



## Save the date



### IMAGINATE

#### Arts and Craft

Yagoona Community Centre

10:00am - 1:30pm

Thurs 9th April 2026



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#### Ice Skating

Liverpool Catholic Club Ice Rink

11:30am - 3:00pm

Wed 15th April 2026



### Western Sydney Women's Coffee Club

Chambers Coffee  
Parramatta Square

10:00am - 12:00pm

Thurs 7th May 2026

## RAG Chat

We are excited to welcome our new Resident Advisory Group (RAG) and Maintenance Advisory Group (MAG) members for 2026–2027! This term we welcome 18 dedicated members to the group, including 7 first time members.

Your RAG members had their first meeting on 16th February and got straight into workshopping and brainstorming their ideas to ensure residents' voices are heard. Our members are looking forward to representing **your voice, sharing your ideas**, and helping improve the services and communities we all live in.

Thank you to everyone who nominated. Your contribution helps shape a stronger, more connected Evolve Housing community.

If you have suggestions or topics, you'd like the groups to explore, please reach out to the Community Engagement team anytime via [ragfeedback@evolvehousing.com.au](mailto:ragfeedback@evolvehousing.com.au)



#### Acknowledgment of Country:

Evolve Housing acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land where we deliver our housing services. We acknowledge and pay our respects to all Elders past, present and future. We welcome all First Nations Peoples to our services, as we walk together towards reconciliation.

# Events highlights

At Evolve Housing, we love bringing residents and their families together through fun, inclusive community events. From celebrations to workshops, there's always something happening.



End of Year Christmas Cheer



Festive options for families



Aquatopia



Lunch by the beach



Scan to see more photos

# Commonwealth Rent Assistance (CRA) workshops

Thank you to our tenants who joined our recent CRA workshops in Parramatta and Yagoona. In partnership with Services Australia, we helped tenants check their eligibility and make sure they're receiving the correct CRA amount.

CRA is an extra Centrelink payment to help with rent costs for those on eligible benefits.

Missed the workshops? Keep an eye out for future sessions via SMS or in our resident newsletter.

If you need to update your rent details, visit your local Centrelink for assistance. Evolve Housing remains committed to supporting you throughout your tenancy.

# Tenant Portal Webinar

Our tenants shared positive feedback after attending our Tenant Portal Information Sessions, both in person and online.

In these sessions, our tenants were shown:

- What the Tenant Portal is and how it works, including making maintenance requests, giving feedback to Evolve Housing or updating your details.
- How to register and get started
- Tips for making the most of its features

If you are interested in attending a Tenant Portal Information Session, scan the QR code below to register your interest.



Scan to register your interest

# Financial Assistance Grants

We have updated our Financial Assistance Grants, which will be available for Evolve Housing residents to apply for from Wednesday 1st April 2026.

Our Financial Assistance Grants help with the costs of education, sport, and cultural activities.

## What is new?

- ✓ New grant names
- ✓ One easy applications form - you can now apply for all grants using one form
- ✓ Updated grant amounts
- ✓ A new financial year limit per household
- ✓ A new way to apply
- ✓ Updated Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)



## Grants available to support you and your family

Grant type	Up to	Who it's for	What it covers
Active Essentials	\$300/yr	Children & young people 0-17 years	Fees, equipment, uniforms for sport, dance or cultural activities
Primary School Essentials	\$500/yr	Primary school students	School fees, uniforms, stationery, excursions
High School Essentials	\$900/yr	High school students	School fees, uniforms, stationery & equipment
Tertiary Essentials	\$1,200/yr	Adults in further study	TAFE, university or trade course costs, tools, uniforms, equipment

**Please note:** You may apply for multiple grant options either at the same time or at various times throughout the year, as long as the amount required does not exceed the total cap of \$2000 per household per financial year.



Scan to apply

For more information or to apply for a Financial Assistance grant please visit our website or email [community@evolvehousing.com.au](mailto:community@evolvehousing.com.au) or SMS Terina on 0412 806 461.



# Upcoming events

## IMAGINATE EVENTS

Our Imagine school holiday program is free activities for families of Evolve Housing residents to attend, learn and enjoy!

**SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES**

### ARTS & CRAFTS

**PRIZES AND EASTER EGGS TO BE WON!**

Paint your own masterpiece followed by an exciting Easter egg hunt!

**Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> April 2026 · 10:00am - 1:30pm**

**Yagoona Community Centre**  
176D Cooper Road, Yagoona, NSW 2199

Lunch provided, dietary options available.  
For Evolve Housing residents only.

**MORE INFO:** [evolvehousing.com.au/events](https://evolvehousing.com.au/events)



### ICE SKATING

Expressions of Interest

**SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES**

Back by popular demand, join us for ice skating this April school holiday! We will be taking expressions of interest and prioritising residents who haven't been to the event before.

**Wed 15<sup>th</sup> April 2026 · 11:30am - 3:00pm**

**Liverpool Catholic Club Ice Rink**  
424-458 Hoxton Park Road, Prestons NSW 2170

*Taking expressions of interest only.*  
*Registration does not guarantee entry to the event.*

Lunch provided, dietary options available.  
For Evolve Housing residents only.

**MORE INFO:** [evolvehousing.com.au/events](https://evolvehousing.com.au/events)



## Vivid Dinner Cruise

Enjoy a relaxed family-friendly dinner cruise along Sydney Harbour during Vivid. This cruise is timed for sunset where you can sit back, enjoy your meal, and get ready for when the lights are switched on.

