



Trent Zimmerman, Federal Member for North Sydney to open a new social housing community garden in Sydney's Cremorne

On Friday 25 January 2019, Federal Member for North Sydney, Trent Zimmerman will open a new community garden at social housing complex, 34 Boyle Street Cremorne.

The Boyle Street community, with the support of local not-for-profit housing provider Link Housing, are pleased to celebrate the launch of their improved community garden area. The complex is a North Sydney Council owned 100 year old boarding house, accommodating mostly older residents.

Last year Link Housing received \$10,500 in grant funding from the NSW Government Family and Community Services (FACS) Social Housing Community Improvement Fund (SHCIF) to revitalise the outdoor area.

The work to upgrade the site was led by Link Housing's in-house Assets and Maintenance team who completed extensive consultation with residents and neighbours to understand what they wanted from the space. Overwhelmingly the residents agreed they wanted a space that was appealing and relaxing to spend time in, to sit and chat, have BBQs, and even do some gardening in.

In one week, the outdoor space had been transformed from what the residents called 'a kind of wasteland of stones' used to hang out washing and put their rubbish in the bins - to a new and inviting outdoor 'room' that is helping to build a sense of community.

The community garden will have the finishing touches added at the official opening event on Friday 25 January 2019, when the teams from Community Greening at The Royal Botanic Garden and Vegepod will lead the residents in a community gardening workshop and fruit tree planting session - making good use of the new raised garden beds recently put in by the Link Housing team.

The event includes a BBQ attended by residents and neighbours. We are honoured that Mr Trent Zimmerman, Federal Member for North Sydney and other dignitaries are also attending.

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About Link Housing

Link Housing Ltd (Link Housing) is a Tier 1 Registered Community Housing Provider (CHP) and Licensed Real Estate Agent 10010626.

Formed in 1984, Link Housing is one of the oldest not-for-profit community housing providers in NSW. Link Housing manages close to 4000 homes across NSW.

With a vision to enhance lives through community housing, Link Housing designs and delivers programs and services that contribute to positive change for tenants, their families, and the community.

Link Housing is recognised as a well-governed and effectively managed organisation, with a dynamic Board and leadership team and a workforce committed to providing the best possible service to our clients and partners.