

AFFORDABLE LIVING PROGRAM

The City of Canada Bay will introduce the Affordable Living Program in April 2009, aiming to assist people working within the area to access affordable, local housing.

Council aims to assist local residents and local employees on low to moderate weekly incomes to access affordable rental housing in the Canada Bay Local Government Area through its Affordable Living Program. The program's objective is to assist low to moderate income households by providing rental housing security whilst enabling them to establish savings for home ownership or rental property.

A number of units will be available in early 2009 in the North Strathfield area. The recently constructed units range from 1 bedroom to 2 or 3 bedrooms.

Council has appointed St George Housing to manage the units and the selection of tenants who meet the prescribed eligibility criteria. This process is scheduled to commence in April 2009.

The projected rental costs for the residences are:

Unit Size	Market rent	Discount of 25%
1 Bedroom	\$320 per week	\$240 per week
2 Bedroom	\$450 per week	\$337 per week
3 Bedroom	\$530 per week	\$397 per week

Who is eligible under the program?

To be eligible for consideration under this program, you must meet the following criteria:

Income

Your gross household income must sit between \$39,551 - \$86,799, as the program is designed for households with low to moderate incomes. The Low criteria is defined as between 50 - 80% of the Sydney median household income (gross) and Moderate is defined as between 80 - 120% of the Sydney median household income (gross).

Employment

You must be permanently employed and meeting the gross weekly income criteria as set out above and employed in the following employment sectors in the City of Canada Bay or surrounding regions:

- Health Services
- Childcare
- Public Primary or Secondary Education
- Emergency Services
- Public Transport
- City of Canada Bay Council Employee

Additional Criteria

You must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident who is not currently living in subsidised housing (NSW Department of Housing or Community Housing Managed Accommodation). You must also not own property or assets which could be used to assist their housing needs.

If you would like to apply for a unit as part of this program, you can obtain an application form and any further information about the application process by contacting St George Community Housing at www.sgch.com.au or 95851499.