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PAYCE congratulates NSW Community Housing Provider of the Year Award winners

Leading Australian property development and investment company, PAYCE today congratulated Evolve Housing and Pacific Link Housing on winning the NSW Community Housing Provider of the Year Award at the Affordable Housing Conference held in Sydney this week.

The award is presented to the community housing provider or providers who demonstrate excellence across all aspects of community housing business: tenancy and property management; service to tenants and quality of outcomes; community engagement; and development of social and/or affordable housing.

PAYCE sponsored the category and was also the platinum sponsor of the Affordable Housing Conference. The theme of the conference was: *What would it take to create 100,000 new affordable homes in NSW.*'

PAYCE's Managing Director, Brian Boyd congratulated the two community housing providers on winning the award.

"They can be very proud of their individual achievements through the year in the delivery and management of sustainable social housing solutions, which no doubt caught the attention of the judges," he said.

Mr Boyd said PAYCE was working in partnership with Evolve Housing on a current project to deliver a mixed tenure residential development in Penrith that includes social, affordable and private housing in the ever-expanding area of Western Sydney.

"The Harts Landing development will include 134 social and affordable housing apartments and 134 private apartments adjacent to the thriving Penrith CBD," he said.

Mr Boyd said PAYCE was delighted to be partnering with Evolve Housing on this muchneeded project that will substantially increase the affordable housing stock in the heart of Penrith.

"Evolve has a great team of professional and dedicated staff who have a strong empathy with their clients and potential clients.

"Both PAYCE and Evolve share similar values and vision for creating dynamic and cohesive communities for people to live, connect and enjoy wonderful surroundings and convenient facilities," Mr Boyd said.

Harts Landing has been named after a local resident, William (Bill) Hart, who became Australia's first aviator. He was born in Parramatta and grew up in the Penrith area.

In 1911, Hart flew from the very location of what is now known as Harts Landing to Sydney via St Marys, a distance of 76 kilometres, and in doing so became the first to complete a cross-country flight in New South Wales.

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