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**NEW PARTNERSHIP TO OFFER HOSPITAL WORKERS
AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN CANADA BAY**

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A new partnership between the City of Canada Bay and leading Sydney community housing provider Bridge Housing aims to help Concord Hospital staff and other lower income workers in the area live near their workplace.

City of Canada Bay is one of the few Councils in New South Wales that runs an affordable housing program. Its 27 one, two and three bedroom homes are located across North Strathfield, Mortlake and Drummoyne.

Bridge Housing won a competitive tender to manage the City of Canada Bay tenancies from 1 October. It already manages affordable housing for Waverley Council and Sydney Olympic Park Authority (SOPA) and has developed new affordable housing in the Blacktown LGA.

Mayor Helen McCaffrey said: "By providing affordable rental housing, Council aims to assist people earning low to moderate incomes to live and work in the City of Canada Bay, provide them with improved rental housing security and enable them to establish savings for the private rental market or home ownership."

Bridge CEO John Nicolades said: "The program sits at the geographic centre of our housing portfolio and it strengthens Bridge Housing's reputation as a tenancy manager of affordable housing across greater Sydney."

"We are delighted to be supporting Canada Bay's innovation in attracting and retaining essential service workers to this LGA by ensuring they can find an affordable home close to work and the opportunity to then transition into other housing options."

A particular focus is ensuring that staff at Concord Hospital can afford to live in the area. All but one of the properties is currently tenanted but applications can be made by visiting www.bridgehousing.org.au/affordablehousing/CanadaBay

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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 18 local government areas in greater Sydney. It has more than 1,800 properties housing 2,900 people and is set to deliver an extra 350 affordable homes by 2018.