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MEDIA RELEASE

Countdown to the opening of leading Northern Sydney community art exhibition - the biggest yet!

No Place Like Home, a community art exhibition founded and led by community housing provider, Link Housing, will open its 2018 event series on the 27th September 2018 at the first of four separate sites. This year, Link Housing takes the event to another level with the following additions to the program:

- Extended exhibition period, 27 September - 10 November
- To be held across four locations - Hornsby, Northern Beaches, North Sydney and Ryde
- Artworks, reflecting the theme 'No Place Like Home' to raise awareness about Sydney's housing affordability crisis
- An original song written for the event by an award winning Australian songwriter, and to be performed as part of the exhibition at the opening nights

The 'No Place Like Home' art exhibition is now in its third year and will be bigger and better this year with both professional and amateur artists from across Sydney showcasing their works.

Founded by Link Housing, provider of social housing in the Northern Sydney area for over 30 years, the exhibition was originally launched to encourage residents and the wider community to use their creative talents, connect with each other, and advocate for the need for safe and affordable housing.

Andrew McAnulty, CEO of Link Housing, said, *'The current housing market is tough. Not everyone has housing stability and security – but everyone has the right to it. This exhibition allows people to share their stories and contribute to a much larger and vital narrative.'*

Working in collaboration with Northern Beaches, Hornsby Shire, North Sydney and Ryde Councils, the event will showcase artworks of any media from a wide range of artists, using the theme: 'No Place Like Home'. As a very special treat, an original piece of music will also be part of the exhibition this year. *'We are delighted that one of our very own staff members, Maddie, has co-written original music that will be unveiled as the event's theme song at the first opening night on Thursday 27th September 2018 at Warringah Creative Space, 6-8pm.'* Mr McAnulty said.

'We need to start breaking down the boundaries and ensure the wider community are part of Sydney's housing discussion,' said Mr McAnulty. *'Art, including music, uses a different type of vocabulary and we welcome those expressions of thoughts and ideas.'*

This year over thirty artists will show their artworks. Link Housing is still accepting submissions. For entry submission details visit: www.linkhousing.org.au or contact Connie Gold on 9412 5111.



Event details:

Warringah Creative Space
105 Abbott Rd, North Curl Curl
Thursday 27th - Sunday 30th September 2018 10am - 4pm
Opening night: Thursday 27th September 6pm - 8pm

Wollarobba Arts & Cultural Centre
25 Edgeworth David Ave, Hornsby
Wednesday 3rd - Tuesday 9th October 2018 10am - 4pm
Opening night: Friday 5th October 6pm - 8pm

North Sydney Community Centre
220 Miller St, North Sydney
Friday 12th – Friday 26th October 2018 10am – 6pm
Opening night: Friday 12th October 6.30pm – 8.00pm

Ryde Community Space
Ground Floor, 3-5 Anthony Road, West Ryde
Tuesday 30th October – Friday 9th November 2018 9am - 5pm
Opening night: Thursday 1st November 1pm - 2pm

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About Link Housing

Formed in 1984, Link Housing is one of the oldest not-for-profit community housing providers in NSW. We currently have approximately 1800 homes under management with this number set to double by the end of 2018 as part of the NSW Government's Social Housing Management Transfer.

Link Housing is committed to providing a safe place to call home for the most vulnerable in our community by increasing the supply of affordable, social and specialist disability (NDIS) housing for individuals and families.

A well-governed and effectively managed organisation with a dynamic Board, leadership and workforce, Link Housing is both capable and passionate about providing the best possible service to our clients and partners now - and in the future.