Hi everyone, it feels like the year has only just begun & yet here we are right in the middle of it!

**Tenant Surveys**
We would like to thank all tenants who participated in the yearly tenant satisfaction survey. It was great to see the responses received. The information given in these surveys is crucial in further streamlining Compass Housing Services to meet our tenant requirements.

**Cinema Under the Stars**
Co-facilitated by UnitingCare Burnside, Dubbo City Council & Compass Housing Services, the Cinema Under the Stars held at Victoria Park was a highly successful night. It was a great opportunity to network with other agencies to ensure that together we offer the best services possible. It was good to see lots of young people & families attend the function.

**The Donut Run**
The donut run has become very popular and has now branched out into a number of different items such as clothing. Due to its success we are currently in the process of dividing into different areas of Dubbo. The run occurs every second Saturday & we are currently canvassing other services that might assist in donating items.

**Tips & Tricks**
**Winter Warming**
Here are some tips and tricks to help keep warm this winter without having to break the budget:

1. Keep doors to unused rooms closed.
2. Heat a water bottle and place at the end of your bed before you go to sleep.
3. Make yourself a hot drink.
4. After cooking, turn off your oven but leave the oven door open to allow heat into the property.
5. Put on a sweater – a long sleeved shirt is worth two degrees celsius in added warmth.
6. Lay down a floor rug in your lounge room.
7. Let the sunshine in to warm your home during the day.
8. Purchase a door snake to seal up gaps and cracks that let the cold air in.
9. Wear a comfy pair of slippers.
10. Knit or crochet a knee rug!
**Upcoming Events in Dubbo**

**Vintage Truck and Tractor**

- **Date:** 09 August 2014
- **Time:** 8:30am - 6pm
- **Cost:** $10.00 | Under 16 years FREE
- **Venue:** Dubbo Showground

The Dubbo Vintage Truck and Tractor Show in 2014 will have even more trucks, tractors, steam tractor engines, cars and introducing a fantastic display of stationary engines.

The weekend includes: vintage trucks and trailers, vintage tractors, vintage and classic cars, vintage motor bikes, tractor pull, stationary engines, steam traction engines, rally’s and parades, kids competitions and events, displays and entertainment, memorabilia and food and refreshments.

**Sustainable City Expo**

- **Date:** 09 August 2014
- **Time:** 8:30am - 6pm
- **Cost:** $10.00 | Under 16 years FREE
- **Venue:** Dubbo Showground

This event is held at the beautiful Dubbo Regional Botanic Garden and combines the annual Sustainable City Expo and the exciting new Science Week event Science Café. It aims to inspire children and adults alike in the fantastic world of science, while also focusing on how residents can help improve the environment and save money through various actions and products. There is something there for everyone including; homeowners, renters, families, couples and children. Solar hot water systems, blinds, gardening tips, worm farms and much more will be happening at this family friendly event!

For more information on Dubbo’s events, attractions, activities and more visit [www.dubbo.com.au](http://www.dubbo.com.au)

**Congratulations to our Tenant Incentive Scheme Winners!**

**February 2014**
- **Gold:** Michelle
- **Silver:** Bronwyn
- **Bronze:** Leanne

**March 2014**
- **Gold:** Kathy
- **Silver:** Joan
- **Bronze:** Leanne

**April 2014**
- **Gold:** Margaret
- **Silver:** Melody
- **Bronze:** Joan

Tenants are eligible to go into the monthly TIS draw automatically if your rent is in advance, your invoices are paid and are up to date and you a taking good care of your home. Gold, Silver and Bronze winners will receive a gift card and certificate.

For more information on how you can win a $50 gift card please call the branch for a flyer!