

Waterloo Connect

Community
update
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Waterloo Renewal Update

Homes NSW is currently progressing through the final stage of selecting the project renewal partner for Waterloo South. The renewal partner (also known as a consortium) consists of a group of organisations including a developer and one or more community housing providers. The following 2 consortiums have moved to the final stage of the process:

- Lendlease, St George Community Housing and Tharawal Housing Aboriginal Corporation
- Stockland, Link Wentworth Housing, City West Housing and Birribee Housing

The successful consortium is expected to be announced in mid to late 2024.

Waterloo South Relocations: what does it mean for you?

Waterloo South is the first stage of the renewal project and will be redeveloped over the next 10 to 15 years.

We want to ensure that each tenant is supported throughout the relocation process, and we are working to have this in place before anyone moves.

Relocations will happen in stages. This means, **not all tenants in Waterloo South will move at the same time.**

Important information:

You will receive at least **6 months' written notice** before needing to move.

You will be given the opportunity to **stay in the local area** if you wish.

You will receive **support from our relocation team** throughout the process. They will help you to find a suitable property and organise your move.

You will have the **right to return to Waterloo** once the development is complete.

The **high-rise buildings will not be redeveloped now.** For tenants living in the high-rise buildings, it is unlikely that you will move for at least 10 years.



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Word on the street

Counterpoint Volunteer Awards

As part of National Volunteer Week, Counterpoint hosted its 18th Redfern & Waterloo Volunteer Awards at the Alexandria Town Hall on 22 May 2024.

The awards acknowledge the fantastic skills and contributions of over 100 volunteers and several community groups. Their work includes contributions to local community events, health projects, local advocacy, management committees, local press, community safety projects, caring, and emergency services. A big thank you to all the volunteers who were nominated for their mighty achievements.

Congratulations to **Karyn Brown**, who received the *Founder's Choice Award* for her vision on how residents could come together to educate each other about health and wellbeing. Karyn has been a member of the Peer Education Program run by Sydney Local Health District in partnership with Counterpoint since its commencement. Karyn has also remained an active member of the Waterloo Redevelopment Group.

The awards were presented by Councillor Adam Worling, Superintendent Rod Hart, and Alice Anderson from the Centre for Volunteering. Special thanks to the City of Sydney for their sponsorship.



Waterloo Connect – a touchpoint for the Waterloo Renewal Project

The Waterloo Connect office, located at Shop 2, 95 Wellington Street (opposite OzHarvest), is open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 10am and 4pm.

Visit the office to meet our team, get more information or discuss any questions you might have about the project.

You can also contact the team on 9384 4134 or via email at WaterlooConnect@homes.nsw.gov.au.



Rumours corner



Rumour:

Tenants living in the People's precinct (bounded by George, Raglan, Cope and Wellington Streets) will be relocated first.

Response:

Relocation plans have not been finalised. Relocations will occur in stages and impacted tenants will be provided with a minimum of 6 months' notice before needing to relocate.

Rumour:

The high-rise buildings are part of the Waterloo South redevelopment.

Response:

The high-rise buildings are **NOT** part of the Waterloo South redevelopment. The current redevelopment plans cover the low-rise apartment buildings in Waterloo South, also known as the walk-up buildings.

Rumour:

When I have to relocate, I will be responsible for moving by myself.

Response:

You will receive **support from the relocation team** every step of the way. Homes NSW will pay for all reasonable relocation costs, including:

- Organising and paying for removalists
- Organising for boxes to be provided
- Reimbursements for the reconnection of electricity, gas, phone, and internet
- Paying for the redirection of mail for 3 months.

The latest news on Waterloo Metro Quarter

Sydney has a new train station for the first time in 5 years, as Waterloo Metro becomes the first to cross the construction finish line for the transformative City and Southwest Metro project, set to welcome passengers this year.

Waterloo Station is the first of 6 new world-class stations on the City Metro line to be complete, and the remaining 5 are following close behind.

When City Metro services begin in the coming months, Waterloo will provide fast, safe, and reliable journeys to Central in 2 minutes, Barangaroo in 8 minutes and to Victoria Cross in North Sydney in 11 minutes.

The construction of the social housing building in the Waterloo Metro Quarter also started in mid-2023 and is due to be completed next year. In late May, the topping out of the 9-storey building with 70 social homes was announced which marks construction of this building reaching its highest point.

Waterloo Concourse. Artwork: Footprints on Gadigal Nura by Nicole Monks. Photography by Wayne Quilliam.



Survey work at the Waterloo Estate

In early July, the Council of the City of Sydney will be undertaking survey work on and around the Waterloo estate in common areas only and is expected to take around 5 weeks, weather permitting.

The City of Sydney contractors may be seen at Waterloo between 7.30am–5.30pm on weekdays and 7.30am–3.30pm on Saturdays and no work on Sundays or public holidays.

Contractors will be using tripods and imaging equipment to measure the levels of roads, footpaths, kerbs, gutters, trees, fences, and driveways as well existing property boundaries to capture accurate ground levels which will inform the design of the streetscapes of Waterloo South.

Community corner

Waterloo community rooms

We acknowledge the value that the communal spaces offer to the Waterloo community and the important role they play in enabling people to come together, share experiences, ideas and connect with one another. This is why we are focusing on assessing how these spaces are used and potential improvements to make your experience better.

As community spaces, rooms can be used by individuals as well as groups or organisations for a variety of purposes to benefit the local community including promoting positive health and wellbeing and strengthening community connections.

If you would like to use these rooms, please contact the Waterloo housing team on 9384 4166 or email T101@dcj.nsw.gov.au to make a booking.

News from the City of Sydney

Social housing newsletter

The City of Sydney has launched a newsletter for social housing residents living in the local government area which will include local news, important updates and will promote local free and low-cost social programs, events, and activities.

To subscribe, visit <https://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/email-newsletters> and click on *Social housing news*.

Access card

If you are a City of Sydney resident and hold a Commonwealth Health Care Card, Pensioner Concession Card, or Seniors Health Card, you can enjoy subsidised rates to aquatic and fitness centres as well as tennis courts by applying for a Sydney access card.

You can learn more by visiting the City's website. To apply for a card, please visit a City of Sydney customer service centre <https://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/customer-service-centres>

If you have any questions, please contact Adam Antonelli on 02 9265 9957 or email AAntonelli@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au.

Activities and events

Waterloo Neighbourhood Centre, Shop 5/ 95 Wellington St, Waterloo

Women's Health Clinic

When? Thursday 1st August 2024, 10:30am – 12:30pm

Details: Free and confidential services are offered, including:

- self-collection cervical screening tests and STI screening
- breast screen booking
- health information
- pregnancy tests and contraception advice.

Waterloo Wellbeing and Safety Action Group (WWSAG) meetings

When? Second Wednesday of each month, 2:00pm – 4:00pm

Details: Come along and contribute to health and safety on the Waterloo estate.

Waterloo Weekly Community Outreach

When? Thursday, 10:30am – 12:30pm

Details: Join us to have a cuppa, a snack or a chat with various local service providers.

Turanga building 1 Phillip St, Waterloo

Waterloo social group

When? Last Tuesday of each month, 11:00am – 12:00pm

Details: Join the Turanga Building Social Group for a fun filled art session and light refreshments.

Have questions about these activities?

If you need more details or have questions, please contact Mission Australia Community Engagement Facilitator, on 0491 147 620 or email SharmaRo@missionaustralia.com.au



OzHarvest Market news

Exciting news! The Market is now open 6 days a week, Monday to Saturday 10am - 2pm.