



A message from our CEO Scott Langford

Winter has proved to be a busy time for SGCH. I have been delighted to see the team's hard work pay off with successful award wins. Our affordable housing project in Westmead won the Urban Taskforce Development Excellence Award, and our Tenant Coordination Panel won the State and National award for a tenant led initiative at the Australasian Housing Institute Professional Excellence in Housing Awards. You can read more about these fantastic achievements below.

We are continuing to deliver on building the largest pipeline outside of government of social and affordable housing in Australia, creating new homes for over 1,000 households by the end of 2022.

Last week, [we announced](#) a \$15 million finance facility with National Housing Finance and Investment Corporation (NHFIC).

This is an important part of our overall financing that includes \$170 million from CEFC and \$225 million from CBA. The long-term finance agreement with NHFIC enables us to achieve our vision of great places for everyone and focus our savings on re-investing into the communities we serve. I particularly acknowledge NHFIC's CEO Nathan Dal Bon and Chairman Brendan Crotty for their achievements in their first year of operation and appreciate the work they've done. They have built upon the leadership of Prime Minister Scott Morrison and Assistant Treasurer and Minister for Housing Michael Sukkar in establishing NHFIC



and recognising the role of the community housing industry.

Recently we've [welcomed the inclusion](#) of social housing as social infrastructure in the Infrastructure Australia Audit. This is an acknowledgement of the crucial contribution this social housing makes to the community, the economy and our environment. It also highlights social housing infrastructure has enormous potential for private investment to turbocharge this into a large-scale asset class.

We look forward to a continued partnership with Government, financiers and investors to create more homes.

Strive Tertiary Scholarships

On 24 June we held our Strive Tertiary Scholarships award ceremony, awarding 97 students scholarships to a total value of \$145,000. The scholarship assists to pay for things like course fees, text books, travel expenses, computers or extra-curricular activities.

In partnership with HP Australia, 12 students also received laptops.

We were pleased to have the Hon. Gareth Ward, Minister for Families, Communities and Disability

Services give an inspirational speech about overcoming adversity to achieve great success in life.

Earlier this year, we awarded 148 scholarships to primary and secondary students valued at \$113,000. This brings our total scholarships for 2019 to \$258,000 for 245 students.

Our Strive Scholarship program is in its fourteenth year and has provided over \$1.2 million of scholarships to SGCH tenants.



Strive Scholarships Tertiary recipients, with SGCH Group Chairperson, David Thrift, former SGCH director, Ian "Ike" Ellis, the Hon. Gareth Ward MP, Tristan Dowler, HP Australia and SGCH CEO, Scott Langford.



Artist impression of Great Western Highway, Westmead

Westmead development wins Affordable Housing Award

SGCH were a winner at the Urban Taskforce Development Excellence Awards on 24 July. Urban Taskforce CEO, Chris Johnson, said "SGCH won the Affordable Housing Award with their 67-unit affordable housing apartment building on the Great Western Highway at Westmead that sets new design standards for affordable housing."

Our development at Westmead was completed in October 2018, providing social and affordable housing

and demonstrates quality urban development. SGCH has transformed a former petrol station site to deliver a 4-star Green Star standard against the Green Building Council of Australia's rating system for buildings which also achieves a 6.8 star rating under the Nationwide House Energy Rating Scheme (NatHERS).

SGCH Group CEO, Scott Langford said "We are proud that the efforts of our team and partners have been recognised by the judges and Urban Taskforce in respect of the quality of the building and the outcomes we are delivering for social and affordable housing tenants."

The Westmead project demonstrates quality urban development that has contributed to improved economic, social and environmental outcomes in Westmead.



SGCH team accepting the Urban Taskforce Award

Tenant participation program wins National AHI Award

We're excited to share that the SGCH Tenant Coordination Panel and Local Tenant Groups won the NSW and the National Awards for Tenant Led Initiative at the Australasian Housing Institute Awards.

The National Award was accepted at the National Housing Conference in Darwin last week.

The nomination outlined the Tenant Coordination Panel's role in providing SGCH customers with the opportunity to learn more about social housing, SGCH and, more importantly, working with over 20 Local Tenant Groups who help coordinate events and services that are meaningful for tenants in each area.

A highlight of this nomination was the Annual Tenant Conference which brings together our Tenant Coordination Panel members, supporting business and SGCH. General Manager for Customers and Communities, Barb McKenna said "The conferences are action-packed but they are so educational and inspiring.

"The workshops show what is available but also what is possible for the tenants."

This award acknowledges the success our tenants have had working together to shape the services we provide and helping us build inclusive, resilient and sustainable communities.



NSW Award winners including the SGCH Tenant Coordination Panel and the Local Tenant Groups.

SGCH granted Vice Regal Patronage

We are pleased to advise that SGCH was granted Vice Regal Patronage by Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AO QC, Governor of New South Wales.

We look forward to Her Excellency being part of the SGCH family and supporting the importance of social and affordable housing in our communities.

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