



## 2024 Autumn Edition Bowral

### Client Portal

We have an amazing online portal for our clients to use! You can pay rent, see newsletters, make enquiries, request for maintenance without coming to the office. If you're struggling to use the Portal, don't hesitate to ask your Client Support Specialist.

<https://portal.argylehousing.com.au/dashbord>

### Financial Difficulty

If you are experiencing financial difficulty with paying your rent or non-rent please contact your Client Support Specialist to discuss a payment plan or referral to a Community Service for financial assistance.

### The Wendy Middleton Scholarship

At Argyle Housing we are passionate about providing opportunities to our clients.

The Wendy Middleton Scholarship Program is an opportunity for our clients to learn new skills, begin a career or acquire the right skills to enter the workforce.

Successful applicants can receive up to \$1,500 for college, university or TAFE courses. The scholarship funding can be used to pay for educational costs and fees, textbooks, computers and even specific clothing – anything that will help them complete their education.

Visit:-

<https://argylehousing.com.au/about-us/scholarship/>

### Acknowledgement of Country.

Argyle Housing acknowledges the Traditional Owners of country throughout Australia and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and culture. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

## Explore NSW Fee-Free Short Courses by Industry Sector

- Construction
- Accommodation & Food Services
- Arts & Recreation Services
- Education & Training

Contact your nearest training services NSW office.  
Ring **13 28 11** to be directed to your nearest office & locations



## Tips to Save Money

- Open curtains/blinds during the day to allow the sun to warm your home.
- Close curtains/blinds at night to trap in the heat.
- Switch ceiling fans to reverse.
- Cover hard floors with rugs.
- Seal draughts along bottom of doors using door snakes.

## Tips for Fire Safety

Report faulty smoke alarms  
Do not use faulty appliances  
Report any electrical issues or faults  
Plan your escape from fire  
Keep roof gutters clear of leaves  
Matches & lighters are tools not toys

**STOP, DROP & ROLL**

## Winter safety in your Home

- Check Electric Blankets before use each year-cords should not be frayed and the blanket covering the wires should not be worn out.
- Don't sleep with the Electric Blanket on-warm the bed and then turn it off.
- Never place heavy items on your bed when the Electric Blanket is turned on.
- Never leave children alone with any open flame.
- Keep it candles away from any combustible material, including curtains, bedding and clothing.
- Heaters should be placed on a flat level surface.
- Never use a gas heater or BVQ made for outdoor use inside your home.
- Always supervise children and pets when heaters are in use.
- Keep heaters well clear from items that might burn. A minimum of one-metre clearance from clothes, bedding, furniture, curtains and other combustibles is recommended.

## Reminder:

Smoke Alarms are required by law to be tested every year. We have arranged for the Smoke Alarms Australia to conduct these tests. Letters have been sent, so please provide access. If you are required to change the appointment. Please contact Smoke Alarms Australia on **1300 125 276**