

Tenant Newsletter



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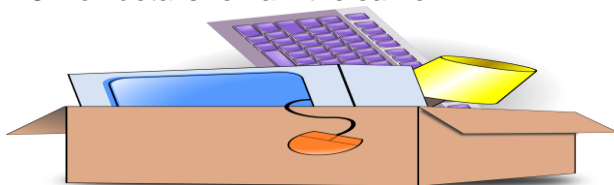
We're on the move. Illustration

Week of 2 November we're moving to a new location.

Our new home will be in the SAI Building located at:

Suite 1A
470 Church St
NORTH PARRAMATTA
(Corner of Harold St, Opposite the Cheesecake Shop)

All phone numbers, email addresses and PO Box details remain the same.



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Paying Your Rent on Time.



One of the terms of your tenancy is that you agree to pay your rent on time. If your rent is late you're in breach of this term. It is important you pay any outstanding rent as soon as possible. If you fall behind with your rent it is important to take action as soon as possible, as we may issue a notice to end the tenancy if your rent is more than 14 days overdue. If you are unable to pay all of the overdue rent immediately, you should contact the office to speak with a staff member about putting an arrears agreement in place. An arrears agreement is a payment plan for the outstanding rent to be paid over a period of time, in addition to your normal rent payments. Both parties will sign the arrears agreement to avoid any misunderstanding or disputes. To avoid falling into arrears, ask our staff about the option of having your rent paid automatically through the Centrepay Deduction Scheme. By choosing this option you will never have to worry about falling into rental arrears or risk losing your tenancy, it's the most stress-free way to ensure your rent is always paid on time.

2015 Annual General Meeting

We're pleased to advise that the 2015 Annual General Meeting of Ecclesia Housing will be held on **Wednesday, 25 November** in North Parramatta.

To register your interest and receive a notice of meeting please email

admin@ecclesiahousing.org.au

The Annual General Meeting is your chance to meet and question the Board and Management.

We look forward to meeting you.

Best Wishes from the team at Ecclesia Housing

FREE NSW Smart and Skilled scholarships

If you are living in Social housing or are on the waitlist for NSW social housing and meet the Fee Free scholarship eligibility criteria you are guaranteed a scholarship to start training.

Eligible courses are Certificate IV in Business Administration and Certificate IV in IT Networking. For further information contact Pacific College of Technology on 1300 9649 7767

YOUR LOCAL COUNCIL

Often your local council offers a range of **FREE** activities for the local community.

Below are some that Parramatta City Council are offering for the month of October.

Tai Chi – Qualified Instructor

Date: Friday, 9 October

Time: 11am – 12pm

Venue: Ermington Library.

To register your interest call 9806 5869

Make your home more energy efficient.

Learn how to reduce your energy bill

Date: Saturday, 17 October.

Time: 3-5pm

Venue: Charles Byrne Room, Parramatta Town Hall

To register your interest call 9806 8291

Beginners Computer course – 5 weeks

From: Monday, 26 October

Time: 10-11am

Venue: Guildford Library

NOTE: Participants must attend all 5 sessions

To register your interest call 9806 5856



For further information on events being run by Parramatta City Council, visit their website on

http://www.parracity.nsw.gov.au/play/whats_on/events_calendar/events

CORNER STORE

The corner store exists to offer support to the local community.

Located at 10 Lawrence St, ERMINTON they offer low cost food to holders of the following cards:

- Centrelink card
- Healthcare card
- Pension card and
- Disability card

The Corner store also has a small coffee shop on site.

This service is available Wednesday and Thursday from 9.30am to 3pm.

The Corner Store also run a Community Garden, sharing produce and gardening tips.

For further information contact the Corner Store on 9898 1955.



Free Parramatta Shuttle

Shuttle bus

The Parramatta Shuttle Bus (The Loop) is a free transport solution that connects tourists, residents and commuters to the commercial, retail and recreational landmarks of the city. The free Parramatta Shuttle Bus runs every 10 minutes, seven days a week. **Monday to Friday** between 7.00am and 6.30pm and on **Saturday and Sunday** between 8.00am and 4.00pm. The free Shuttle Bus is a great way to get around Parramatta, it's fast, free and easy to find. The free Parramatta Shuttle Bus operates on a continuous loop around the city centre connecting rail, bus and ferry transport interchanges with local clubs and shops and other community hubs.

You don't need a ticket or a timetable just look out for the bright green bus and jump on board.

