

Tenant Newsletter

March 2026

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Autumn 2026



CEO Update

It's hard to believe that summer is already over! I want to start by thanking everyone who joined our end of year picnic at Bradfield Park, it was a great way to close out a very busy year. I also want to thank all the tenants who joined the tenant advisory groups last year, we really value all the feedback and advice you gave us on our new strategy in 2025 and look forward to working with you again this year.

Shortly, we'll be welcoming tenants into newly constructed homes in Glebe. This is a renewal site that will offer long term homes to people who have lived with housing uncertainty and give them the chance to put down roots in a new community. Keep an eye out for them at the next community event and make them feel welcome at Bridge.

We've spoken to you in the past about our commitment to climate resilience and making your home cooler in summer and warmer in winter. We started work last year and are nearing completion for upgrade work on 100 homes just in time for the colder months. We'll continue to look at how we can roll this program out more widely in the future.

We have big news to share about the bi-annual Tenant Art Show based on your feedback – new dates (in Reconciliation Week), new venue and new ways for you to participate. Dennis Golding, a proud Kamilaroi/Gamilraay artist raised on Gadigal land, is the curator. As well as the main show, **Small Works | Big Stories** will display postcard and A5 art (see page 7 for workshops to help you get started)

We've had some scorching weather this summer but now the days are growing shorter and colder. Please look out for one another and stay warm. Best wishes,

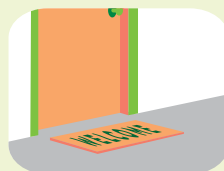
Laurie Leigh
Chief Executive Officer

Keeping our buildings safe

Fire safety rules help protect everyone who lives in and visits our buildings, and they apply to us all.

In an emergency having clear hallways, stairwells and exits makes it easier for everyone to get out safely.

Items such as bikes, pot plants, furniture or decorations can block escape routes or increase fire risk.



Please keep personal items out of shared areas, making sure exits are clear, and ensuring fire doors stay closed and are never propped open. If you notice anything that could cause a safety concern, please call our Customer Care Hub on 8324 0800.

Thank you for helping keep our community safe.

We acknowledge Aboriginal people as the traditional owners of the land, and pay our respects to elders past and present.

Always was. Always will be. Aboriginal Land.

Announcing our Art Show Poster Competition winner!



Aunty Jenny Thomsen King,
with her artwork

Robin Redbreast "Resting Now"

As Robin Redbreast was dancing on the red dirt, shaken it's feathers, then spotted me, flew and rested in the tree. Giving out a beautiful glorious red glow.

The judges had their work cut out selecting an artwork to be featured on the 2026 Tenant Art Show poster*. The creativity of every entry was abundant and Aunty Jenny's joyful Robin Redbreast "Resting Now" won the day.

Aunty Jenny Thomsen King is a proud Ngiyampaa woman born on the Gadigal land of the Eora, her home. She is also a member of The Stolen Generations.

Aunty Jenny said she felt compelled to paint a powerful moment she experienced with the little Robin Redbreast bird when she was on country.

Robin Redbreast is a treasured story held by the Wangaaypuan people of Central Western NSW – Aunty Jenny's ancestral homelands/Country. Aunty Jenny and her family continue to honour their connection to big sky, red dirt country. The land continually reveals its stories.

Stories of Robin Redbreast's bravery and how it came to have a blazing red chest are universal, told in oral histories across many cultures.

Congratulations to Aunty Jenny and thank you to all participating artists. We hope to see all the poster competition entries exhibited at the Art Show!

* All art was de-identified for judging.

The Tenant Art Show 2026

This year the Tenant Art Show will be held in Reconciliation Week at Mothership Studios in Marrickville. We are very excited to share that renowned Aboriginal artist Dennis Golding will curate the show.

Enter your artwork

We encourage all tenants or household members to enter their art in the Art Show. The theme celebrates truth-telling and belonging.

Small Works | Big Stories

This year we are launching a new section of the Art Show - inviting tenants to free art workshops to create a small piece (postcard or A5) to enter in the art show. These pieces will be sold at a set price. Read more on page 7.

More information?

For information about dates, entering your art, the curator Dennis Golding, or the art workshops check the web page or email community@bridgehousing.org.au



bridgehousing.org.au/tenant-art-show-2026/



Good food. Friendly faces. A place to drop in.

Tenant Advisory Groups (TAGs) are a relaxed way to connect with other tenants, enjoy a free meal, and hear what's happening in your community.



East/Central TAG
end of year lunch

Come along for lunch and take part however you like - share your thoughts, listen in, or just get comfortable. We often host guest speakers on topics tenants care about, with time for questions too.

There's no pressure and no prep needed. Just drop in, meet some friendly faces, and be part of the conversation.

Meet Garry:

A proud "bowerbird of learning" at TAGs

Since becoming a tenant in May last year, Garry has been to almost every TAG meeting. New to the community, he started out doing more listening than talking - he learned a lot along the way.

