Streets Ahead

Spring 2025

SGCH is turning 40 — and you're invited to celebrate with us at Sydney Zoo!

On **Wednesday 1 October**, join us for a fantastic day out at Sydney's newest world-class zoo. Sydney Zoo is home to more than 4,000 animals including lions, tigers, elephants, giraffes and Australia's favourite native wildlife.

SGCH is proud to have housed Sydney families for 40 years and to celebrate we'd love to invite you to enjoy **FREE** zoo entry, face painting and tasty food. SGCH customers will have the Meerkat Wing to themselves all day! We'll also be providing **FREE** transport from selected locations. Ticket numbers are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. To be part of this unforgettable celebration please register your interest early and let us know if you need transport using the QR code.

This offer is open to SGCH household members only. Every household member is welcome. If you need assistance with your RSVP, please contact us by emailing 40@sgch.com.au or calling 1800 537 370.

Scan the QR Code to register

Kicking off fire safety sessions

About 85 SGCH customers gathered for hands-on fire safety sessions at Casula, Milsons Point and Marrickville. While everyone enjoyed a sausage sizzle, the fire brigade gave tips to keep our customers safe from fires this winter. They even gave out wooden spatulas with the slogan 'Keep looking while you're cooking'. Has your annual smoke alarm inspection been completed? Keep yourself and your neighbours safe.

For more tips, scan the QR code.

Monday billing is here

In April, we let you know early about changes to your billing cycle. In June, we explained more detail about how it would affect you. Now all SGCH customers are billed on Mondays for rent and shared water. How well did we communicate the change?

Please complete this survey by scanning the QR code to let us know.

Seeking more info?

You can find out more about any of the items in this newsletter by visiting **sgch.com.au** or calling us on **1800 573 370.**

Community news

Catch up on the latest stories, events and updates from across our SGCH communities. From local highlights to customer achievements, there's plenty happening near you!

Clean up and repair days Sydney wide

There must be a sense of spring in the air! SGCH customers across Sydney have been busy taking part in clean-up activities and making the most of recent Fix and Mix events, where our teams carry out quick repairs on the spot.

One customer said, "I've been able to get rid of items I've been holding onto for a while and couldn't get rid of myself. It's like a fresh start for me." Another appreciated some extra hands to help: "My place was very crowded. Today was beautiful and thank you for my cleaning pack."

Over the last 12 months we've held a total of 11 events, jam packed 11 skip bins and booked seven Council collections for those unwanted household items. SGCH teams actioned 140 repairs and customers took home 70 cleaning kits. Thank you to everyone at our properties in Kingsgrove, Sadlier, Roselands, Merrylands, Gladesville, Milsons Point, Marrickville, Caringbah, Petersham, Hunters Hill and Lane Cove who joined in with their local clean-up.

Customers connect over art lessons

Exhibition *Brushes at Bushlands* opened in recent weeks to a friendly crowd of SGCH staff and customers. It showcased artworks from five Lane Cove customers who had signed up for a 10-week program, led by our very own SGCH artist Adnan. Some of the participants, all aged over 50, hadn't touched a paintbrush since their school days and enjoyed learning new skills. This program was funded thanks to a grant from Lane Cove Council.

Celebrating NAIDOC Week

This year's theme honoured the young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people shaping the future. We joined Bridge Housing at Eora NAIDOC Family Fun Day in Eveleigh. Together with Club Rivers, SGCH held a kids' NAIDOC art workshop. At Riverwood Community Centre, we held an arts and craft stall. We joined Hurstville's 3Bridges and Fairfield Council NAIDOC celebrations. And our Aboriginal Tenant Group hosted a special day in the Bonnyrigg Sensory Garden.

Get involved

SGCH offers free events and programs you can join.
Check out our What's On calendar or contact your local Connecting Communities team at **1800 573 370** or **getinvolved@sgch.com.au.**

Uniting energy information session
- Wednesday 13 August
- 11:00am–12:00pm
- Register and come along to hear tips on: keeping heating and cooling costs low, concessions and rebates and learn how to read bills and compare energy retailers for the best deal.

11 Gibbons St Redfern Community Room

South West Sydney R U OK? Day
- Thursday 11 September
- For South West Sydney customers, we will be arranging a special outing. Watch this space. A free event will be announced. Save the date.

Strive Scholarships open October
- Applications for Kindergarten to Year 12 students are open every year from 1-31 October. Look out for an info session near you. Fill in your application at **sgch.com.au**.

Services Australia
- Riverwood, fortnightly on Thursdays

- Struggling to understand Centrelink, Medicare, or MyGov? Book your appointment to meet Services Australia representatives at SGCH. Speak with your tenancy manager.

SGCH Riverwood Community Room

Spring wellbeing fairs
- Come along to a free expo and info day to learn about local community services and talk to professionals about how to support your wellbeing. Free lunch for attendees and lucky door prizes.
- Thursday 2 October
- 11:00am-2:00pm

SGCH Marrickville Community Room
- Friday 10 October (Artarmon)
- 11:00am-2:00pm

SGCH Artarmon Community Garden

Need a new laptop?
Need to upgrade an electrical device or wanting a purchase in time for Christmas? Head to our website and apply for Digi Connect, interest free purchasing.

No interest loans
Borrow up to $2000 for essentials such as appliances or furniture, car repairs, a new computer or laptop, or medical, dental or vet expenses. Conditions apply. Find out more online at **sgch.com.au**

Wesley financial literacy workshop
- Tuesday 26 August
- 10:00am-12:00pm
- Register for this FREE workshop to learn how to manage expenses, reduce your financial stress and make better financial decisions. Lunch provided. Places are limited – to RSVP call 1800 573 370.

11 Gibbons St Redfern Community Room

Coffee group
- 10:00-11:00am
- Every Friday
- Meet new people and learn about what's happening locally.

SGCH Riverwood Community Room

CONNECT WITH US ONLINE

Get Involved @ SGCH   @SGCHGroup   @sgch_ltd   SGCH

→ www.sgch.com.au