

## Let's Celebrate!

### International Women's Day 2026

Date: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March

Time: 11am – 1pm

Location: Redfern Community Centre

Come together with the WHC community as we celebrate YOU and International Women's Day 2026. Join us for an inspiring, fun-filled event with gifts for everyone, a guest speaker, makeup station and plenty more experiences.

Sponsored by Cue, Veronika Maine and Appelles.

Call Frankie to RSVP 0417 488 829

## Fellowship Wrap!

In November, our George and Jaqui Maree Fellowship came to an end. This initiative supported 12 incredible women who were ready to embrace the next chapter of their lives - discovering what they truly want and how to achieve it.

Sessions included confidence development, meditation, investment and financial growth, and each woman accessed 1-2-1 life coaching.

The women proudly received their completion certificates at our AGM - a moment that marked not just the end of the program, but the beginning of new possibilities.

We can't wait to see how these women use their scholarship funding and what they achieve in the future. The sky's the limit!



## Our End of Year Celebration



Our 2025 AGM grew this year and became more than a formal meeting - it was a celebration of our community. We also acknowledged 16 Days of Activism, with a powerful panel discussion moderated by our Patron, The Hon. Ros Kelly AO. The conversation featured insights from Yumi Lee (OWN NSW), Sarah Rosenberg (With You We Can), and moving lived-experience reflections from Shaymaa, a WHC tenant and participant in our Her Voice program.

Thanks so much to all that attended, we hope you loved it as much as we did!

# CEO message



It was lovely to connect with so many of you at the AGM late last year and to celebrate our achievements together for 2025. Please take the time to read our [2025 Annual Report](#).

At the AGM, we launch the [WHC Strategic Plan 2026–2030](#), which sets a bold direction for our future.

Our vision is that every woman and her family have a safe place to call home.

Over the next five years, we will focus on growing the supply of social and affordable housing, including homes for essential working women. We will strengthen our systems, technology, governance and workforce capability so we can expand safely and sustainably.

At the heart of the plan is our commitment to women-centred, trauma-informed, culturally safe services that support recovery and long-term stability.

Thank you for your trust and engagement. Together, we will build stronger futures for women across NSW.  
Warm Regards,

Nada Nasser  
CEO, Women's Housing Company

## Tenant Advisory Group Updates

The Tenant Advisory Group (TAG) recently held its second meeting and the first with members stepping into leadership roles – Susan as Chair and Shaymaa as Secretary.

We were joined by Carmen, WHC Board Chairperson, who shared the Board's commitment to strengthening relationships with tenants. Mollie presented 'Home Forward', a project focused on improving the lease sign-up experience for new tenants. TAG members welcomed the new lease pack materials, noting they were particularly supportive for neurodivergent tenants and those from CALD backgrounds.

The group also discussed a tenant submission regarding external use of the Parr Parade common room. Members raised concerns about privacy and safety and agreed WHC should instead explore ways to better support tenant use of the space. TAG members also had exclusive access to a session with Roni at The Wellbeing Edge on Leading Self First, encouraging self-trust, emotional regulation, and noticing the "hearts" around us, even in challenging times.

If there's an issue you believe the Tenant Advisory Group (TAG) should discuss, please email: [community@womenshousingcompany.org](mailto:community@womenshousingcompany.org) or contact Frankie 0417488829. These should be community-wide concerns, not personal matters.



## Stronger Together: Housing for Women 55+

Stronger Together is a pilot WHC program supporting single women aged 55+ to access safe, secure, long-term housing through shared living - by choice.

If you are currently awaiting a transfer and are interested in finding out more, please contact Caitlin - [caitlin@womenshousingcompany.org](mailto:caitlin@womenshousingcompany.org).

# Start Something New in 2026

The new year is the perfect time to explore fresh opportunities and take steps toward your goals. Whether you're thinking about work, study, or simply building confidence, support is available to help you get started.

If you'd like to have a conversation about your next steps (or even just update your resume) Arpita is here to help.

Contact Arpita on 0407 382 681.



## Keep Your Home Pest Free

It is your responsibility to help prevent pests in your unit. Simple steps can make a big difference:

- Seal all food items – Store food in airtight containers to avoid attracting insects or rodents.
- Keep surfaces clear – Wipe down benches and tables regularly to remove crumbs and spills.
- Dispose of rubbish correctly – Use bins with lids and take out garbage promptly.