Garry loves picking up practical tips; from local recycling know-how to understanding how his housing team works. Just as important for him is the chance to connect with other tenants and hear their experiences. He laughs that he's a "bowerbird of learning", collecting useful ideas and sharing them with others.



"It's a real chance to give tenant feedback - unquestionably, go to your local TAG."

Garry

How to join a TAG?

Come along! The back page has dates and locations of your local TAGs. For more information speak to your Housing Manager or email:

community@bridgehousing.org.au

Easy Autumn Tips

Stay comfortable
and save energy



Autumn in Sydney often has cool mornings and warm days. Stay comfy while helping the environment and keeping energy bills low:



- Open blinds and curtains during sunny mornings to let in natural air and reduce the need for fans or heaters.



- In the late afternoon or at night, close windows and curtains to keep warm air inside.



- Autumn weather can change quickly! Light jumpers, long sleeves, and layers help you stay warm without turning on heaters



- Drink plenty of water to help regulate your body temperature.



- Lights, appliances, and chargers use energy. Switch them off when you're not using them to save money.



- Get outside and enjoy the pleasant Autumn days - you use less energy cooling or heating your home.

Stop mould

Protect your home and your wellbeing by preventing mould:



- Wipe wet areas like bathrooms quickly - don't let them stay wet



- If drying clothes inside, ensure windows are open or a fan is on



- Regularly check furniture and cupboards and wipe down anything damp

If mould won't go away, let us know.

Rent Review



The March Rent Review is well underway. If you still need to return documents please remember to do so.

You will have received a letter informing you of the specific steps required of you. Please submit your Rental Subsidy form and supporting income documents as soon as possible.

[Bit.ly/BridgeRentReview](https://bit.ly/BridgeRentReview) (case sensitive)



Start Work Incentive

Have you recently started or returned to work?

If you or any household member starts work for the first time or returns to work after a break of at least 12 months - let us know within 21 days and you may be eligible for a 6-month rent freeze.

This means that the new income from this person will not be included in the rent assessment for 6 months. Speak to your housing manager, or read more at: bridgehousing.org.au/start-work-incentive/

Join us on social media

Did you know Bridge is on Facebook and Instagram?

Follow us to stay updated on our activities, external programs, opportunities, and occasional free theatre tickets. Our social pages are the best way to connect with what's happening across our community.

Find us and give us a follow!



facebook.com/BridgeHousingAU

instagram.com/bridgehousingaus



HAPPY
LUNAR
NEW
YEAR!



Happy Lunar New Year!

Chúc Mừng Năm Mới!

新年快乐!

2026 is the Year of the Fire Horse - a symbol of energy, courage and action in many Asian cultures, including Vietnamese and Chinese traditions.

The Horse represents strength, independence and determination. The fire element adds passion and boldness, making this a year for action and fresh starts.

It's a time to move forward with confidence and embrace new opportunities.

From garden to table

Tenant Kiki baked delicious muffins made with fresh buk choy harvested from her community garden.

Kiki was inspired by a Taming Twins recipe for savoury muffins:

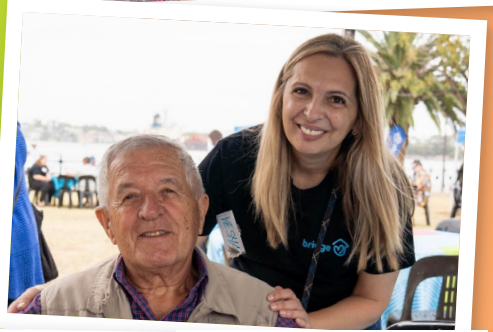
tamingtwins.com/savoury-muffins-recipe/



Bridge Photo Album



Bridge crew at Yabun



End of Year Party!





Working with students to spark new ideas

We're teaming up with University of Sydney students to explore fresh ideas that help us better connect with and support our tenants.

Last semester, students looked at how digital tools and AI can be used safely and fairly, especially for people who aren't confident with technology. Their insights will help shape our future digital improvements.

This semester, they're exploring ways to reduce loneliness and build stronger social connections. They're looking for tenants who are willing to take part in a short interview - participants receive a gift voucher for their time.

If you'd like to get involved, please contact the Care Hub on 8324 0800.



Learn to use your technology!

Free one-on-one training

Learn about anything - from your phone to the microwave timer!

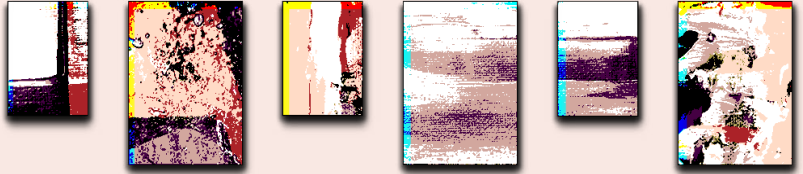
Book via the links below or calling the Care Hub 8324 0800.

