

CWH INSIDE HOUSING

LIVING LOCAL BUILDING COMMUNITIES



Getting to know your neighbours! CWH tenants meet over lunch provided by Oz Harvest at The Platform housewarming.

Strong growth for the year ahead

Janelle Goulding
Chief Executive Officer

Things are warming up here at City West Housing as we move through the chilly winter months.

Our growth continues to be strong as we deliver on our business commitment to provide more housing to those who need assistance with affordable rental accommodation close the City. Our latest development in Portman Street, Zetland is progressing well and is on track for completion in February 2016. Our current development pipeline will see our portfolio increased by over 80% in the next three years.

Our Asset team was stretched to the limit with the heavy and wild storms Sydney experienced in April. We had several properties that suffered some damage and an excessive amount of calls for maintenance. The team

handled things incredibly well, and the primary concern as usual was the safety of all residents. Always a good reminder at times like this to keep a torch handy!

Our new Community Engagement Manager, René has been busy rewriting the CWH Community Engagement Strategy to look beyond the service provision at ground level to a much broader scope which involves larger projects and partnerships which will link our tenants to the wider community. By doing this we hope to facilitate a more meaningful 'community connection' which has proven to be the vital area for our tenants in feeling engaged and connected to where they live. This has also included a 'Place Making Initiative' where tenants can put forward their ideas for projects.

You may also be aware that we have allowed Oz Harvest (A food rescue organization) the short term use of the café space located next to our office in Harris Street. The pop up café Harvested operates on Tuesdays and Wednesdays which is inspired by the challenge to waste less food. The opening of Harvested was held on Tuesday May 12th with special guests Will & Steve (2015 MKR winners). For a small donation of \$15 you can enjoy an amazing lunch and your \$15 will feed 30 people in need. The restaurant operates from 11.30am till 2pm. From Thursday - Saturday evenings and Sunday lunches the pop-up space will be open as Baraka Pop-Up Restaurant, where proceeds will also go to Oz Harvest. ○

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PORTMAN ST

Construction is progressing on the basement and ground floor slabs.

The site to provide 104 apartments - a mix of one, two and three bedrooms including approx. 15% adaptable accommodation for elderly or disabled tenants. There is a single level basement providing parking for 40 cars and ample bicycle storage. The South Sydney Hospital Site's precinct revitalisation will include adaptive reuse of several heritage buildings, partial development for medium density housing, as outlined in the South Sydney Hospital Site Master plan. A range of community facilities as well as potential retail, commercial and affordable housing will create a new and lively quarter.

EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED

February 2016. ○



BOURKE ST

CWH is preparing to lodge a Development Application for Bourke St, Waterloo.

It is expected to provide homes for approximately 70 households with a mix of 1, 2 and 3 bedroom apartments as well as parking for cars and bicycles.

Located on the western alignment of Bourke Street, Waterloo, it is within 600m of Green Square Railway Station as well as being in easy reach of the Sydney CBD, airport, schools, public transport, major motorways and private hospitals.

CWH are aiming to have DA approval by Spring 2015. We expect construction to commence later in the year.

EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED

Late 2016. ○



BOTANY RD

CWH recently acquired the Botany Rd site in Alexandria.

Botany Road is expected to provide homes for approx. 65 households with a mix of 1, 2 and 3 bedroom apartments as well as parking for cars and bicycles. The site is located the northern end of Alexandria and is bound to the east by Botany Road and is in excellent proximity to a range of amenities and services available in the area including parks, educational establishments, community facilities. Green Square and Redfern stations and bus services which are located within meters along Botany Road and surrounding major streets.

EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED

Early 2018. ○

THE PLATFORM HOUSEWARMING

In April this year CWH tenant Annie decided she wanted to encourage other tenants of all ages to join together by hosting a social inclusion focused event.

"No one knows their neighbours anymore. The modern definition of a 'good neighbour' is not someone you can call on to borrow a screwdriver from rather, someone who just doesn't bother you. Well, why can't we have both? Sure, not everyone wants to know their neighbour's star sign or milk preference but wouldn't it be nice to at least know who lives next door? Or maybe you're like me and want that bit more, that real sense of community from where you rest your head.

Being residents of CWH puts us in the fortunate position of being able to have that, they've got the resources if we've got the enthusiasm. I've pitched the idea of a house warming, a community garden, an art installation, school holiday kids activities, and more but this isn't just my house it's everyone's home so if you're on the same page and want in on a building where someone will water your plants when you're away or do the school pick-up when you're working late then raise your voice and have your say. You might not have time, we mightn't have anything in common but where's the harm in just saying 'hi'?" - Annie CWH tenant."



CWH tenants getting to know each other with lunch provided by Oz Harvest.



SO DON'T FORGET.....

We have the **'Placemaking Initiative'** happening this year which means there are funds available for tenant ideas of how they would like to imagine or reinvent your neighbourhood. It could be as simple as Annie's idea of a 'Housewarming' or something that would incorporate the wider community... 'With will one can do anything' - Samuel Smiles. ○



BIGGEST MORNING TEA

On May 28th CWH staff raised funds for the Biggest Morning Tea – if any of our tenants would like to hold a Biggest Morning Tea event next year contact **Rene'** the Community Engagement Manager on ☎ **8584 7512**. ○

CITY TO SURF 2015

Ever wanted to give it a go and thought “not this year, I’m not fit enough... maybe next year” or “I’d love to but don’t have the money this year” or perhaps you have a disability and never thought it was possible? Well look no further! City West Housing are giving the first 10 tenants to apply in writing not only the opportunity to enter the 2015 City to Surf but also join an outstanding disability service ‘Fighting Chance’ (fightingchance.org.au) who support some of our most vulnerable.



