHORT FILM

CWH has sponsored a short film called 'Arthur' which was produced and directed by In the Jungle Productions.

The theme of the film is 'don't judge a book by its cover' and revolves around four characters who see something different in the mirror to what the outside world may see. It explores subject-matter including depression, bullying and self-confidence and was filmed in and around the Inner West.

CWH will have the main credit at the end of the film. We will receive copies of 'Arthur' to give to some of our tenants, and the producers have also offered to run some short film workshops. We look forward to sharing the film with our tenants and the community in the coming weeks. ○

### TENANT PARTICIPATION GROUP – TPG

CWH is currently forming a Tenant Participation Group and recently held an open evening for interested tenants. Our aim is to have representatives from each building attend up to six meetings throughout 2015. The aim of the Tenant Participation Group (TPG) is:

- Provide constructive feedback/discussion about activities, events and strategies and necessary support/network services
- Share information about CWH activities
- Encourage tenant participation
- Act as a group to strengthen engagement amongst all tenants and the wider community

Our Community Engagement Manager is accepting nominations and interest from tenants. If you are interested or would like to more information, please contact **Chris Bartley** on

☎ 8584 7512 ✉ [chris@citywesthousing.com.au](mailto:chris@citywesthousing.com.au) ○

### FIND US ON FACEBOOK

We have a new facebook page. It is a great way to keep up to date with CWH and our community. Please be aware the old 'Residents Page' has been deleted.

### HOW TO FIND CITY WEST HOUSING

1. Log into your personal Facebook account
2. In the top search bar type in 'City West Housing'
3. Look for our Orange 'Anzac Bridge' Logo
4. Click the 'like' button

 Our facebook address is [www.facebook.com/cwh.citywesthousing](http://www.facebook.com/cwh.citywesthousing)



ABOVE  
CWH tenants and staff enjoying our 'Spring BBQ'.

## STEP INTO SPRING BBQ

'Our Spring BBQ was held at John Street on 2 October and was a great success. Tenants from Pyrmont and Green Square came down for a delicious sausage sizzle! Our new shade sail installations were a welcome addition to shade us from the bright sunny weather.

CWH staff enjoyed the opportunity to meet and talk with tenants and their guests.' ○



## BONITA'S MISSION

### STAFF MEMBER LENDING A HELPING HAND

Bonita has been busy during her time on leave. She recently visited China as a part of a mission to build wheelchairs for underprivileged people.

CWH is very proud of Bonita's efforts and we look forward to her return. ○



ABOVE  
The mission members in pink working with the local residents.



# ASSETS

Our Assets Team have been very busy - here is a quick update on all the projects taking place.

## FIRE UPGRADES

Fire upgrades continue throughout the CWH portfolio. The latest properties to begin are:

- 15 and 17 Jones Street, Pyrmont - *won by Fire Compliance and Maintenance*
- 137 Murray Street, Pyrmont - *Electrical Safety Services*
- 54-60 Macarthur Street, Ultimo - *Fire Compliance and Maintenance*

Notices from the contractor and CWH will inform all tenants of access requirements and the project progress. All storage areas require inspection and detection installed. Please help CWH with access to these areas. ○

## MAINTENANCE UPDATE

The tendering process has commenced for lifts 3 and 4. Each lift will take approximately 12 weeks to upgrade. Tenants will be notified when work is due to commence. Remedial roof works to the privately owned units managed by Jamesons Strata will commence in the coming weeks. Mailbox installation of new locks continues across various buildings, all properties expected to be completed this year. Window lock installation continues with 88 John Street, Pyrmont.

CWH appreciate and would like to thank all tenants for their cooperation during these projects. ○

## HANDY HINTS

- Keep all balcony drains clear, do not put pot plants or other items on drains
- Do not place items on balcony ledges
- Do not throw items from balconies
- If your smoke alarm beeps, this means the backup battery requires changing. Please mute the alarm and change the battery. (If you have problems please contact CWH). Please do not remove the smoke or thermal detector from the ceiling as there is live 240volt cabling behind. The cost to reinstate will be recharged to the tenant.
- Notify CWH asap of any water leaks or hazardous situations
- If your contact details change, please notify CWH. In an emergency, we use these details to contact you before entering your unit. ○

## EMAIL

Do you have an email account? City West Housing would like to keep in contact with you. Email [chris@citywesthousing.com.au](mailto:chris@citywesthousing.com.au) with your name and address to ensure your email is on file. ○