Bridge central office
bit.ly/BridgeCBD

3 Elger St, Glebe
bit.ly/3ElgerStGlebe

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Workshops run by Youngster.co



Free Tenant Art Workshops

Your art, your way - and you keep every cent!

Make a postcard or A5 sized artwork for this year's Tenant Art Show at our free **Small Art Workshops**.

Come along and have a go! Create an artwork for the Art Show - or just make something for yourself to keep. No pressure.

We'll bring the art supplies and a cuppa; you bring your curiosity and imagination.



Find a **Small Art Workshop** near you:

Waverly Library

11 March, 11am - 1pm
23 March, 1pm - 3pm

Orange Room

7 Elphinstone Rd, South Coogee
24 March, 12pm - 2pm
9 April, 12pm - 2pm

The Granville Centre

8 April, 2pm - 4pm
5 May, 2pm - 4pm

Brookvale office

8 April, 2pm - 3:30pm
15 April, 2pm - 3:30pm
22 April, 2pm - 3:30pm
29 April, 2pm - 3:30pm
6 May, 2pm - 3:30pm

Redfern Community Centre

15 April, 12pm - 1:30pm
22 April, 12pm - 1:30pm

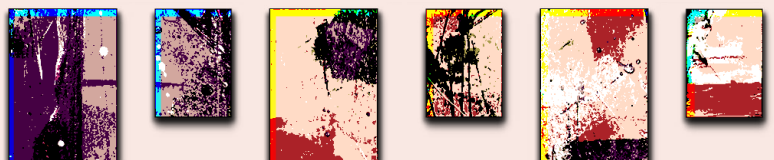


To keep the art accessible for all visitors, entries in the **Small Works | Big Stories** section of the Art Show will be sold at set prices:

- Postcard artworks: \$50
- A5 artworks: \$100

You will receive 100% of the sale price - there is no gallery commission.

Check out the guidelines here bridgehousing.org.au/small-works-big-stories-artist-guidelines/



Community Events and Activities!

Brookvale Support Hub

2:00 to 3:30pm

Northern Beaches Office
1/660-664 Pittwater Rd

18 March	Scam awareness Session NSW Police
25 March	Planning Ahead Session (Wills, Power of Attorney, Guardianship) Seniors Rights Service
1 April	Northern Beaches Community college info session
See previous page for Small Art Workshops	
13 May	Scam awareness Session NSW Police

Outreach

Elger St	Wednesdays 1:30 - 4:00pm 3 Elger St, Glebe
South Coogee	Wednesdays 3:00 - 4:00pm Junction Neighbourhood Centre, 3 Yamba Pl, South Coogee
Manly Cove	Thursdays 11:00am - 12:00pm Cove Ave & Stuart St, Manly
West	8th April, 5th May, 9th June, 2pm - 4pm The Granville Centre 1 Memorial Dr

Community Events

8 April	School Holiday Disco Party! (for ages 2-14) 2pm - 4pm 7 Elphinstone Rd, South Coogee
9 April	Aboriginal Heritage Walk 10am - 12:30pm - Manly Dam
4 May	Arthritis Management Information Session 1pm - 2pm - Waverley Library
1 June	Tenant Art Show Opening (time TBC) Mothership Studio, 18-22 Sydney St, Marrickville The Art Show will be open 10am - 5pm, 1 - 6 June (closing 6pm on 4 June and 1pm on 6 June)

Tenant Advisory Groups (TAG)

ATTAG 20 May 11:00am - 12:30pm Redfern Community Centre	Vietnamese TAG 26 May 10:30am - 12:30pm Central Office	North Groups 1 April, 17 June 12:30 - 1:20pm Warringah Mall Library 10 June 10:30am - 12pm 74 Oceana St, Narraweena 25 June 2:30 - 4pm 3 Starkey St, Forestville
West TAG 12 May 10:30am - 12:30pm Yagoona Community Centre 28 May 10:30am - 12:30pm The Granville Centre	Elger St Community 21 May 10:30am - 12:30pm 3 Elger St, Glebe Community Room Central/East TAG 14 May 11:00am - 12:30pm 119 Redfern St, Redfern	18 June 10am to 12pm Shelley Room, Manly Library

Bridge Housing Offices

Central Office

Level 9, 59 Golburn St,
Haymarket

Northern Beaches Office

Level 1, 660-664 Pittwater Rd,
Brookvale

Opening Hours

Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday, Friday -
9:00am - 4:30pm

Wednesday -

1:00pm - 4:30pm



For all your tenancy needs, call **8324 0800**

Enquiries: customerservice@bridgehousing.org.au

Events: community@bridgehousing.org.au

To report a repair: repairs@bridgehousing.org.au