

Tenant Newsletter

June 2026

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Winter 2026

CEO Update

It's been wonderful to see so many tenants taking part in our community and cultural events. In April, I had the pleasure of attending the ATTAG Family Picnic, a special day by the water where tenants could connect and celebrate outdoors. We were lucky enough to see the Gamay Rangers on their annual mullet run that day. It was incredible to watch them bring in so many fish.

We also shared a meaningful Iftar dinner, which brought people together through connection, generosity and cultural sharing. With support from Muslim Women Australia, the evening was a strong show of solidarity and belonging.

Last month, we officially launched an important partnership to support people in need of crisis accommodation. Together with The Haymarket Foundation, government partners and Lendlease, we are helping deliver 35 self-contained studios, along with shared outdoor spaces, to provide safe and dignified homes for people experiencing homelessness.



We also celebrated the creativity of our tenants at the bi-annual Bridge Tenant Art Show as part of Reconciliation Week. I hope you enjoy the album of memories.

In the months ahead, we'll be engaging tenants to help shape our next Building Bridges strategy and beginning work on our new Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).

Now that winter has arrived, please stay warm and make sure your heating appliances are safe and working well. Be sure to read the Fire Safety Tips on page 4.

Laurie Leigh

Chief Executive Officer



Iftar



ATTAG Family Picnic

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.

Celebrate NAIDOC Week



Join us at our **NAIDOC Flag Raising Ceremony** as we come together to honour and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures.

Hear from guest speaker **Warren Roberts***, founder of Yarn Australia, and enjoy entertainment, insights from our **ATTAG**, as well as a special weaving workshop with master weaver and cultural educator **Aunty Karleen**.

Following its successful return last year, the Flag Raising event is a meaningful way to connect, reflect and celebrate together.

Clems will be served for lunch!

RSVP essential for catering
bit.ly/BridgeFlagRaise (case sensitive)

Flag Raising Ceremony

Redfern Community Centre
18 Hugo Street, Redfern
6 July, from 10.30am



*Learn more about Warren's story: Warren is a proud Thunghutti and Bundjalung man who founded YARN Australia in 2007.

yarnaustralia.com/our-yarn-story

You can also join the **Eora NAIDOC Family Day** at Carriageworks. Bridge will have a stall at the event, so please drop by for a yarn with the team and take part in the activities on offer.

Eora NAIDOC Family Day

Carriageworks
245 Wilson Street, Eveleigh
9 July, 10am-2pm

These events are a great opportunity to connect with community and celebrate NAIDOC Week together.



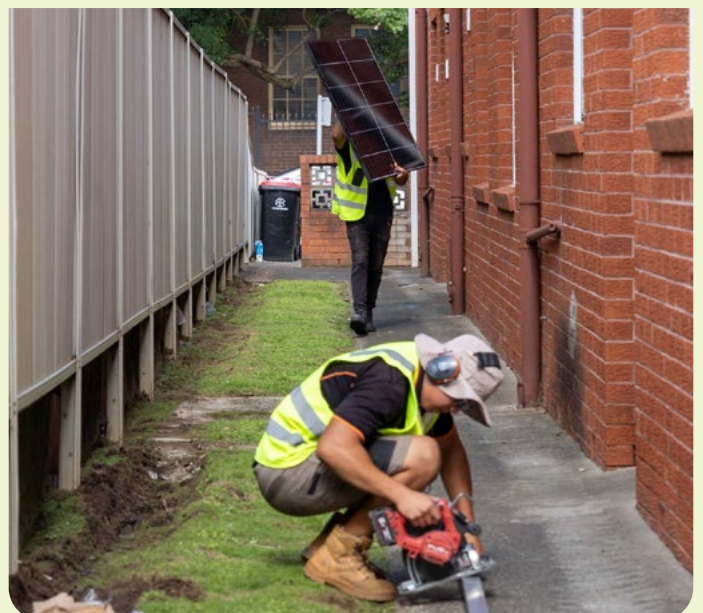
Sustainability Update

Bridge has been working to make homes more energy efficient. Energy efficient homes are cheaper and more comfortable to live in, and they are good for the environment.



Since January, we have upgraded 100 homes in Western Sydney with insulation, draught proofing, ceiling fans, LED lighting and solar systems. These upgrades have been funded by the NSW Government.

We will be measuring the impact of these upgrades so that we can show evidence of their benefits and advocate for more.





Tenant voices in action

The Tenant Reference Group (TRG) plays an important role in making sure tenant voices are heard at every level of Bridge Housing.

