

WNEWS

Wentworth Community Housing
Tenant Newsletter

Issue 27 December 2015



Message from the Chief Executive Officer

Hello and welcome to the summer edition of WNews. As Wentworth's new CEO, I'm delighted to have the opportunity to introduce myself. After 20 years in senior roles in state government, I'm excited to be working with the fabulous team at Wentworth and leading our future growth. One of my highest priorities will be to ensure Wentworth maintains consistently high standards of service to our tenants. I look forward to meeting many of you over the coming months and years.

Inside this edition you will find office closure dates over the Christmas period, information about notifying Wentworth

if you are away over the holidays, our What's on column and updates about projects and events across the community.

On behalf of the Board and all the staff at Wentworth I would like to wish you a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

I hope you enjoy this edition of WNews!!



Stephen McIntyre
Chief Executive Officer

Office closures over the Christmas and New Year period

Penrith office

9th December – Office closed

24th December – Office to
close at 1:00pm

26th – 28th December –
Office closed

29th – 31st December – Normal
operating hours

1st January – Office closed

Katoomba and Hawkesbury offices

9th December – Office closed

**Office closed from 1:00pm
24th December to Monday
4th January**

For emergency maintenance when
our offices are closed, please
call **1300 761 315**.



Penrith

Cranebrook Youth Hub
Young People aged 11-24 years of age
Every afternoon Monday to Thursday
Drop In will run every afternoon
Monday to Thursday from 3pm
to 5pm

3 Kington Place, Cranebrook, (next door to Koolyangarra Aboriginal Child & Family Centre, off Pendock Rd).

Call 02 4729 3907 for more information and ask to speak to someone in the Youth Team.

Nepean Community Neighbourhood Services – School Holiday Program
January school holidays

Koolyangarra Aboriginal Family Centre
Contact Nerida on 0417 498 918

Cranebrook Estate Summer Fun
Christmas Party
Thursday 3rd December
3:00pm – 6:00pm

Koolyangarra Park (off Pendock Road), Cranebrook

Giant inflatable slip n slide, volleyball arena, children's play centre, kids craft, snow cones & free BBQ.

Christmas Carols @ Penrith Paceway
Sunday 13th December
Gates open 4pm, from 6pm – 9pm

Penrith Paceway, Penrith

Carol singing and fireworks.

Blacktown/ Riverstone

Koori Christmas
Wednesday 2nd December
3:30pm – 5:30pm

Riverstone Neighbourhood Centre,
Sam Lane Complex – Park Street,
Riverstone

Koori Cuppa and BBQ
2nd and 4th Monday of every month
10:30am – 1:00pm

Riverstone Neighbourhood Centre,
Sam Lane Complex – Park Street,
Riverstone

Riverstone After School
"Homework Help"
Every Thursday during school term
3:00pm – 5:00pm

Riverstone Youth Centre
Sam Lane Complex – Park Street,
Riverstone
Contact Youth Worker on 9627 3622

Riverstone School Holiday
program and activities
January school holidays

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Sam Lane Complex – Park Street,
Riverstone
Contact Youth Worker on 9627 3622

Hawkesbury

Rotary Carols in Richmond Park
Sunday 13th December
6:00pm – 10:00pm

Richmond Park (opposite the rail station)
Corner of Windsor St and East Market St
Richmond NSW

Electric candles, glow sticks & glowing bracelets will be for sale on the night. Sausage sizzle and cold drinks available to purchase.

Hanna Park Carols
Sunday 20th December
4:30pm – 9:00pm

Hanna Park (Access via Beaumont Ave, Parking onsite), North Richmond NSW

Kids activities 4:30pm – 7pm
Carols & fireworks 7pm – 9pm
Bring your own rug or chair



Maintenance Queries

Remember for all
Maintenance Queries
please ring
02 4777 8000
(select option 1).



Blue Mountains

Christmas Carols by Candlelight
Saturday 12th December
6:30pm BBQ and drinks
7:30pm carols concert

Grounds of Kihilla Conference Centre
Queens Road, Lawson

BYO chair and candle.

Christmas Carols in the Park
Saturday 12th December
Starts at 6:30pm

Glenbrook Park

FREE – Come along and enjoy the carol singing and performances, food stalls, and children's activities

Blackheath Community Carols
Sunday 13th December
3:30pm – 7:30pm

Blackheath Community Hall

3:30pm with free children's craft activities and games and a sausage sizzle.

FREE entry to the carols concert commencing at 5:30pm to 7:30pm.

RENT STATEMENTS

Your rent statement included with this newsletter was printed as 26th November 2015. If you have made payments after this date they will appear on your next rent statement.



Tenant Engagement and Advisory Members (T.E.A.M)

Again your T.E.A.M has been busy travelling around the areas to hold our "Just Because" morning teas to meet other residents. We have just held our last two for the 2015 year with a great turn out. We recently held our first morning tea at our Derby Street Complex and also another onsite at Beecroft Place, Cranebrook. These morning teas provide a great opportunity to get out and about and talk to other tenants.

