



## **Newtown Neighbourhood Centre Letter from the CEO**

Dear Neighbour,

Newtown Neighbourhood Centre (NNC) is starting an exciting new chapter in the story of our centre.

For 45 years, we have celebrated and supported the diversity and creativity of our neighbourhood, creating a space for everyone to belong. We are from the community, for the community, connecting residents, services, businesses and volunteers to maintain the wellbeing and unique culture of Newtown.

After four decades of supporting the community from our address at 1 Bedford Street, NNC is excited to move to a new space. At present, our teams are split across two locations, and services are limited by the condition and size of the Bedford Street building.

Our new location will allow us to continue to strengthen our community through connection and care in a new, purpose-built service hub, customised for the needs of our centre and the community we serve.

### **More space, new opportunities**

The move to 11-13 Darley Street, Newtown, takes us to the heart of our neighbourhood, providing a greater sense of community and offering privacy for our more vulnerable visitors. The building has undergone an extensive renovation, with Inner West Council investing over a million dollars into the site to create a welcoming, fresh and functional centre

Our new premises will see the continuation of essential services for members of our community in need, while providing new opportunities for increasing aged care and family support.

Venue hire will also continue, and we look forward to increasing the utilisation of our spaces for gatherings and group meetings. With four rooms available for hire, including an attractive and thoughtfully designed outdoor area, we invite all members of our neighbourhood to connect, collaborate and celebrate with us.

### **Moving to our new home**

To enable the move, NNC will be closed for a short period, however, support is still available through our website [www.newtowncentre.org](http://www.newtowncentre.org) or by calling 02 9564 7333.

Our doors will officially close at 1 Bedford Street on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022, with all services resuming at our new location, 11-13 Darley Street, Newtown, from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

We are communicating information regarding our move via our website and social media channels, and emails and text messages have been sent to relevant clients, community members and service partners. We are also using the extensive power of our volunteer network to communicate the move to clients and community members.

Finally, posters, flyers and walking tours for clients and community members from Bedford Street to Darley Street will help to ensure our new location is known to the community and those in need of our services or support.

### **Be part of our story**

The opening of our new premises is the perfect time to discover not only what we do, but how you can get involved. We welcome residents, businesses and volunteers to find out how they can help write our next chapter, shaping the community they want to live in by sharing their skills, time or passion for Newtown.

We look forward to welcoming the incredible Newtown community to our new home on Darley Street.

Elaine Macnish  
CEO, Newtown Neighbourhood Centre

### **Key dates and information**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Action</b>
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Newtown Neighbourhood Centre will close the doors at 1 Bedford Street
9-23 <sup>rd</sup> December 2022	Those requiring services or support can contact the centre via <a href="http://www.newtowncentre.org">www.newtowncentre.org</a> or by phoning 02 9564 7333
24 <sup>th</sup> December 2022 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2023	Centre Closed for Christmas
3 <sup>rd</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	Those requiring services or support can contact the centre via <a href="http://www.newtowncentre.org">www.newtowncentre.org</a> or by phoning 02 9564 7333
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	Newtown Neighbourhood Centre will open at its new location 11-13 Darley Street, Newtown