

# Newleaf

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Artist impression of the village green which will form part of a new town hub

## Development Update - Concept plan now includes 20% more homes

**In our last newsletter, we mentioned that the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) had approved modifications to the Bonnyrigg concept plan.**

The plan will allow the NSW Government to deliver 20 percent more homes, which is part of the COVID-19 Recovery Plan.

At an announcement about the plan in December, Minister for Water, Property and Housing, Melinda Pavey, said the modified concept plan also allows maximum building heights of up to six storeys to deliver contemporary, new homes located near transport, parks, services and community facilities.

"Bonnyrigg's ongoing redevelopment continues to transform the local community and enhance liveability, by replacing outdated social housing with a mix of new social, affordable and private homes in an area of high demand," Mrs Pavey said.

In total, the development will now provide 3,000 new homes in Bonnyrigg including 900 for social housing.

"This project continues to help meet the community's changing needs by building one and two bedroom apartments close to the Bonnyrigg Town Centre Precinct, along with attractive and usable public spaces for all residents to access and enjoy."

With the modifications to the plan, there will be more trees covering 25 per cent of the development site and an increase in open space which includes more than four kilometres of new walking and cycling paths.

To date, the NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) has completed the first five stages of the development, delivering 548 new homes, including 212 social ones. Midway through this year, they will also complete Stages 6-7 which includes 22 new apartments and 22 new social houses.

### CHANGES TO LOCAL BUS SERVICES – ROUTE 807

Transport for NSW has started the new 807 bus route from Cabramatta to Cecil Hills through Bonnyrigg. New bus stops are located on Newleaf Parade next to Bunker Park and Tarlington Parade next to the SGCH office. There is no change to how often the buses run or hours of operation for this route. Information on timetables is available through Trip Planner at [transportnsw.info/trip](https://transportnsw.info/trip)



# HUMPHRIES PRECINCT STAGES 8 - 11 STARTING SOON

Work will soon begin on Stages 8-11, which is also called the Humphries Precinct. The focus in the Humphries Precinct will be on building social homes for larger families.

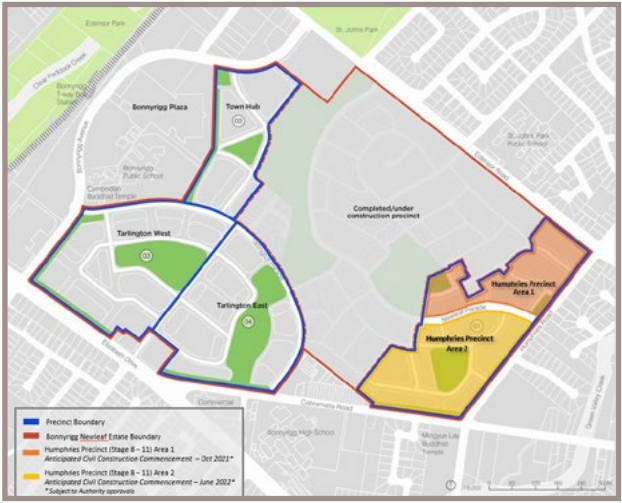
There will be 19 houses (three and four bedroom), 25 apartments and six townhouses in this precinct, along with a new park and roads to improve connections with already completed homes in other stages.

### AREA 1 (ORANGE)

Demolition works in Area 1 and road construction will begin from mid-2021. We have let people living in these areas know about the timetable for the work. Newleaf Parade will remain open during construction.

### AREA 2 (YELLOW)

Construction in Area 2 will start in 2022. SGCH is working with social housing customers currently living in this area to find them alternate homes during construction.



Humphries Precinct (Stages 8-11) – Future construction areas, as at April 2021

## Help Shape Your Community

The **Bonnyrigg Local Tenant Group** (BLTG) works with the Community, Place and Partnerships (CPP) Team to plan social events, training and education as well as health and well-being initiatives. Residents, including private homeowners are welcome to join.

If you would like to join either, or would like more information, contact the CPP team.

The **Community Reference Group** (CRG) meets every two months and includes residents, including home owners, community and other organisations. The CRG discuss plans and provide feedback on what works best for the local community around the regeneration and development of the estate.

## WHAT'S NEXT?



The majority of homes to be built from stage 12 onwards are 1 and 2 bedroom apartments

### TOWN HUB

Most homes built from Stage 12 (Town Hub and Tarlington Precincts) onwards will be urban apartment style living of one and two bedroom apartments.

The timing of these stages will be subject to development approvals and market conditions and work will move to the Town Hub Precinct following the Humphries Precinct.

This new town hub, (02 on the map next to the Bonnyrigg Plaza) will become the focal point for residents, including cafes and outdoor dining areas.



