

# Redfern Update

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## On the streets with BEP2

For three weeks in February, the word on the street was “BEP2” as Housing NSW staff consulted more than 700 people about proposed planning changes for Redfern and Waterloo.

The consultations were conducted to gather resident and stakeholder input to the draft planning rules developed by the Redfern Waterloo Authority for Housing NSW owned land in Redfern and Waterloo.

“There was a real buzz as residents, shopkeepers and others looked over plans and talked about ideas for the future,” said Bernie Coates, Director, Community Building, Housing NSW.

The BEP2 consultation is one step in a longer process to support tenant engagement in the Commonwealth-funded master plan process which will begin later in 2011.



## BEP2 Consultation prize winners

More than 300 of the 700 residents who came along to the BEP2 consultation sessions entered the Lucky Prize Draw.

The winners are:

<b>Week 1:</b>	Yu Lin Zhang	Redfern
	Tina Hansen	Redfern
	Li Cheng Zhu	Redfern
<b>Week 2:</b>	Mabel Chang	Waterloo
	Mereana Walker	Redfern
	Wan Ying Liang	Waterloo
<b>Week 3:</b>	Mikhail Ruvinsky	Redfern
	Yue Chan Liu	Redfern
	Charlotte Hanson	Redfern

## Residents move into Redfern East

Residents have now settled into their new homes in the award winning Redfern East project on the site bounded by Kettle, Morehead and Walker streets.

The project, involved the construction of 106 new public housing homes — 66 seniors' living units and 40 two, three and four-bedroom apartments.

New resident, 81 year old, Rita Maddren (right) was “over the moon” when she got a two bedroom apartment through the ballot after 21 years in the McKell building.

“My new home is nice, bright and airy with a standout feature – a big balcony. I feel I have gained a lot from the move as I am still well connected with my community. I go walking every day and see my friends for lunch.”

Lisa Edwards, a return-to-site resident, has moved into one of the townhouses with her three children. Lisa said about her move, “I feel as though I have



won the lottery getting a brand new home in Redfern.

“There is a positive feeling among the residents, particularly the older Redfern residents, who are very happy to be staying in the area.”

## Community advocate honoured

Prominent community members recently unveiled a plaque commemorating community advocate, Betty Makin, at the newly completed Redfern East project.

The ceremony was a highlight for Betty's family, with her children, grandchildren and extended family attending the event.

After the ceremony, Jill Edwards spoke about her mother and life in Redfern, “Mum was a well known community activist. She wanted to stop the destruction of the terrace housing by the Housing Commission to make way for high rise.



“She also worked with other activists to get the Green Bans in place for Redfern and Waterloo. She fought the Government for 11 years along with other local activists like Marg Barry.”

Jill, who has recently moved into Redfern

East, said “I love it here because it feels like home. I was apprehensive about losing my big home and big yard but, as my health has deteriorated, I was pleased to move into a new smaller home.”