

Housing Trust News

A newsletter with the latest information

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Welcome & Hello

Welcome to our first edition of the Housing Trust News! In previous years we have had regular Housing Trust Tenant Newsletters. We have now updated the newsletter inline with our strategic and business plans to talk more about what we are doing as an organisation and highlighting specific events, news, and interesting topics.

The year so far has been busy one, with a change in our Executive team, implementation of our new website, our newly completed development in Shellharbour, partnership agreement with Warrigal, Seniors Day event with our tenants plus many more, I would like to introduce you to our new General Managers (pictured right L-R), Jim O'Shea, General Manager Corporate Services - Jim manages the business operations from finance, governance, business administration, HR, Legal and compliance. Dave Milligan General Manager Property Services, Dave manages property development, asset management and contractors. Jaymee Beveridge General Manager Customers & Communities. Jaymee manages the customer service operations including housing services, tenancy management, community development and support services partnership.

As a team, we work on the strategy to provide more homes,

better services and reduce homelessness in the Illawarra.

We are all excited to work together to achieve our business goals and to make a difference in the community.

Till next time,
Joan Ferguson
CEO



L-R: Jim O'Shea, Dave Milligan, Joan Ferguson(CEO) and Jaymee Beveridge

Keys to new homes in Shellharbour

April was an exciting month for us, our Customers & Communities staff signed over 70 new leases and handed tenants keys to their new homes at our newly completed NRAS development in Shellharbour - Central Gardens.

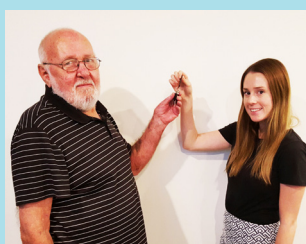
We are extremely happy to announce all homes at Central Garden are occupied and over 120 people now have new affordable rental homes in the Illawarra.

Please see below some of the great moments captured with our staff handing the keys to our tenants,

For more information on Central Gardens please visit our website www.housingtrust.org.au



L-R: Adam HT Staff handing keys to Alexander for his new home.



L-R: Geoff receiving his new house keys from Trisha HT Staff



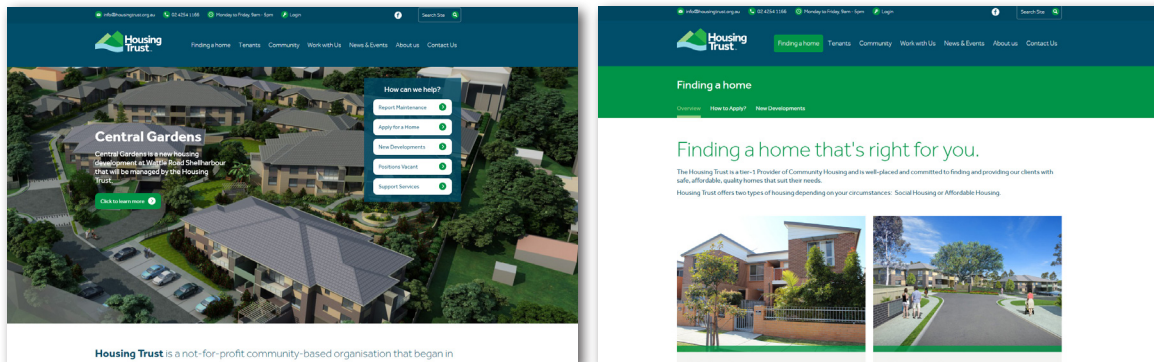
L-R: Mary signed her new lease and keys from Sue HT staff



L-R: Peta HT staff completed the new lease for Cheryl and Fred

Take a look at our new website

As part of our strategic plan to implement a new online platform that communicates effectively the latest information, up-to-date news, clear steps to assist our customers, mobile device friendly that will allow easier access to our website and promote our organisation and the services we provide. Our new website is now live, take a look and we would love to hear your feedback!



Images: screenshots of our new website L-R Homepage & Finding a Home

www.housingtrust.org.au

Senior's Week 2016

NSW Seniors Week for 2016 started from Friday 1st April to Sunday 10th April 2016.

Each year, the Housing Trust celebrates Senior's Week by hosting a Senior Day event for our elderly tenants. This event is to celebrate, enjoy the activities, find out more information to assist on improving your lifestyle, finding out the new trends and to have a fun day at the Housing Trust office with staff, other tenants and the community.

This year we celebrated Seniors week on Tuesday 5th April from 10am - 2.00pm with the theme being 'Grow Younger & Live Longer'. It was a successful event starting with the 'Welcome to Country' ceremony from Aunty Bev, speech from our CEO and the commencement of the activities; art workshop, photobooth, computer and maintenance helpdesk, Warrigal Care information session, BINGO and many more.

We would like to thank everyone that took time to attend the event, our tenants, community groups, Warrigal Care and the HT staff for making Seniors Day event a memorial and enjoyable day.



Images: 1. Aunty Bev and Joan Ferguson, 2. Tenants enjoying art workshop, 3. tenants enjoying seniors day event, 4. & 5. HT staff and tenants loved the photobooth activity

Our next issue will be out in August with 4 new topics or items. To stay up-to-date please check our website or facebook page regularly. If you have any items that you would like us to address in our Housing Trust News, contact us on 4254 1166 or see below for other contact details.

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