Community building aerial render

### NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE

Work on the new Community Centre is expected to begin in June this year, with the construction tender almost finalised.

The Centre offers a community space for community organisations to run activities and programs for local residents. It will also be available for casual events to bring neighbours together and includes a community garden linking the building with the newly established Bonnyrigg Sensory Garden.

Plans for the Centre are in the foyer of the SGCH Bonnyrigg office at 4 Wall Street Bonnyrigg (formerly known as 1 Wall Place). Opening hours are Monday to Friday, 9am - 5pm.

### PLACEMAKING SURVEY WINNERS

Thank you to everyone who completed our annual Bonnyrigg Placemaking survey, providing valuable feedback on the community and SGCH. Everyone who completed the survey had the option to enter our prize draw and two lucky winners were selected at random.

**Congratulations to our two winners: \$200 – Kamila Kifarkis, \$50 - Patricia Lynette O'Hara**



# Save the Date – Tenant Conference 24 June

SGCH is excited to announce that our annual Tenant Conference is on Thursday 24 June at Revesby Workers Club.

This conference is a chance for tenants to learn about opportunities to get involved in decision-making processes, contribute to planning, discover more about other tenant groups, and connect with new friends.

The conference will include guest speakers and workshop opportunities.

Mike Bottari, the chair of the Tenant Coordination Panel (TCP) has a long history of advocating for his community. He is excited that this year's conference can go ahead in a COVID safe way and wants to see more people involved.

"We have a good team, and we can really try and bring about improvements", says Mr Bottari.

"Increasing tenant participation in meetings and events is important to me and how we work together with SGCH to build trust. I also want to tap into the broader community resources", says Mr Bottari.

"I have a range of ideas and these are the ones I want to explore. I want to see more neighbours helping neighbours and I'd like to be the guinea pig of that".

The theme for the day and the speakers for the events are still being finalised. Follow SGCH on Facebook or register your interest via [getinvolved@sgch.com.au](mailto:getinvolved@sgch.com.au) to keep updated on conference news.

## Curious about the Tenant Coordination Panel?

There will be opportunity to talk to existing members at the conference and find out what's involved. SGCH customers can put themselves forward for election as a Tenant Coordination Panel member. For more info contact the CPP team.

## Sensory Garden Grand Opening

We are very excited to invite the Bonnyrigg community to the official opening of our Sensory Garden. Developed in consultation with local community organisations and residents, the garden has already been enjoyed by residents for months.

If you haven't visited yet, come along to the opening and treat your senses to the beautiful range of trees, shrubs and plants such as gum trees, Lilli Pillis, citrus and lavender.

**Date:** 25 May 2021

**Time:** 10am-11am

**Place:** Bonnyrigg Sensory Garden,  
4 Wall Street, Bonnyrigg

**RSVP:** Sarah 9001 4458 or 0431 684 119

Bonnyrigg Sensory Garden is proudly funded by the NSW Government in association with SGCH, with contributions from the Land and Housing Corporation and SR Construction.

## Under the Stars

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Bonnyrigg Under the Stars on Friday 16 April.

We had about 150 people join in the fun, sharing some popcorn and a sausage and a giggle or two whilst watching a great family film, Toy Story 4.

One local residents commented how great it was to see events happening again in the community because, COVID stopped everything. "I spent the night with my friends I haven't seen in a long time", they said.

Another resident who just moved into a private property in the area also enjoyed the night. "It is great to see the programs and events SGCH put on for the community, it makes me feel welcomed," they said.

Big thank you to Costco for donating sausages and popcorn, Bunnings for donating the succulents, plants and potting mix and Fairfield City Council for sponsoring the event through the Bonnyrigg Town Centre Activation Fund.

To see what other exciting events are happening in our local community, check out the What's On section in this newsletter.



## APPLY FOR VOUCHERS AND SAVE

### ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

The NSW Government launched the Active Kids program to provide two \$100 vouchers for parents, guardians and carers of school-enrolled children to use towards sport and active recreation costs each year.

This program is running again in 2021 and you can apply for two vouchers (one now and one in July) for each school age child in each calendar year.

You can use the vouchers with a registered activity provider for registration, participation and membership costs for sport, fitness and active recreation activities.

To use a voucher, find a registered activity provider and present your voucher when you sign up.

You can apply for your active kids voucher online at [www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-active-kids-voucher](http://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-active-kids-voucher)

### DINE AND DISCOVER VOUCHERS

The NSW Government has launched Dine and Discover NSW to encourage the community to get out and about and support dining, arts and tourism businesses. Apply before 30 June 2021.

NSW residents aged 18 and over can apply for 4 x \$25 vouchers, worth \$100 in total.

- **2 x \$25 Dine NSW Vouchers** to be used for dining in at restaurants, cafés, bars, wineries, pubs or clubs.

