

# STREETS ahead

Winter 2022



## Help us improve our services



In July, we're holding 3 sessions with customers, lasting 1.5 hours each, to hear from you about how we can make things easier.

We're looking for 30 customers eager to share their experiences of:

- Making sense of our rent as a new tenant
- Our regular income reviews
- Dealing with us when you get behind in the rent.

If you have feedback for us on one of these topics, get in touch by 8 July for more details and to register.

Register your interest by calling Maria Porter on 1800 573 370 or email [maria.porter@sgch.com.au](mailto:maria.porter@sgch.com.au)

Everyone who participates in a discussion session goes into a draw to win \$50 Supermarket/ Myer gift cards. There are 15 to give away.

## Strive Scholarships Awards



On June 23 SGCH hosted an online event to celebrate our 2022 Strive Scholarship Tertiary recipients.

The event was open to all Strive recipients, SGCH staff, the Strive sponsors and included two special guest speakers: Xaverina, a previous Strive recipient who shared about her education journey and Isaiah Dawe from ID.Know Yourself.

Congratulations from SGCH to all of this year's scholarship recipients. As Isaiah said at the ceremony:

*"Congratulations. You are creating hope not just for you but for your families and friends. There is so much power in hope and it gives power to the people all around you."*



## Washing Machine Replacement

The NSW Government is running a Washing Machine Replacement Trial that helps eligible social housing tenants to replace their inefficient top-loading washing machine with a new, front-loading washing machine at a heavily discounted price. This will help households save around \$245 a year off their water, energy and detergent bills.

Go to <https://washingmachines.water.dpe.nsw.gov.au/> for details.

## Events



Check out our calendar of events using the QR code, to see what's happening in your area. Garden workshops and wellbeing sessions are happening at a range of locations this month.



We also invite you to join our Get Involved Facebook page at [link.sgch.com.au/InvolvedFB](https://link.sgch.com.au/InvolvedFB) or search 'GetInvolved @sgch' on Facebook and click join.

## Community News

### Elisa's Story

Brisbane-born midwife Elisa was excited about her new role in a maternity ward at Westmead, but she was also bracing herself for the prospect of having to live a long way from her work.

"Sydney is a great place to live but enjoying all the city has to offer is hard when prices are so high," Elisa said.

"I didn't want to be spending all my money on rent and transport and stuck far away from the few friends I have in Sydney."

For Elisa, the answer turned out to be a tenancy with SGCH at the Highline development at Westmead, 85 apartments catering for key and essential workers – people working in jobs like Elisa's.

"I work shifts – often starting very early in the morning – so long commutes on public transport would have been hard. I'm also new to Sydney so I wanted to be close to friends so I can enjoy the limited downtime that I do have.

"I feel so lucky to have found SGCH and my brand-new apartment, which is a less than 10-minute walk to my work. It's such a great space and the Highline has great amenities including a communal swimming pool and BBQ area, and it's an easy walk to transport to anywhere. I am not spending all my money on rent, and I have colleagues who also live in Highline or close by," she said.



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