**Thurs 4th June 2026 | 4.30pm arrival for a 5pm departure**  
**King St Wharf Darling Harbour**

*This cruise is not suitable for people using wheelchairs*  
Limited tickets are available. Registrations open April 1.

Dinner provided, dietary options available.  
For Evolve Housing residents only.

ADULT'S  
EVENT



## Western Sydney Women's Coffee Club

The Women's Coffee Club offers a safe space for Evolve Housing women to connect, build new friendships, and share local support services and resources.

**Thurs 7th May | 10:00am - 12:00pm**

**Chambers Coffee Parramatta Square**  
Shop 1/169 Macquarie Street, Parramatta NSW 2150

If you are an Evolve Housing resident and would like to join our Western Sydney Women's Coffee Club, please contact:

**Yvonne on 0478 690 320** or email [community@evolvehousing.com.au](mailto:community@evolvehousing.com.au)

WOMEN'S  
EVENT



## National Reconciliation Week

National Reconciliation Week (27 May – 3 June) encourages Australians to learn about our shared histories and consider how we can support reconciliation. Reconciliation is built on five interconnected elements, where progress in one strengthens the others:



### Race Relations

Respectful, racism-free relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Indigenous Australians.



### Equality and Equity

Equal opportunities for First Nations peoples, with their rights, cultures and self-determination recognised.



### Historical Acceptance

Acknowledging past wrongs and their ongoing impacts, and ensuring they are not repeated.



### Institutional Integrity

Organisations actively supporting reconciliation across all areas.



### Unity

Embracing First Nations histories and cultures as central to Australia's shared identity.





# More energy efficient homes for our residents

Evolve Housing is committed to reducing our carbon footprint and improving environmental performance through our Evolving Green program, which delivers more energy efficient homes for our residents.

With funding from the federal and state governments, we are upgrading a number of our homes to make them cheaper to run and more comfortable to live in. This work helps put more money back into our tenant's pockets while supporting a cleaner and more sustainable future.

We have already installed 420 ceiling fans in 103 households and finalising the installation of solar panels on 13 unit blocks amounting to 152 properties.



**Across all four stages of Evolving Green, we have delivered upgrades that make a real difference for our residents**



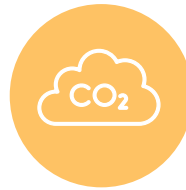
**\$200,000**

saved annually for  
**521 households**



Up to **\$600**

saved annually on  
electricity bills per  
household



**1,271** Tonnes

of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions  
reduced. Equals **369**  
cars off the road!



**1.5M** kWh

of clean energy  
generated each year

## Energy saving tips

These tips will help you use energy more efficiently and save money. They are quick, easy and completely free.



Switch off appliances when not in use. Appliances like chargers, TVs, gaming consoles and microwaves use power even when they're not in use. This could add hundreds of dollars to your power bill every year. Always switch them off or unplug them at the wall.



Run your dishwashers and washing machines when they're full. Use cold water and eco mode when possible.



Use a clothesline or clotheshorse instead of an inefficient dryer and you could save over \$120 a year.



Set your fridge to 3–4°C and your freezer to -15–18°C for optimal performance.



Always use lids on pots. This speeds up the cooking process so your stove or hotplate uses less energy.

# More homes for our community

Evolve Housing is working hard to help ease the housing crisis and provide more safe, affordable homes for those most in need.

We are partnering with federal and state governments, and property developers to deliver the homes.

Under Round 1 of the Housing Australia Future Fund (HAFF), we received funding to build more than 1000 new homes comprising 917 affordable homes and 177 social homes.

These new homes will be built across NSW and Victoria and will support:

- Women and children escaping domestic violence
- Older women at risk of homelessness
- Key workers
- Other community members who need stable, secure housing

All homes will be located close to transport, shops, and essential services to ensure residents can stay connected to their communities.

This is a major milestone for Evolve Housing, and we look forward to welcoming more residents into safe, affordable homes soon.



# Competition corner

## WIN HOYTS gift card!



In celebration of **NSW Youth Week 2026 – Dream, Dare, Do** (16th–26th April 2026) we will be running a “Find-a-word” competition with all correct entries going into the draw to win 1 of 5 x \$50 Hoyts gift cards!

### THE PRIZE

We have 5 prizes to give away. Each winner will get 1 x \$50 Hoyts gift card.

### HOW TO ENTER

Locate the listed words in the grid that are either horizontally, vertically and diagonally. Take a photo of the completed find-a-word and send the photo by **SMS** to the **Community Engagement team** on **0412 806 461**. Use the subject line “Youth Week.” Please **include your full name, Evolve Housing address and phone number**.

All correct entries will go into the running to win, then we will draw 5 winners randomly.

**Please note you must be an Evolve Housing resident to enter.**

Entries close **midday Wednesday 8th April 2026**, and we will contact the winners directly.

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**Thrive**

**Diversity**

**NSW**

**Empower**

**Belonging**

**Advocate**

**Connect**

**Celebration**

**Dream**

**Inclusion**

**Development**

**Dare**



## Ask Izzy

Ask Izzy is an online website that connects people in need with housing, a meal, money help, health and wellbeing services, family violence support, counselling and much more.

<https://askizzy.org.au/>



### Send your compliment or complaint to:

✉ [ihear@evolvehousing.com.au](mailto:ihear@evolvehousing.com.au)

☎ 1800 693 865

or scan the QR code for our compliments, complaints and appeals forms



### How to lodge an appeal

If you are unhappy about a decision made about your tenancy you can lodge an appeal within three months from the date of the original decision. To lodge an appeal, fill out our Appeals form on our website by scanning the QR code above or contact our office on 1800 693 865