- **2 x \$25 Discover NSW Vouchers** to be used for entertainment and recreation, including cultural institutions, live music, and arts venues.

The vouchers:

- can be used seven days a week, including public holidays
- can be used at [participating NSW businesses](#) that are registered as [COVID Safe](#)
- are valid to 30 June 2021.

For more information visit [www.service.nsw.gov.au/campaign/dine-discover-nsw](http://www.service.nsw.gov.au/campaign/dine-discover-nsw) or visit <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-dine-discover-nsw-vouchers> to apply.

# EVENTS ARE BACK!

We are very excited to offer face-to-face events in a COVID safe way throughout May and June.

## MONDAYS

### CFS Craft Group

10am, 61–63 Smart Street, Fairfield. Learn all the tips and tricks to create different art techniques.

### SGCH Get Moving Classes

11am, SGCH Bonnyrigg Office. Get active with SGCH staff.

### SGCH Fairfield Garden Group

10:30am 7 June, 61–63 Smart Street, Fairfield. Come look at our Smart Street gardens.

### SGCH Fairfield Tenant Group

12:30pm 7 June, 61–63 Smart St, Fairfield. Come and discuss events and programs you'd like to see next month.

## TUESDAYS

### SGCH Fairfield Article Club

10am, 61–63 Smart St, Fairfield. Join us and discuss current news, music and magazines.

### SGCH Aqua Aerobics

11:30am, Prairiewood Leisure Centre. Aqua Aerobics is great exercise that's gentle on your joints. Sign up and get active!

### BL Conversational English Class

10am, starts 6 April at Bonnyrigg Library. Make new friends and improve your English.

### SGCH Station St Tenant Group

11am, 25 May at 74–80 Station St, Fairfield. Come and discuss what events and programs you would like to see next month.

## WEDNESDAYS

### CFS Fairfield Men's Group

10am, 61–63 Smart Street, Fairfield. The men's group is open to all customers and meets weekly.

### BL Mad Lab

RSVP essential. 4–5pm Wednesday during school term at lab. LX STEAM at Bonnyrigg Library – for 5-12 year olds. Fun workshops for young people to experience technologies.

## THURSDAYS

### SGCH Community Bingo

10am, 20 May, SGCH Bonnyrigg Office. Come yell "Bingo" and win prizes with Bingo Tony!

### CFS English Classes

10am, 61–63 Smart St, Fairfield. Make new friends and improve your English.

### SGCH Bonnyrigg Craft Group

1pm, starting 29 April, SGCH Bonnyrigg Office. Every week our craft group will learn different techniques for gifts and décor.

### SGCH Bonnyrigg Tenant Group

10am, 6 May, SGCH Bonnyrigg Office. Come and discuss what events and programs you'd like to see next month.

### SGCH Bonnyrigg Garden

10am, 10 June, SGCH Bonnyrigg Office. Everyone is welcome to visit our sensory garden and learn tips and tricks for the garden.

## FRIDAYS

### SGCH Bonnyrigg Techxperts

10am every second Friday starting 30 April, SGCH Bonnyrigg office. Learn how to use your device and stay connected to the community.

### BL Beginner Computer Classes

RSVP essential. 10am starting 22 April at Bonnyrigg Library. Gain a better understanding of computers and how to make the most of them.

## Not quite ready for face-to-face fun?

You can still get involved via our online events and workshops through our CPP studio.

For more info on how to get involved go to: [www.sgch.com.au/cpp-studio/](http://www.sgch.com.au/cpp-studio/) or call our Community, Place and Partnerships team.

# BYC SELF CARE FAIR

Bonnyrigg Youth Council held its first ever Self Care Fair on the 27 March. With more than 90 people in attendance the day was the perfect opportunity for attendees to take the time to focus on their own self care

The attendees were able to enjoy the self-care stalls, book nook, crafting table, painting workshop, yoga, giveaway bags, sausage sizzle items and smoothie bikes, candle and jewellery stall, and ice-cream truck.

The event was sponsored by Fairfield Council and was a fun-filled day for the community. Special thanks to our other partners, Bunnings who donated

50 potted plants for attendees and Youth Off The Streets who volunteered at the event with the barbeque and manned some of the stalls.

One attendee claimed that the "The Vietnamese group loved the yoga session so much that they would like to have weekly sessions."

Another commented that "the friendship bracelets was my favourite stall as I got to make one for my best friend".

The smoothie bike was also a big hit with 100 smoothies completed within the first 1.5hrs of the event.



Thank you Bunnings for donating 50 potted plants for our attendees.



Our Bike Smoothie was a huge hit on the day.

## Questions?

If you would like more information or have questions please get in touch.

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