

# Streets Ahead

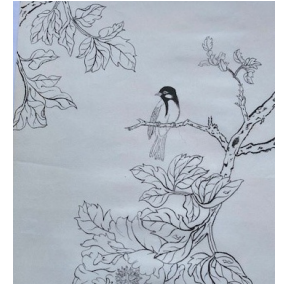
Our seasonal wrap-up of what's been happening in your community



## Winnie's Art Class

Winnie is an extremely talented self-taught artist who holds weekly classes to share her skills with other community members at SGCH's Riverwood and Hurstville offices. Winnie has had a passion for learning and art since the age of 16 and that love has only grown. Over the past 40 years she has refined her skills and now she is sharing her art with our communities.

Some previous and current pieces include Chinese line drawing and paper quilling. Each piece takes hours of detailed work to create. We are so thankful to have Winnie share her talents with our community.



### Marrickville Youth Get Active—fitness backpacks

We were able to utilise the remaining funding from the Ashfield RSL Club Grant in July 2023 to put together 12 fitness backpacks. These backpacks were given to our young customers to equip them with the necessary materials to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

### TAFE bike maintenance courses

Our TAFE Bicycle Maintenance courses are up and ~~running~~ cycling! Customers had the opportunity to learn how to maintain and use their bicycles to increase their physical wellbeing and ensure their bikes can last as long as they want to ride.

If you and your community would be interested in taking part in one of these courses, please reach out to your Communities, Place and Partnerships team!

### Why are smoke detectors important?

Smoke detectors are the first line of defence against a potential fire emergency. These small devices play a crucial role in keeping you safe by providing early warning to the presence of smoke or fire in your home. To ensure that your smoke detectors are in correct working condition, we carry out fire safety inspections every year. During the brief visit, our contractor Phoenix Fire Protection will test that your detectors, and any other fire equipment in your home are working correctly.

### Pride of Place

This program rewards our tenants who take pride in their homes, gardens and neighbourhoods. Our Tenancy Managers, Support Coordinators and other team members are looking for customers to award - it could be you next! The winners will receive a \$100 gift card or E-voucher

### Strive Scholarships

SGCH's Strive Scholarships provide funding for education and extra-curricular costs. Funds can be used to pay for school fees, stationery, computers and more. Applications for Strive Scholarships are officially open and close on 31 October 2023.

If you have any questions or need help to apply, please email our Housing Plus team at [housing.plus@sgch.com.au](mailto:housing.plus@sgch.com.au)

**Dumped rubbish, speak up:** Spring cleaning isn't just confined to your individual living spaces. Let's work together to ensure our common areas are safe and accessible for everyone. If you see dumping, report it to the SGCH Customer Care Hub at **1800 573 370**.

If you can, please pass on photographic evidence of car number plates or address information identifying those who are dumping rubbish in your neighbourhood.





## R U OK? Day Tulip Festival

Busloads of enthusiastic customers set off from our Bonnyrigg and Riverwood offices for the Tulip Time Festival in Bowral, in recognition of R U OK? Day. It was great to see so many smiling faces from people across South West Sydney enjoying one another's company and basking in spring's tulip bloom. The sun was shining while everyone enjoyed a picnic lunch and a few photo moments as they explored the gardens to see the beautiful tulips.



## SGCH food drive

The SGCH food drive will occur through the month of November across the South West Region. This is an opportunity for our customers to give back to those who may be struggling financially this holiday season. We are asking for non perishable and long-lasting essential donations that are store bought and unopened to be taken to any of our SGCH offices (Fairfield, Riverwood, Bonnyrigg, Hurstville). We will be accepting donations up until the 1st of December. Thank you in advance for your donations!



## Let's hear you ROAR!

Riverwood local and NSW Housing Minister Rose Jackson and Georges River Councillor Ash Ambihapahar came along to our ROAR barbeque at Riverwood. They joined in on the local ROAR community discussions and customers took the opportunity to ask questions about housing, all while being serenaded by customers on guitar and harmonica and enjoying a sausage sizzle. It was lovely to see the Minister and one of our Local MPs who grew up in the area mingling with customers, taking photos and engaging in our ROAR discussions.

## Mark your calendars!

### Garden competition for green-thumbs

In celebration of Spring, a garden competition is being held in our community gardens from October to November. Test your green thumb and enter the competition by contacting the [getinvolved@sgch.com.au](mailto:getinvolved@sgch.com.au) inbox! The winners will receive a Bunnings voucher to go towards materials for the community garden and the winners will be announced in December.

### End-of-year event

SGCH will be hosting a Christmas party lunch on the 7th of December at the SGCH community room – 9B Washington Ave Riverwood from 11am to 1pm.

Our SGCH Red River Original Chinese Dance Class will be performing and SGCH Riverwood Choir group will be singing Christmas Carols for all the community to join in. Santa may even take time out of his busy schedule to join in the magical Christmas games!

### Light up Bonnyrigg/ Riverwood

Light Up Bonnyrigg will be a competition beginning in December to get us all in the festive spirit. There will be two prize categories of Best Light Display and Best Christmas Tree. This will close on 18 December so get the decorations ready! In a similar spirit, Light Up Riverwood will start at the beginning of December with prizes for the Best Christmas Tree and Best Balcony Display judged on 18 December. Register and send in Christmas tree photos to [getinvolved@sgch.com.au](mailto:getinvolved@sgch.com.au) or Amelia at **0481 267 380**. Each category will have a \$50 prize!