## PROJECT UPDATES

### NORTH EVELEIGH

With the prototype unit for North Eveleigh now complete, CWH can effectively benchmark the quality of finishes throughout the project and ensure a superior product is delivered. Completion is still on track for late December. ○

### PORTMAN STREET

Works have now commenced on Portman Street with excavation scheduled to be completed prior to Christmas. CWH are still anticipating a December 2015 completion for this project. ○

### BOURKE STREET

First round concepts are now complete for Bourke Street Waterloo. The design team, with careful planning and ingenuity, has achieved a yield of 70 units on site in a mix of 1, 2 and 3 bedroom apartments. Following finalisation of these concepts we anticipate a development application to be lodged early in the New Year. ○

## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

## YOGA, ART CLASSES AND GARDENING

City West Housing is seeking expressions of interest for activities that tenants would like to be involved in next year. This expression of interest will help shape CWH Community Engagement Plan along with a tenant survey which you will receive in the coming months. Our current expression of interest focuses on YOGA, Art Classes and Gardening.

If you are interested, contact Chris Bartley on 8584 7512 or [chris@citywesthousing.com.au](mailto:chris@citywesthousing.com.au) with your availability. Please be aware that these activities are subject to change. ○

# AGM AT CARRIAGEWORKS

City West Housing's Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on 27 November at the Carriageworks in North Eveleigh - adjacent to our new development. The board, staff and guests were privileged to have Uncle Max Eulo of the Budjedi tribe return to conduct the official Welcome to Country. Uncle Max, who has officially welcomed the Queen, the Pope and Oprah, originally conducted the smoking ceremony prior to commencement of the Eveleigh development in October 2013.

The AGM was an opportunity to highlight the many successes that CWH has achieved this year, particularly the North Eveleigh development which was a showcase of the event. The board and guests were given a tour by Richard Crookes Construction of the new prototype units. They were very impressed by the quality, design and efficiency of the units.

Another key feature of the AGM was the premiere of "Roof Over My Head" a short film production showcasing the diversity of CWH tenants and briefly telling their story. The film was very well received and a copy can be found on CWH's new website and facebook pages. ○



**ABOVE**  
Uncle Max Eulo of the Budjedi tribe carrying out the traditional Welcome to Country.



**RIGHT**  
CWH Senior Development Manager taking the board and guests on a tour of the North Eveleigh Development.

## Q&A with CHRIS BARTLEY

Chris recently joined the City West Housing (CWH) Team as the Community Engagement Manager. Originally, he was from the sunny beaches of the Gold Coast where he taught in a primary school. After a gap year teaching abroad, he moved to Sydney and into the Community Engagement field working on a wide range of projects in South-Western Sydney. CWH is committed to working with the community for the community and we look forward to having Chris in the role.



### Q. WHAT DOES COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MEAN TO YOU?

The role of Community Engagement changes from business to business and continues to change over time. Personally, I believe Community Engagement is about keeping our tenants informed, celebrating diversity, building relationships and partnerships and increasing participation in our community.

### Q. WHAT ARE YOU EXCITED ABOUT IN THE NEW ROLE?

Community Engagement is very diverse and every day can be different and exciting. I am looking forward to establishing the Tenant Participation Group, organising ongoing community BBQ's and events, building the profile of City West Housing in the community and launching our new website and social media.

### Q. WHAT IS YOUR CLAIM TO FAME?

As a six year old I was the first person to eat at my local chicken shop and I made it into the local newspapers. 12 years later, I told my story on Channel V on a segment called 'Claim to Fame' and won \$250 worth of CD's. The Chicken burger paid for itself and then some. ○

## BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ

with guest speaker  
*Dr Justin Coulson*

HARRIS COMMUNITY CENTRE  
97 QUARRY STREET  
WED 21 JANUARY  
11am to 1pm

RSVP'S CLOSE  
12 January 2015

Join CWH Staff and Dr Justin Coulson for our Back to School BBQ. Any tenant with school aged children is encouraged to attend.

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER - **Dr Justin Coulson**, Honorary Fellow, University of Wollongong and a Senior Associate, Positive Psychology Institute.

Dr Coulson writes a weekly column for Sydney's Daily Telegraph, appears regularly on Channel 9's Mornings, the TODAY show, the Project, and is the parenting expert at kidspot.com.au

SPACES ARE LIMITED and RSVP's essential. To RSVP or find out more information please contact Chris on 85847512 or [chris@citywesthousing.com.au](mailto:chris@citywesthousing.com.au)

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