Hi everyone,

What a year! We would like to thank you for being patient and adaptable to change whilst Compass has been streamlining and refining services throughout the year. We trust that these changes have been beneficial to our tenants. We value all feedback as we endeavour to do our best to satisfy customers, who are the fundamental reason we exist as an organisation.

Our Christmas party was a great success this year, with hundreds of tenants attending from East Maitland and Newcastle. Good weather on the day was a bonus.

We are looking forward to next year’s celebration, as this day is an opportunity for us to unwind, get to know each other, and share our successes over the past twelve months.

Compass Housing offices will be closed from Wednesday the 24th December until Monday the 5th January, 2015.

Some budgeting ideas for Christmas:

- Pay a little extra on your rent/utilities to free up your money for other expenses
- Start budgeting for Christmas next year, by working out what presents were purchased and the total cost
- Consider the “Secret Santa” option
- Start collecting tinned food, toiletries and cleaning products to give as hampers
- Give baked goods

If you find yourself in a financial bind, remember, you are not alone. Lifeline Financial Counsellors are available for appointments in eight centres around the Hunter. Financial Counsellors can help you with budgeting, advice on possible options and can advocate on your behalf with creditors. Call 4940 2000 during business hours for an appointment.
Christmas Candle Lighting

Date: Sunday, December 14th
Time: 6pm – candles are lit at 7pm
Cost: free – candles will be supplied
Venue: 48 Rose Street - Blackalls Park – Come and share this event with us.

Christmas can be a difficult time of year for families who have suffered the death of a relative or friend. Families will commemorate & honour memories for those who left too soon. Please bring a blanket, chair and a picnic dinner. For early registration email lakemacspn@gmail.com or call 0407 002 463. Registration will be available from 6pm on the night. The event is sponsored by Lake Macquarie Suicide Support Network and Compassionate Friends Australia.

Lights Spectacular

Date: January 2015 – date to be advised
Time: 6.30 pm
Cost: $10.00 – includes transport and admission
Venue: Hunter Valley Gardens

Over 1,500,000 Christmas lights on show throughout designated areas of the gardens. Santa will be a special guest. Food and beverages available for purchase on site.

Please register your interest by phoning Compass Housing on 1300 333 733.

We express our most sincere wishes for peace and happiness this Christmas.

Congratulations to Scheme Winners variable

September 2014
Gold: Lynette
Silver: Natarsha
Bronze: Margaret

October 2014
Gold: Denise
Silver: Lesley
Bronze: Betty

November 2014
Gold: Chris
Silver: Alwyn
Bronze: Lynette

Monthly Draw Details variable

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

Emergency Maintenance After Hours Contact 1300 333 733  www.compasshousing.org