

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

UPGRADES FOR NORTHERN BEACHES SOCIAL HOUSING UNDER \$40M NSW GOVERNMENT STIMULUS

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Leading Sydney community housing organisation Bridge Housing will deliver \$1.5 million in upgrades to social housing on the Northern Beaches before 30 June.

Bridge Housing, which manages some 1,200 social housing properties on the Northern Beaches, was one of 31 successful community housing organisations to receive a share of \$40m in stimulus funding announced yesterday by the NSW Minister for Water, Property and Housing, Melinda Pavey.

CEO John Nicolades said: "We are pleased to be able to invest in upgrading properties in the Northern Beaches for which we acquired management under the NSW Government's Social Housing Management Transfer program in August 2019."

"Well maintained and comfortable housing supports our residents to sustain their tenancies, live in their communities and access opportunities in their lives," he said. "We are ready and able to deliver these upgrades quickly, efficiently and to a high standard."

The Government said the \$40 million cash-flow injection provides social housing tenants better quality of living and greater comfort and safety, while strengthening the NSW economy. Read the media release here.

Bridge Housing will undertake upgrade works in the Northern Beaches portfolio, including:

- External and internal upgrades to free-standing cottages in Seaforth and Narraweena
- Internal upgrades to studio apartments in Dee Why, including kitchen and bathroom renovations, painting and new carpets.

All works need to be completed by 30 June this year.

Last year we received another \$1 million from the NSW Government, which Bridge Housing matched, in order to invest some \$2 million in other social housing upgrades.



## For further information:

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## **About Bridge Housing**

Bridge Housing is a leading NSW community housing association that sources and develops social and affordable housing for people on moderate-to-low incomes across 20 local government areas in greater Sydney. It has some 3,500 properties housing 6,000 people.

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