

ANNUAL TENANT FORUMS

It is that time of year again when Compass invites our NSW tenants to forums across the state.

The forums provide tenants with an opportunity to hear about Compass updates, to enjoy guest speakers, access information and support opportunities from local service providers and to share their ideas and feedback. Tenants will enjoy a FREE fully catered lunch plus a range of activities and entertainment.

Central Coast Tenant Forum

DATE: Wednesday 31 May 2017

TIME: 10am - 2pm

VENUE: Mingara Recreational Club
Mingara Drive Tumbi Umbi

Newcastle Tenant Forum

DATE: Tuesday 23 May 2017

TIME: 10am - 2pm

VENUE: Charlestown Bowling Club,
5 Lincoln Street Charlestown

East Maitland Tenant Forum

DATE: Thursday 11 May 2017

TIME: 10am - 2pm

VENUE: East Maitland Golf Club,
Tenambit Street, East Maitland

Upper Hunter Tenant Forum

DATE: Friday 9 June 2017

TIME: 10am - 2pm

VENUE: Muswellbrook RSL
113 Bridge Street Muswellbrook

Broken Hill Tenant Forum

DATE: Thursday 8 June 2017

TIME: 10am - 2pm

VENUE: Thyme on Argent Function Room,
220 Argent Street Broken Hill

Dubbo Tenant Forum

(PLEASE NOTE THIS IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

DATE: Wednesday 14 June 2017

TIME: 10am - 2pm

VENUE: Taronga Western Plains Zoo

Please RSVP to 1300 333 733 ASAP and please let us know if you have any special requirements.



A MESSAGE FROM GREG

In 2015, the largest storm to ever hit the Pacific ocean had a direct impact on Vanuatu, killing no less than a dozen people including a young mother and her child as they looked for shelter in the remote community of Louniel on Tanna island.

Compass Housing tenants, staff and friends of Compass are aiming to raise \$140,000 to rebuild two important community hubs in the South Pacific island nation of Vanuatu.

Both projects were chosen from a list of potential projects that also involved discussion with the chiefs of several tribes in the country.

The first project is the construction of the Compass Housing Community Stage and Community Room. This cyclone rated community hub will provide a safe haven and venue for aid organisations to facilitate programs including education, training, womens groups, health etc. It will also provide a much needed space for social enterprise and cultural engagement which has been minimal since Cyclone Pam.

The second project is the construction of the Compass Housing New Generation Community Centre & Cyclone Refuge will also provide a safe space for aid organisations and community groups. Once constructed, the refuge will offer shelter during cyclonic weather and play an important role in the aftermath of natural disasters in the distribution of aid and dissemination of information.

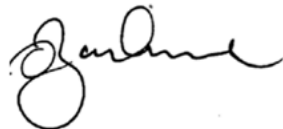
All is in place to start construction as soon as funds are available, in order to finish before the next storm season. So far, online and offline we have raised over \$2000 but still have a long way to go.

This region is listed as one of the poorest regions on the planet and due to other factors like climate change, with increasing sea levels and extreme weather events, helping out here is vital. Help us to save lives and to continue to develop the future of this beautiful culture.

I know I am asking tenants who have the least amount of disposable income to consider making a small contribution in money but also in kind donations – helping out with organising and promotion. Why? I simply believe we have world changing tenants and this project would interest many of those tenants.

I am asking staff, who also have other bills to pay and causes to support, to consider backing our tenants and our mission to improve these two communities in Vanuatu.

I am asking our tradies, consultants, partners and friends to also support our tenants and staff. Together we can achieve this.



Greg Budworth
Group Managing Director, Compass Housing Services



COMPASS TO BUILD MORE HOMES

Compass Housing has been awarded a major contract from the NSW Government to help boost social and affordable housing across the state.

The Social and Affordable Housing Fund (SAHF) is a key component of the NSW Future Directions for Social Housing in NSW strategy that will result in more social and affordable housing dwellings linked to tailored support, to help households gain independence.

The SAHF is the first initiative of its kind for the social housing sector and will see Compass Housing deliver 600 new dwellings built across the Newcastle, Wyong, Lake Macquarie, Gosford, Maitland, Port Stephens and Singleton local government areas. 80% of the new dwellings will be for people currently on the social housing waiting list. The remaining 20% will be allocated under an affordable housing model in which rent is capped at no more than 74.9% of the market rate.

Compass Group Managing Director Greg Budworth says the projects will help address shortfalls of housing which are driving affordability issues for key workers and low income families.

"There is a shortage of social and affordable housing right across the country and New South Wales is no exception," he says. "The government deserves major credit for taking bold steps to increase supply. Adequate housing is crucial to a person's wellbeing. Without it, it's next to impossible to make a go of things in any other part of your life."



HOME REPAIRS

If you need it fixed... we need to be able to contact you!



When you request maintenance for your home, please make sure that you have provided your current contact details.

If you are not home or cannot be contacted when Compass contractors come to your home to make the necessary repairs, you may be liable for call-out fees.

HOME4LIFE

Home4Life is a joint venture between Compass and BlueCHP that has been selected by the NSW Government to provide accommodation to people currently living in three Hunter based residential care centres.

Home4Life will provide tailored, supported accommodation to more than 390 people currently living in outmoded accommodation at the Kanangra, Stockton and Tomaree centres. With Home4Life, residents transferring from existing Hunter residences will have a guaranteed home for life with services that are tailored specifically to their individual needs.

The new group homes will be built at locations selected by residents' families and guardians on land currently owned by the Department of Family and Community Services.

LIFELINE SERVICE FINDER

The Lifeline Service Finder is a directory of approximately 85,000 free or low cost health services available in Australia. It contains up-to-date contact details to help people suffering from domestic violence or mental illness, or those contemplating suicide.

You can find the service finder via the Lifeline Australia website or directly by going to <https://lifeline.serviceseeker.com.au>

TENANT PHOTOS

These photos were taken at the various tenant Christmas celebrations in NSW and Queensland.



GROW A STAR

Providing Opportunities for our Youth

Grow a Star is a youth scholarship and mentoring program run by Compass Housing. Grow a Star's focus is to provide targeted funding to support young people who show an eagerness, talent or passion to develop their skills in a chosen field and help them to fulfil their dreams. So far, Grow a Star has helped hundreds of young people by providing laptops and tutoring, musical instruments and opportunities for talented young sports people to compete at all levels.

Do you know a young person who could benefit from a little help through Grow a Star? If so, please contact the Grow a Star Coordinator Shane Marshall on 1300 333 733 or at shanem@compasshousing.org

