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Community News



Bonnyrigg computer class

The Friday computer class group has been coming together every Friday for six years and are completing four qualifications. The group celebrated the year with a Christmas party provided by SGCH, where they were able to share a lunch together and a certificate of appreciation awarded to Lubi, who runs the class each Friday.



Garden competition

Congratulations to winners of the Bonnyrigg Garden Competition and thanks to everyone who participated! Your green thumbs were on full display and the gardens were all so beautiful. We appreciate your participation and your efforts make our suburb exist in nature with your gorgeous gardens on display!



Bonnyrigg Youth Collective

2023 was an eventful year for Bonnyrigg Youth Collective (BYC), from being mentioned by Fairfield City Council in the "Most Innovative Youth Program" award from the NSW Government to recently being invited to participate in the Fowler Youth Advisory Council, BYC is creating lasting change in our community.

What's next for Bonnyrigg?

Christmas party

This year's Christmas party will be held in Tarlington Park, Bonnyrigg, on the last day of school on December 19 3-5pm.

Community gardening for 2024

We are currently in the process of scheduling the new community garden workshops with Community Greening.

Mobile Eyes 2024 Bonnyrigg

We are looking forward to holding Mobile Eyes clinics in February 2024 for your eye screenings and health.

Language group consultations for 2024

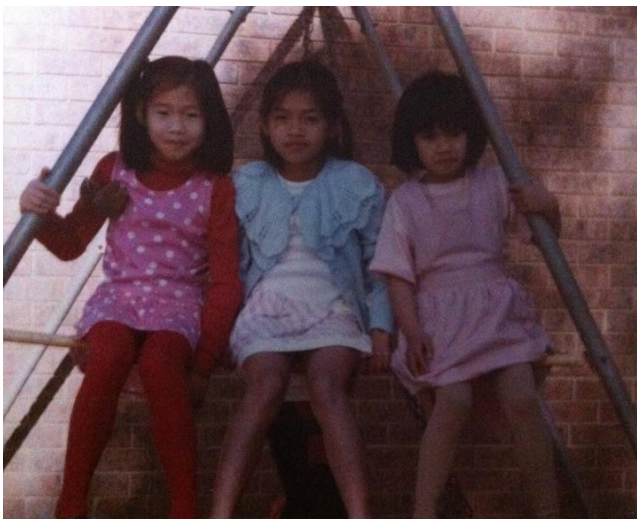
The information gathered will be used to create 2024 language group calendars to address the needs and wants of our customers.

Meet Sririsay, or Siri for short

Siri was raised in Bonnyrigg, an area of Sydney where St George Community Housing plays a pivotal role in the suburb's renewal through tenancy management, property maintenance and community development. Now, decades later, Siri is a Project Change Manager for SGCH—a role that directly contributes to how SGCH operates in her local community.

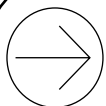
“It’s my job to manage the impact of change on SGCH team members. I help them be prepared, informed and therefore able to accept and move through changes in the workplace more easily – then they are freed up to support our customers to thrive in stable, safe homes or to advocate for increasing housing supply and reducing homelessness.”

“I’m the middle child out of five kids. My family emigrated to Australia from Laos when I was two-and-a-half years old,” she says. “We initially lived in a flat in Cabramatta and then moved to the Bonnyrigg estate in 1980. I still live locally and enjoy the diversity, culture, sense of community and connection to family I have in the area.”



Growing up in Bonnyrigg means Siri can draw on personal experiences to shape her understanding of that community. “I have fond memories of exploring the neighbourhood with a great group of friends who accepted each other’s differences, cared about one another and knew how to have fun. The cultural diversity of the Bonnyrigg neighbourhood also opened my eyes and taught me to appreciate people’s differences. I vividly remember the wonderful aromas and different dynamics of each home.”

When Siri isn’t working at SGCH she enjoys spending time with family. She is a mother to four with a large extended family who love to get together and celebrate. From sporting events to birthdays and all the seasonal festivities (“We celebrate four different new years, among other culturally significant events!”). And that is the goal of connected communities and our work at SGCH: “Community is a place we can all thrive through learning, empathy and acceptance, regardless of your background or circumstance,” she adds.



We're here to help. If you have any questions about rehousing or relocations on the Bonnyrigg Estate, you can contact our Bonnyrigg office on 1800 573 370.