



Waterloo Update

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On the streets with BEP2

For three weeks in February, the word on the street was “BEP2” as Housing NSW staff consulted more than 700 people about proposed planning changes for Redfern and Waterloo.

The consultations were conducted to gather resident and stakeholder input to the draft planning rules that have been developed by the Redfern Waterloo Authority for Housing NSW owned land in Redfern and Waterloo.

"There was a real buzz as residents, shopkeepers and others looked over plans and talked about ideas for the future," said Bernie Coates, Director, Community Building, Housing NSW.

"We were thrilled that so many people came along to find out more and have a say."

"The residents' response to the plan was very positive. People welcomed the potential for renewal, with many saying they hoped for more housing like the new award winning Redfern East project."

Building height and tenure mix were big topics of conversation during all of the sessions.

The BEP2 consultation is one step in a longer process to support tenant engagement in the Commonwealth-funded master plan process which will begin later in 2011.



BEP2 Consultation prize winners

More than 300 of the 700 residents who came along to the BEP2 consultation sessions entered the Lucky Prize Draw. The winners are:

Week 1:	Yu Lin Zhang	Redfern
	Tina Hansen	Redfern
	Li Cheng Zhu	Redfern
Week 2:	Mabel Chang	Waterloo
	Mereana Walker	Redfern
	Wan Ying Liang	Waterloo
Week 3:	Mikhail Ruvinsky	Redfern
	Yue Chan Liu	Redfern
	Charlotte Hanson	Redfern

Waterloo Green Neighbourhood Project – gets the thumbs up!



According to Matavai residents John Riemer, Les Bundarek and Chris Alexiou (left), the overall view is very positive with residents feeling safer.

Pam Molloy from Turanga (below) said that her neighbours really like the project as it is much quieter with fewer people coming into the building.

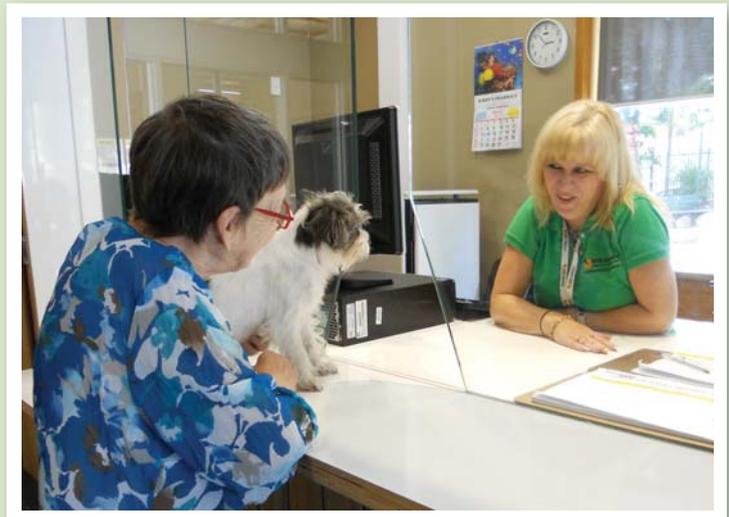
Gail Maksimovic, who works in the Neighbourhood Link office in Turanga, is one of 12 social housing tenants who are trained and employed each year by MTC Work Solutions as part of its contract to manage and deliver the Neighbourhood Link service for Housing NSW.

Residents in the six high-rise buildings in Waterloo Green are noticing major changes with improved security, less vandalism and anti-social behaviour now that the \$12 million project is up and running.

The Neighbourhood Link offices in each foyer are operating 24 hours a day with either Neighbourhood Link staff or security personnel on duty.

“The 24-hour closed circuit TV monitoring and improved photo identification system are already making a big difference,” said Housing NSW General Manager for Central Sydney, Kathy Roil.

“Only tenants, their carers and guests, and contractors can now access the buildings, which has reduced the scope for criminal or anti-social behaviour.”



Landscaping works

The recent landscaping improvements to Waterloo Green have been popular with local residents, particularly the children’s playground and BBQ area on the Raglan Street side of the Green.

Work on Stage 2 which involves the upgrade of lighting, pathways and new planting across the Green and between the buildings is about to start and is expected to be completed at the end of July.

Housing NSW General Manager for Central Sydney Division, Kathy Roil said “The improved landscaping, seating and lighting is helping to build a stronger sense of community as residents feel safer about making use of the open space.”

“Consultation with residents about Waterloo Green has helped Housing NSW put together a plan that meets the community’s needs.”