

## 1,200 NORTHERN BEACHES SOCIAL HOUSING TENANTS WELCOMED TO COMMUNITY HOUSING SECTOR

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Some 1,200 social housing tenants and their families on the Northern beaches this week transitioned their tenancies from the NSW Government to leading Sydney community housing organisation Bridge Housing and specialist housing provider the Women's Housing Company.

The providers will manage all social housing on the Northern beaches on behalf of the Government for the next 20 years, following a competitive tender in 2017.

Bridge Housing CEO John Nicolades said: "We are delighted to welcome these new residents to our diverse community. We will draw on more than 30 years' experience of supporting low-to-moderate income residents across greater Sydney to sustain their tenancies and create opportunities for social connection to help integrate our new tenants."

No tenant has had to move homes as a result of the NSW Government's Social Housing Management Transfer (SHMT) Program.

Bridge Housing, in partnership with the Women's Housing Company, will be responsible for delivering all social housing services on the Northern beaches including managing applications for housing assistance, tenancy management, asset management and community engagement. We will also help to run the Social Housing Service System with Link Housing and SGCH, across the entire northern region of Sydney.

The Northern beaches portfolio stretches from Mosman in the south to Collaroy in the north. Many of the residents are aged over 50 and live in single-person households.

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Bridge Housing is an award-winning, Tier 1 registered community housing provider with a social and affordable housing portfolio of some 3,500 properties across Greater Sydney. We have been managing tenancies and supporting residents on low-to-moderate incomes for more than 30 years. Visit [www.bridgehousing.org.au](http://www.bridgehousing.org.au) for more information.

