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NEW SOCIAL HOUSING HUB LAUNCHED ON NORTHERN BEACHES

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Leading Sydney community housing provider Bridge Housing today launched its new Northern Beaches Housing Hub, a community space for social housing applicants, tenants and support partners to access housing assistance.

The Housing Hub sits within Bridge Housing's newly-refurbished Brookvale office, which was previously the social housing office of the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS, now Department of Communities and Justice).

James Griffin, the state MP for Manly, also formally opened the office, which has been operating under Bridge's management since August 5 as part of the Social Housing Management Transfer program, in partnership with the Women's Housing Company.

The Housing Hub is a space where support partner organisations can regularly meet our residents and applicants to discuss their support needs and connect them to relevant services. Bridge Housing has begun working with local services in the area including Mission Australia, Catholic Care, Community Care Northern Beaches, Community Northern Beaches, Brookvale Community Health Centre.

Bridge Housing CEO John Nicolades said: "The Housing Hub is an exciting initiative for building our capacity to connect residents with the support services they need in order to lead happy, secure lives in their communities."

"We are delighted to be part of this, the biggest social housing management transfer ever, in managing some 1,200 tenancies on the Northern Beaches and thank the local Member for Manly, James Griffin MP, for his support."

James said: "The Housing Hub is a brand new and welcoming community space for social housing applicants, tenants and service providers to access social housing assistance on the Northern Beaches. It provides a vital safety net for people who are facing significant and often complex challenges, including homelessness, domestic and family violence, mental health issues or disability."

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About Bridge Housing

Bridge Housing is a leading NSW community housing association that sources and develops social and affordable housing for people on moderate-to-low incomes across 20 local government areas in greater Sydney. It has some 3,560 properties.

About the Women's Housing Company

The Women's Housing Company provides social and affordable housing, as well as crisis and transitional accommodation for women on limited incomes, managing over 1,000 properties across Sydney, the Hunter Region and Coffs Harbour.