

# Communities Assist

## SOUTHERN CROSS HOUSING FACT SHEET



Southern Cross Housing (SCH) is much more than providing social and affordable accommodation. It's also about building community capacity and supporting our residents to achieve their life goals. The Communities Assist (CA) Team engages in community development driven practice that promotes and strengthens our tenant community to:

- Identify their own needs and aspirations and strengthen self-determination.
- Maximise their potential.
- Build strong and resilient communities.
- Improve the quality and sustainability of their own lives, the communities in which they live, and societies of which they are a part.

### The CA team does this by:

- Delivering a variety of community development programs, activities & initiatives that empower, educate, and help to build our residents independence.
- Working collaboratively with our residents to identify and meet community need through advocacy, innovation & investment.
- Implementing continuous quality improvement strategies with the aim of providing better outcomes for our tenant community, and;
- Identifying early intervention and prevention needs to match the support requirements of our residents.



### WHAT PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE?

The Communities Assist team provides a range of various programs and events to assist you in achieving your goals, building your financial capacity and increasing your personal health wellbeing:

- Work Development Orders
- Employment Support
- Energy Efficiency Program
- Mental Health Brokerage Program
- Volunteering
- Good Neighbour Awards
- Start Work Bonus
- Tenant Advisory Committee's
- Keys2Renting
- June Steven's Scholarship
- Tenant Surveys
- Community Greening
- Property Care Recognition

For more information about the above programs, please visit the SCH website:

[www.scch.org.au/communities-assist/](http://www.scch.org.au/communities-assist/) or contact the Communities Assist team on 1800 757 885 or email [communities@scch.org.au](mailto:communities@scch.org.au)