The T.E.A.M meet monthly and are an active dedicated team of volunteers wanting to make a difference in their community and for individuals. The T.E.A.M now has 10 members, with three new members joining the group. The new members are from Richmond and Katoomba, so it is great to have a broad representation from a range of Wentworth areas and we are always keen for other tenants to participate.

Interested in participating in the T.E.A.M?

WNEWS is based on topics of interest raised by the T.E.A.M. If you are interested in participating please contact Lisa on **4777 8000** or email admin@wentworth.org with attention to Lisa.



Annual General Meeting

Our AGM was held at Cranebrook Neighbourhood Centre on Friday 20th November 2015 and highlighted our achievements during 2014–2015. Thank you to all who attended and if you wish to view the latest Annual Report please visit our website.

A big thank you to guest speaker Scott Langford (Chairperson of PowerHousing Australia), Cranebrook Neighbourhood Centre and Cranebrook High School.



Magnetic Places "Our Place, Our Space" Project

Wentworth has recently successfully applied for a funding grant under the Penrith City Council Magnetic Places Grants, for the Cranebrook "Our Place, Our Space" project, in partnership with the Nepean Community Neighbourhood Services, the Cranebrook Advisory Board and partner organisations.

"Our Place, Our Space" is a community and environmental project which will include a series of creative pop-up parks, workshops and temporary installations.

The "Our Place, Our Space" Project will be in full swing in January 2016 so any Cranebrook residents interested in

being part of a creative and innovative project please contact Lisa Eggers on lisae@wentworth.org.au or **0438 796 378**.

Our first pop up park and cafe was held on Thursday 12th November at Beecroft Place with many residents enjoying a cup of coffee while their children did activities.

Our next pop up park will be held on Thursday 10th December 9:30–11:30am at Beecroft Place, Cranebrook and we look forward to seeing you for a coffee.

Going on Holidays?

If you are going away over Christmas please notify us, so we can note it on our system – it's important so that we know you are OK and have not left your property.

We will need an emergency contact just in case we need to contact you. Your well-being is important to us so please let us know if you go away this holiday season or at any time during the year, whether you are going on a holiday, receiving medical treatment or for other reasons.

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8:30am–4:30pm Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri

1:00pm–4:30pm Wed

BRANCHES

Hawkesbury

Address: 409A George Street
South Windsor

Phone: (02) 4777 8000

Opening Hours: 8:30am–4:30pm Mon, Tue,
Thu, Fri (closed Wed)

Blue Mountains

Address: Shop 2, 23–27 Cascade Street
Katoomba

Phone: (02) 4777 8000

Opening Hours: 8:30am–4:30pm Mon, Tue,
Thu, Fri (closed Wed)

**OUT OF HOURS EMERGENCY
MAINTENANCE LINE
1300 761 315**

Next WNEWS

Our next edition of
WNEWS is planned for
March 2016.

Let us know if you
would like it emailed to
you or if you would like to
see an article on a
specific topic.

Do you enjoy the outdoors?

A great job opportunity is awaiting you!!

Trim & Proper Property Services (contractors for Wentworth) are looking for Wentworth tenants and/or their household members who are seeking work. Trim & Proper maintain Wentworth common area properties located in the Penrith, Hawkesbury, Blacktown and Blue Mountains areas which includes lawn mowing and the cleaning and maintenance.

No experience necessary – all training will be provided however you must be fit, reliable and enjoy working outdoors.

You will get the chance to learn and grow, perform a variety of tasks and be a part of a great team.

We're looking for people ready to start work and training right now! The work will be Monday to Friday, 38 hours per week between the hours of 6:30am – 3:00pm.

If you are looking for a challenging and rewarding role please contact Paul on **8738 0100** or pslack@scorecruitment.com.au.

Cranebrook Collective Impact Project – Colour Run

Friday 6th November saw the inaugural Colour Run to celebrate the launch of the "Cranebrook Connects – Safe Home, Safe Community" Project.

The Collective Impact Project, created in partnership with organisations, schools, services and groups working in Cranebrook, is a long-term project, and will be focusing on specific goals to improve outcomes for people in Cranebrook.

Partners in the project include Nepean Community Neighbourhood Services, Cranebrook High School, Braddock Public School, Centrelink, Wentworth Community Housing, FACS-Housing NSW, Health and Barnardos.

The community of children, young people and families came together to complete the colour run through Cranebrook, finishing at Koolyangarra Park for a free concert and celebration activities and had a great time.

The project aims "To bring Cranebrook services, schools, parents, youth, and the community together to promote positive outcomes, inclusion, and improve safety for the entire community, with a strong focus on children and young people having the opportunity to achieve and thrive."