To enter contact **Rene'** on ☎ **8584 7500** or pop into to the CWH office at 56 Harris St Pyrmont for an application form and tell us in 25 words or less why you think you should be selected. *Good luck!*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

10 JULY	NAIDOC STALL with Richard Villasanti
9 AUG	CITY TO SURF with Fighting Chance
12 SEPT	TENANT BBQ Green Square residents

For more info about upcoming events contact **Rene'** on ☎ **8584 7500**

FREE FAMILY PASSES FOR TENANTS Taronga Zoo and Australian National Maritime Museum. Call **8584 7500** to book in!

WESLEY MISSION FINANCIAL COUNSELLING

CWH is now offering in partnership with Wesley Mission a free and confidential service to families and individuals of CWH that are experiencing financial difficulties. This service will offer:

- Advice about laws relating to payment and recovery of debts and bills
- Assistance in exploring options to deal with difficult financial circumstances
- Negotiation and advocacy on behalf of clients, if requested

A financial counsellor can:

- Explain what people can do if they can't pay bills, fines or debts
- Help people work out their payments with creditors
- Tell people about government and other assistance that may be available
- Assist with credit and loan issues



For further information or to arrange an appointment call Wesley Mission on 1300 827 638 (please state you are a City West Housing tenant to receive the free service) ○

ASSETS UPDATE

ALTERATION/ADDITIONS TO PROPERTY

All tenants are reminded that any alterations or additions you wish to carry out on City West properties must obtain prior written approval from CWH. Please contact CWH for a copy of 'application to request alteration/addition to property'. This provision is made as per the Residential tenancy Agreement 2010 and any works carried out without receiving prior consent from CWH will result in a breach of your agreement. ○

FIRE SAFETY UP-GRADE

As part of the on-going fire up-grade works currently underway at CWH the Fire Detection System will soon go live to NSW Brigades for the following buildings:

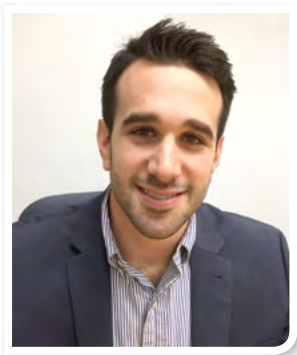
- 17 Jones St, Pyrmont
- 15 Jones St Pyrmont
- 14a Quarry Master Dr, Pyrmont
- 223 Harris St, Pyrmont

WINTER SAFETY TIPS

IS YOUR PROPERTY WINTER FIRE SAFE?

- Do your homework before purchasing home heaters
- Check electric blankets for damaged or frayed cords before use.
- Keep curtains, table cloths and bedding away from portable heaters
- If you use a clothes' dryer make sure you clean the lint filter every time you use it.

Only use one appliance per power point and switch off when not in use. **In all cases of emergency call 000.** ○



NEW STAFF

DUSTIN GENTELE recently joined CWH as Senior Development Manager in the team managing construction of new developments. Dustin has worked in both the private and public sectors providing residential housing developments. ○



Q&A with MELANIE

Q. WHAT DOES A CWH DEVELOPMENT MANAGER DO?

The Development Manager is primarily responsible for the successful delivery of projects. We work with and manage architects, various consultants, councils and builders. The development manager is typically involved right from the project's inception through to completion. We assist in the conceptualisation of a project, determining its feasibility, obtaining development approval and delivering the end product.

Q. WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT YOUR JOB?

The projects and diversity of the role. Each project is unique and has its own set of challenges. I really enjoy working with the wide range of consultants (planners, architects, engineers, builders, public artists etc.)

Q. WHAT WOULD LIKE TENANTS TO KNOW ABOUT CWH?

City West Housing is on track to double our housing portfolio within the next five years.

Q. TELL US A FUN FACT ABOUT YOURSELF.....

I have a photographic memory! ○

DID YOU KNOW?

EVER WANTED A GARDEN BUT HAVE NOWHERE TO PUT ONE?

Here's an alternative...the City of Sydney allows residents to set up gardens on public footpaths. Who knew? There are a few areas of consideration such as;

- you need to make sure that your footpath gardening project is respectful of the needs of others
- it must be well-maintained and safe
- and must keep the footpath accessible for everyone

To make sure your garden meets City of Sydney requirements, you are required to fill out and submit a simple checklist before you start your project. You must be able to answer 'yes' to all relevant questions in the checklist. Once you've submitted your checklist you can start your garden - you don't need confirmation from the city.

You can access the checklist from the City of Sydney website or contact **Rene'** on 📞 **8584 7512** for more information. ○

TENANCY

HOW TO BE A GOOD NEIGHBOUR

- Be aware of shared walls
- Alert your neighbours of upcoming parties
- Keep entrance to your unit and balconies tidy
- Practice parking etiquette - only parking in your designated space and not blocking entrances
- Be mindful of BBQ and cigarette smoke on balconies
- Keep garbage rooms tidy. Use correct garbage bins (if a collection of bulky items is needed, please contact The Maintenance Team)
- Respect the privacy of your neighbours
- Be aware of your surroundings, as well as theirs.

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