

Redfern Update

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New public housing a winner



New residents have given the Redfern East redevelopment project the tick of approval, impressed by the modern, stylish designs, built in storage, kitchen and bathroom fittings and great outdoor balconies or yards.

The project, on the site bounded by Kettle, Morehead and Walker streets, involved the construction of 106 new public housing homes — 66 seniors' living units and 40 apartments including two, three and four-bedrooms.

Residents recently got the chance to choose their new apartment and meet their new neighbours at an open day.

"We've had lots of positive feedback from residents pleased to meet their new neighbours at the open day and sign-ups," said Kathy Roil, Housing NSW General Manager for Central Sydney.

"It is a new start and everyone is looking forward to building a strong community together."



Housing NSW allocated homes to people who:

- had lived in the area before the redevelopment and wanted to return
- had been satisfactory tenants in Redfern and were chosen by ballot for 40 of the homes
- urgently needed a transfer in the inner city due primarily to medical conditions or overcrowding, or
- were on the priority or general housing list.

Most of those selected from the lists were families needing a home with three bedrooms and a backyard.

Baseline Survey winners:

Joy Livanos
Lois Wood
Helena Golebrowski
Alan Cheng

Residents learn about urban design



More than 120 Redfern and Waterloo residents took up the Housing NSW invitation to join two *Places and Spaces for People* bus trips around the inner city to look at the latest trends in housing design and urban spaces.

Housing NSW provided language and cultural support for Aboriginal, Russian and Chinese participants.



"The bus trips have been really popular with residents keen to find out what's possible for the future planning of their neighbourhoods," said Bernie Coates, Housing NSW Director, Community Building.

"This will give residents more confidence about contributing their ideas to the planning discussions that will soon be underway in Redfern Waterloo."

Environmental excellence

The Green Building Council of Australia has awarded the Redfern East project a 5-Star Green rating for environmental excellence in sustainability. The project is only the second social housing development in Australia to achieve this level of national recognition.

One of the features to impress was the project's water-efficient design, which should save 4,700 cubic metres of water a year or about the same amount needed to fill five Olympic-sized swimming pools.

Initiatives that will save water costs for tenants include:

- water-efficient fittings and fixtures in all bathrooms, kitchens and laundries
- use of greywater from dishwashing and laundries in gardens
- collection of rainwater for use in toilets and washing machines.



The development also uses gas boosted solar hot water heating, which is expected to provide big savings on tenants' power bills.

The Redfern East project sets a new environmental standard for social housing developments.

Safety in Action

The Waterloo Safety Action Group has produced a new fridge magnet, with the phone numbers for emergency services. You can pick them up at the Outreach office in Gilmore (55 Morehead St, Redfern) or at the Factory (67 Raglan St, Waterloo).

New staff in Redfern team

Welcome to two new staff members in the Redfern Client Service Team, Client Service Officer Joanne McLoughlin and new Senior Client Service Officer Anna Koimtsidis.



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