

# Bridge Buddies



## Application Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Age:  18 - 30  30 - 55  55 - 70  70+

How long have you been a Bridge Housing tenant? \_\_\_\_\_  
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What are your interests and / or hobbies? We will try and match you to a buddy with similar interests.

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Please list any languages you speak other than English:

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When is the best day or time for you to talk to your buddy? Please circle the best times for you to speak with or meet your Buddy:

### Best day of the week

- Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday
- Friday
- Saturday
- Sunday

### Best time of the day

- Morning
- Afternoon
- Evening

The best communication method for me is (please tick all that apply):

- Telephone
- Text/SMS
- Email
- In person

Are you interested in any of the following? (please tick)

- Meeting other Bridge Housing tenants
- Meeting neighbours and other tenants in your local area
- Learning more about Bridge Housing tenant programs and events
- Asking or answering questions about being a Bridge Housing tenant
- Getting to know 'new' Bridge Housing tenants
- Sharing interests and hobbies with other tenants

Other

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# Bridge Buddies Guidelines

## What is Bridge Buddies?

Bridge Buddies is a way for new Bridge Housing tenants to get to know how things work at Bridge Housing by talking to other Bridge Housing tenants. It is also a way for tenants to get to know other people in the tenant community. This will be done through matching 'buddies' together for conversation, email contact or in person meetings.



## How does Bridge Buddies work?



The Bridge Housing Community Team will keep a register of interested residents and will help facilitate

the initial contact between buddies. The buddies will then be able to arrange times that suit them to talk on the phone or meet in person. The Community Team will be available to support buddies and ensure that any issues that arise are resolved in a timely manner.

## How can I apply?

Fill in the Bridge Buddies application form. Answer as many questions as you can so we can match you with a buddy with similar experience and interests. You will then need to read and agree to the Bridge Buddies Code of Conduct. Once you have spoken with the Community Team, we will match you up with a buddy.



## How long will I stay a Buddy?

A buddy can be matched with a tenant (or tenants) for as long as they have spare time and are happy to be involved.

If a buddy or a tenant makes someone else feel uncomfortable, or acts inappropriately, they may be asked to leave the program.

## What else do I need to know?

Buddies will be asked to sign confidentiality and code of conduct agreements to support everyone to stay safe. If you have any questions about the program please call the Communities Team on 8324 0800.

## Who are the buddies?

Buddies are Bridge Housing tenants who have some free time that they would like to use to help new tenants learn about Bridge Housing or who would like to get to know other tenants in the community. Buddies might also be Bridge Housing residents who would just like someone they can chat with every now and again.

Buddies will be paired with other tenants with similar interests and experience so buddies can get to know one another. They will also be able to share information and answer questions about being a Bridge Housing tenant. This might include questions about getting involved at Bridge Housing, understanding Rent Review, starting a community garden, using MyBridge or just simply sharing information and knowledge about your local area.

## Who can be a buddy?

Any Bridge Housing resident over the age of 18 can apply to be a Bridge Buddy.