Eight times a year, TRG members meet with the Communities Team and Bridge Housing executives. These meetings are an opportunity to share the key themes coming out of Tenant Advisory Group (TAG) meetings, exchange information, raise issues that need attention, and provide feedback on services and projects.

Recently, the TRG has:

- **Reviewed the new Tenant Handbook** to make sure it's clear, practical, and easy to use
- **Helped shape a new advocacy template** to support tenants in raising concerns with local MPs
- **Connected with local communities**, encouraging residents to get involved in TAG meetings and other Bridge events



If you have something to share, we encourage you to attend a TAG meeting or speak with your TRG representative. Your input helps make a difference for everyone.

Information on upcoming TAGs can be found on the back page or contact the Communities Team - community@bridgehousing.org.au

Fire safety



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

In a fire, every second counts - keep everyone safe by making sure hallways, stairwells and exits are free of personal items. For more information head to our Common Area Policy:

bit.ly/common-area-policy

If you notice anything that could cause a safety concern, please call our Care Hub on 8324 0800.

- Working smoke alarms save lives – test yours regularly and let us know if it isn't working
- Have a home fire escape plan
- Keep personal items out of shared areas
- Ensure fire door stay closed - they should never be propped open
- Never dry clothes on heaters
- Charge batteries on hard, fireproof surfaces like tiles or concrete
- Look out for damaged batteries or appliances and stop using them

For more fire safety tips, check out the Fire and Rescue NSW Winter Fire Safety Checklist! Let's keep our homes and residents safe this winter.

bit.ly/nsw-fire-safety

Stop mould in its tracks

- Let in fresh air
- Keep things dry
- Dry clothes outside or use a fan or open window to dry indoors
- Clean and wipe down damp areas often

If you find mould:

1. Open a window
2. Put on gloves before cleaning
3. Clean mould with vinegar and water

If mould keeps coming back, contact us and we will help you fix it.



Bridge Tenant Art Show!

Paint, People & Pure Joy

The Tenant Art Show opening was full of joy and connection, drawing our biggest opening crowd yet. Jahmarley Dawson and Uncle Les Bateman set the scene: powerful Smoking Ceremony, interactive Welcome to Country and a brilliant yidaki (didjeridu) performance.



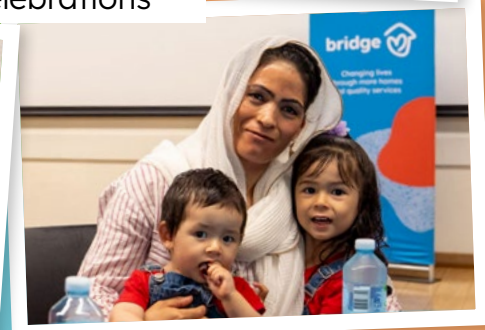
A standout moment was Aunty Jenny Thomsen King's telling of the little Robin Redbreast who danced for her on Country, compelling her to paint his spirit. The Show revealed a 2m artwork painted by tenants and Dennis Golding, brilliant artist/curator. Famed Australian artist Wendy Sharpe AOM posted on her socials about the works. Many have sold and will be going to new homes.



Head to Bridge's Facebook for the full photo album!



Iftar Celebrations



Join us for the next one!

The Manly Dam walk is a gentle 1.5k walk led by the Aboriginal Heritage Office and it's also wheelchair accessible.

Followed by a free BBQ lunch!

