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Newsletter for Foundation Housing tenants and residents  Summer 2021/22



A Home Ownership Journey: Cindy's Story

Twelve months ago, Cindy was not sure if she would ever find a suitable enough home to raise her kids. Today, she is a proud homeowner, now paying less in mortgage repayments than she was paying in rent, and making arrangements for home improvements.

Cindy was introduced to Foundation Housing over a year ago through [Anglicare's Family Housing Program](#) and was placed in a home in Carlisle. Prior to living in a Foundation Housing home, she was staying in a small one-bedroom home and wasn't able to look after her children. Her motivation to have all her children under the one roof was to save for a larger place and one she could call her own.

With the resources available to her and the assistance from her support worker, it wasn't long before Cindy received news that her finances and loan through the [Family Housing Program](#) was approved and that she was on her way to owning a home. But without reaching out for help, Cindy said that she wouldn't have been able to get her life back on track.

"I recommend anyone to not be afraid to reach out. The resources in the community are there to help you. Even if the road is hard ahead, you will get through it. I am proof of that," she says.

"Foundation Housing has been an incredible stepping stone for me. It has been through the great support and access to resources from

Anglicare and Foundation Housing that I have been able to take the right steps to be where I am today," she says.

To explore your home-ownership options, visit [Keystart](#).



Join us for a Family Christmas Lunch!

You are invited to join us this festive season for a family lunch in the park! This event is family friendly and we encourage tenants and residents with children under 17 to attend.

Where: Kings Park

When: Wednesday 22 December, 10am-1pm

What: There will be games for the kids, a special lunch for everyone, festivities and more!

Please RSVP to secure your attendance, as spots are limited. To do so, please email:

tiffanyu@foundationhousing.org.au



FHL says farewell to Hampton Road!

Foundation Housing has managed the lodging house complex at 100 Hampton Road in Fremantle for the last 14 years. In late October, it was announced that the State Government has signed a new five-year lease agreement with St Pat's to run the complex.

Foundation Housing staff have enjoyed working alongside Hampton Road residents for the last 14 years. Thank you to all of the residents who have volunteered their time in assisting with Oz Harvest, the community garden and more over the years. We send our best wishes to everyone who calls Hampton Road home.



Flourishing at Foundry Road

Over the last few weeks, Foundry Road tenants have joined Community Engagement Coordinator Neal to complete a fantastic garden project. The garden includes native plants from Trillion Trees Australia and garden beds with rosemary, lavender, sage and edible herbs.

The finishing touches were completed in November with a beautiful white mulberry tree in the centre of the new area. Thank you to all the tenants that helped out, we can't wait to see the garden grow!



Christmas Office Closure



Our offices will close 4.30pm on Friday 24 December and re-open at 8.30am on Tuesday 4 January 2022.

You can email or leave a message for your Housing Coordinator during this time and they will respond to your query as soon as they return from leave.

Emergency repairs over this period will be managed by our maintenance contractors. Only urgent repairs will be attended to during this time, with non-urgent repairs scheduled for after 4 January 2022. An urgent repair is when there is a threat to the immediate safety or health of people, or there is serious damage to property. The urgent repair number is 1300 895 205.

Do you have a hidden artistic talent?



Get involved in the Tenant and Resident Art Project! We are seeking paintings, pottery, drawings, sculptures and more!

We would love to display the creative talents of our residents and tenants in and around our Head Office, with the opportunity of them being purchased.

If you would like to get involved or would like more information, please contact Tiffany on 0458 170 606 or tiffanyu@foundationhousing.org.au.

The Committee of Residents and Tenants is Underway

On Thursday 28 October, the first Committee of Residents and Tenants (CORT) AGM was held at the Foundation Housing Leederville HQ. The CORT is a new forum that allows residents and tenants to provide feedback to improve the way Foundation Housing delivers its services.

CEO Chris Smith joined the newly appointed committee at the AGM to announce and congratulate the members.



Our Subiaco tenant Claire was appointed as the inaugural CORT Chairperson and is looking forward to her journey on the committee and to see how tenant and resident voices can change and have an impact on people like herself. "I really believe that the CORT has the ability to allow Foundation Housing to set a benchmark to others in the social housing sector. I am looking forward to working with other tenants and Foundation Housing staff on what I know will be a really great journey."

A Perfect Day 'Under the Sea' at the Resident's Day Out!

Thank you to all the wonderful tenants and residents who joined us for a Resident's Day Out at the Aquarium of Western Australia. Staff members Tracy, Tiffany, Staum and Paige enjoyed spending the morning with everyone and learning more about our spectacular ocean and the species within. "It was a great day out, it was just what my family and I needed," says resident Simone.

Keep an eye out on your emails in the new year for more events like this in 2022!



We want our Community Engagement Program to respond to your needs!



Tenants at an art class in Subiaco.

We run a range of different activities across different locations, depending on what tenants tell us they would like to see. This could be a get together over a BBQ, an activity like an art class or practical skills like managing a budget.

Do you have an idea for a community engagement activity or event? Email Neal at neal@foundationhousing.org.au and make a suggestion. If your idea is implemented, you will receive a \$50 Coles voucher!

First Nations Art Competition brings incredible stories from Broome!

The Frederick Street Lodge in Broome held an artwork competition over the last few months for our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residents.

The winning prize went to Jimmy for his incredible artwork titled 'Brolga, Pearl, Barramundi'. The artwork is based on a dreamtime story about two brolgas' (couples). To read more about the story, visit our website.



Brolga, Pearl, Barramundi by Jimmy.



Noticeboard

Keeping the Kids Busy

The ABC website has a big range of resources for very young children, to primary school aged. These include craft and game ideas as well as education games. Start at abc.net.au/children and explore from there.

Have an idea?

This is your newsletter. We welcome ideas, letters, photos and stories. Please get in touch with communications@foundationhousing.org.au with any ideas!

Maintenance Manager

Want to download the Maintenance Manager app to make maintenance requests easier? Please contact repairs@foundationhousing.org.au to get started!

Volunteers for Photos

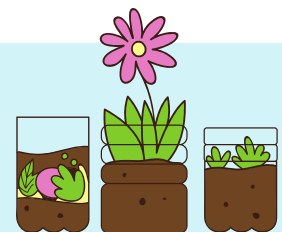
We are looking for volunteers to have their photo taken for use in our marketing material. If you are interested, please email paigel@foundationhousing.org.au.

Join our First Nations Focus Group

We are looking for additional members to join our First Nations Focus Group. This focus group is open to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residents and tenants who would like to provide feedback on policy, designing better services and generating ideas for how services can be improved. To get involved, please email tiffanyu@foundationhousing.org.au

Do you want to win a voucher to Bunnings?

We are holding a garden competition! Email paigel@foundationhousing.org.au with a photo of your backyard or garden project for a chance to win!



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