By following these guidelines, we can keep our homes clean, healthy, and pest-free for everyone. Thank you for doing your part!

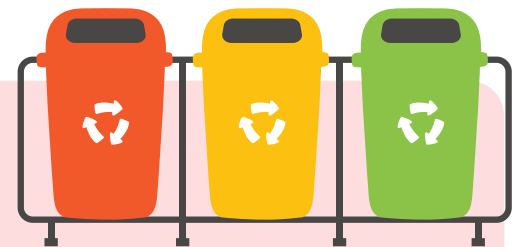
## What we have been up to



*Back to school session for the kids with massages and some respite for the mothers*



*A self defense class where we broke through a plank of wood like on karate kid.*



## Keeping our Community Clean Bin Etiquette and Waste Sorting

A clean environment makes life better for everyone. Here's how you can help:

### What Goes in Each Bin

- **Red Bin** – General Waste
  - Food scraps, plastic bags, soft plastic wrappers
  - Nappies, hygiene products
  - Broken glass (except bottles/jars) - always secure waste in a bag
- **Yellow Bin** – Recycling (items should be clean and placed loose – no plastic bags)
  - Plastic bottles, aluminum/steel cans, empty aerosol cans
  - Plastic food containers, newspapers, magazines, cardboard
  - Milk/juice cartons
- **Green Bin** – Garden Waste
  - Small branches, twigs, leaves, grass clippings
  - Tree and shrub prunings, plants, weeds, flowers

### Bin Etiquette

- Sort Correctly: Use the right bin for the right waste.
- Secure Waste: Tie bags tightly to prevent leaks, smells, and pests.
- Break Down Boxes: Flatten cardboard to save space.
- Don't Overfill: Use other available bins. Never leave bags beside bins.
- Keep It Clean: Clean up any spills or mess immediately.
- No Bulky Items: Contact WHC to book a council bulky item collection.

# Upcoming Events and Activities

We welcome you to our upcoming events. Dates can change so we encourage you to always talk to Frankie first on 0417488829.



## Tenant Satisfaction Survey

In April you will receive this year's Tenant Satisfaction survey which is your chance to tell us about your experience as a tenant of WHC. This information is important and helps us improve our services, the homes you live in. It also gives us an opportunity to recognise what we are doing right.

**March**  
 5<sup>th</sup> Zumba (run by Zumba Fiesta), Redfern  
 10<sup>th</sup> International Women's Day, Redfern  
 17<sup>th</sup> Art in the Park, Sydney Botanic Garden  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Harmony Day, Surry Hills  
 24<sup>th</sup> Online Zumba

**April**  
 14<sup>th</sup> Well-Fest at Frederick, South Granville  
 20<sup>th</sup> Community Service Station, Narraweena  
 21<sup>st</sup> Art in the Park, Parramatta Park  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Community Service Station, Liverpool

## New Staff

**Khiyara**  
 Tenant Manager



**Nataya**  
 Social Work Student



**Courtney**  
 Asset Officer



**Mollie**  
 Customer Service Assistant



**Katie**  
 Asset Officer



**Matilda**  
 Social Work Student



## You said, we did

Ensuring we share with you how we have responded to your feedback matters. Please reach out if there is anything we can improve on.

### You Said

### We did

You said you wanted more free exercise classes

We are offering both online and in person classes in Feb and March.

You said you wanted your ideas discussed at TAG meetings

Contact [community@womenshousingcompany.org](mailto:community@womenshousingcompany.org) or Frankie to have your ideas submitted to the TAG.

You said you wanted a chance to share your cultures with the WHC community

We are holding a Harmony Day event on 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

You said you wanted more contact with your Tenancy Managers

Complete one meeting at each block by June.  
 We are also having pop-up drop-in sessions in April for you to talk to staff closer to home.

**Business Hours:** 9.00am – 4.30pm Monday – Friday (Wednesdays 1.30-4.30pm)

**Customer Service: Phone:** 02 92811764 **Email:** [contact@womenshousingcompany.org](mailto:contact@womenshousingcompany.org)

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