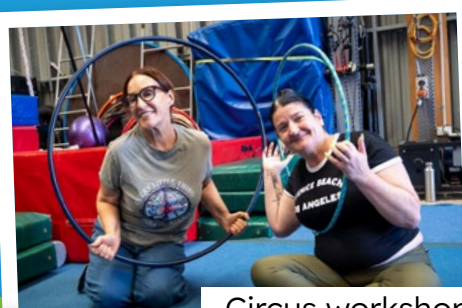
17 September, 11am - 2pm

To RSVP or for more info email: community@bridgehousing.org.au



April Manly Dam walk

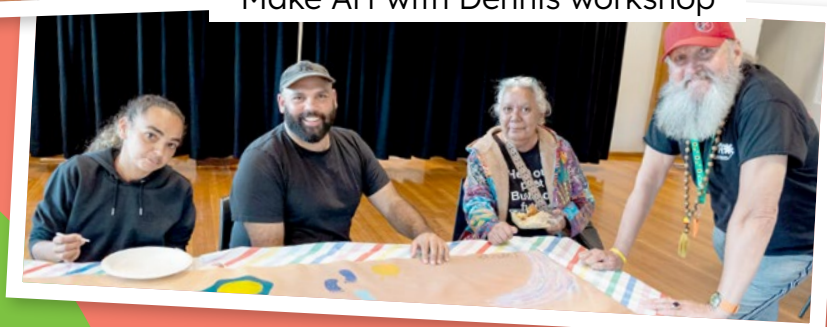
Bridge Photo Album



Circus workshop



Make Art with Dennis workshop





Catch up with your neighbours

We'll help with the cost

Bring people together with a community catch-up, supported by our **\$100 Nourishing Neighbours Grant**. It's a simple way to share food, have fun and build connections close to home.



You could host a pizza lunch, morning tea, music jam or another easy get-together that suits your community.

To get started, email your idea to community@bridgehousing.org.au or call **8324 0800**.

Stepping On

Falls prevention course



A weekly workshop by NSW Health to build strength, improve balance, and stay confident on your feet.

7 x Thursdays

23 July - 3 September, 12 - 1:30pm

Narraweena Community Centre

To RSVP or for more information email community@bridgehousing.org.au

Tenants help shape student projects

We've teamed up again with the University of Sydney to explore fresh ideas on ways to reduce loneliness and build stronger social connections. In April, some of our residents visited the university to share their experiences and ideas with the students. The students will use these insights to better understand what matters most to guide their projects, and our tenants told us they really valued the experience.



"It was a wonderful experience. The students and teachers were struck by how openly the tenants spoke about social isolation. It also gave tenants a valuable chance to get out of the house, connect with others, and share their experience with the University of Sydney." - Vesna

Students are still working on their projects - we'll share an update in a future newsletter!

Follow our social media

We share heaps of great stuff on Facebook and Instagram

Bridge's social media is where we share upcoming activities, opportunities and important information as well.

It's a great way to connect with what's happening across our community.



facebook.com/BridgeHousingAU

instagram.com/bridgehousingaus



Community Events and Activities!

Brookvale Support Hub	
2:00 to 3:30pm NB Office, 1/660-664 Pittwater Rd	
24 June	Healthy eating on a budget - Dietician from NSLHD
1 July	Planning Ahead Seniors Rights Service
8 July	Scam Awareness Seniors Rights Service
15 July	Info Session - NB Community College and Service NSW

Community Events	
29 July	Planning Ahead Info Session by Seniors Rights Services 1pm - 2:30pm Waverley Library, Theatrette
6 July	Flag Raising Ceremony From 10:30am - Details on P3
9 July	EORA NAIDOC Family Day 10am-2pm - Details on P3
21 July	Free accredited First Aid course 9am - 5pm Northern Beaches Community College Booking essential via the Community College website.
17 Sept	Aboriginal Heritage Walk 11am - 2pm - Manly Dam - Details on P6

Outreach	
Elger St	1st Wed of month at 2 Elger St, all others Wednesdays in 3 Elger St, Glebe 1:30 - 4:00pm
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	1 July, 12 Aug, 23 Sept 2pm - 4pm The Granville Centre 1 Memorial Dr
Inner West Tenants	2 July, 6 Aug, 1 Oct 1pm - 2:30pm 754 Darling St, Rozelle

Tenant Advisory Groups (TAG)	
ATTAG 12 Aug - 11:00am - 12:30pm 119 Redfern St, Redfern	North Groups Curl Curl, North Curl Curl, Brookvale, Dee Why, Cromer, Collaroy, Collaroy Plateau, Narrabeen and Mona Vale 17 June, 12:30 - 1:30pm Warringah Mall Library
West TAGs Yagoona 4 Aug, 10:30am - 12:30pm Yagoona Community Centre	Narraweena 10 June 10:30am - 12pm 74 Oceana St, Narraweena
Granville 27 Aug, 10:30am - 12:30pm The Granville Centre	Seaforth, Balgowlah, Balgowlah Heights, Manly Vale, Beacon Hill, Forestville and Frenchs Forest 25 June, 2:30 - 4pm 3 Starkey St, Forestville
Vietnamese TAG 18 Aug, 10:30am - 12:30pm Central Office	Manly, North Manly, Freshwater and Fairlight 18 June, 10am to 12pm Shelley Room, Manly Library
Elger St Community 13 Aug, 10:30am - 12:30pm 3 Elger St, Glebe	
Central/East TAG 25 Aug, 11:00am - 12:30pm Waverley 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