

# ACHIA

Aboriginal Community Housing  
Industry Association NSW



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## Last Chance to Nominate 2024 Aboriginal Community Housing NSW Awards

### Nominations Close 15 July 2024

The 2024 Aboriginal Community Housing NSW Awards seeks to honor individuals and/or Aboriginal Community Housing Providers (ACHPs) that are committed to making outstanding impacts within the Aboriginal community housing sector.

To be eligible, nominations must be:

- to recognise housing achievements in NSW; and
- for an individual that has significantly impacted Aboriginal housing in their community; or
- a registered ACHP.

To nominate, please scan the QR code below and complete the 2024 Aboriginal Community Housing NSW Awards Nomination Form.

**Completed Nomination Forms should be returned to [comms@achiansw.org.au](mailto:comms@achiansw.org.au) by 5pm on 15 July 2024.**

Each nomination makes you eligible for 1 entry into the draw to win a personally commissioned Aboriginal artwork.



# 2024 NAIDOC

## Keep The Fire Burning! Blak, Loud and Proud

This week, the dedicated team at ACHIA NSW are participating in a series of vibrant NAIDOC events across the state. Embracing the 2024 theme 'Keep the fire burning! Blak, loud and proud' our team joins various communities in honouring and celebrating Indigenous culture, resilience, and achievements. From cultural workshops to deadly performances and engaging discussions, each event has ignited a sense of strength and pride. Through these experiences, we are committed to fostering deeper connections and continue strengthening those connections and networks.



# Upcoming Events

## Core and Cluster Services

To support the new and upcoming Core and Cluster services across NSW, please find following a range of capacity and capability building initiatives for organisations and their workforces.

### Coercive Control Workshops

The Centre for Community Welfare Training (CCWT), in partnership with the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) NSW, has developed specialised face-to-face training in response to recommendations made by the NSW Joint Select Committee on Coercive Control to support practitioners in identifying and responding to coercive control.

In November 2022, the NSW Parliament passed the Crimes Legislation Amendment (Coercive Control) Act 2022, creating a new offence for coercive control in intimate partner relationships, effective July 2024.

This training will be rolled out between June 2024 and November 2024 in preparation for the new legislation. Almost all courses are full. Checking the CCWT website (checked on 10 July 2024), they have enrolment spots available at:

- Goulburn, NSW on 29 August 2024 - [Register Here](#)
- Bourke, NSW on 4 September 2024 - [Register Here](#)
- Port Macquarie, NSW on 9 October 2024 - [Register Here](#)

The CCWT have other free online courses available to support staff who work with children, young people and/or their families. To see what other free courses are available, [Click Here](#).

### Domestic and Family Violence Response Training (DV-alert)

DV-alert provides training to help frontline workers who are not specifically focused on domestic and family violence. They will be equipped with knowledge and skills to help people who are experiencing or at risk of domestic and family violence.

#### Learn how to:

- Recognise the signs of domestic and family violence.
- Respond confidently with appropriate care.
- Refer effectively to support services.

For more information about DV-alert, workshops, and courses [Click Here](#).

### No To Violence National Conference Date: 2-5 September 2024, Sydney

**Theme:** Leading Radical Change.

A call to end men's family violence. The conference will collaboratively explore the radical change needed to end men's family violence. For more information, [Click Here](#).

### Domestic Violence NSW Conference, 18-19 September 2024, Sydney

**Theme:** Past, Present and Future. 50 Year Conference. The conference will feature subject matter experts, practitioners, speakers, panelists, and people with lived expertise. For more information, [Click Here](#)

## National Aboriginal Child Safety and Domestic Violence Summit 2024, 25-27 September 2024, Adelaide

**Theme:** Creating a Space for Change. The Summit aims to cultivate new and innovative responses to Aboriginal Family and Domestic Violence and Child Protection in Australia. It will bring together leaders from across Australia to showcase innovative thinking, culturally safe responses, and, importantly, best practices to create improved outcomes for Aboriginal women, children, men, families and the community. For more information, [Click Here](#).

## Stop Domestic Violence Conference 2024

**Theme:** Stronger Together: Bridging Silos and Building Change.

The annual Stop Domestic Violence Conference will reflect on the current obstacles facing the community, brainstorm innovations and seek opportunities for change within the family, domestic and sexual violence sector. For more information, [Click Here](#).

# ACHP Consultation Forums - AHO Contract Terms and Conditions

ACHIA NSW held 2 forums with CEOs and staff from ACHPs who are contracted by AHO to manage NSW Government properties. The forums discussed in detail version 2 of the AHO contract terms and conditions, which were released back to the sector in June 2024, with various amendments from version 1 documents.

ACHIA NSW thanks all those who were able to attend the sessions, share their thoughts and suggestions regarding the version 2 documents, and support the sector's vision of managing AHO properties and tenancies into the future in partnership with AHO.

ACHIA NSW is gathering all the information shared at the forums this week, to ensure a consistent sector-wide understanding of the obligations as stated in the current contracts on offer, can be reported back to AHO.

This is a significant and visionary piece of work, creating what will likely be the design of a 20-year property management agreement for the sector supporting AHO and the NSW Government to meet Aboriginal Housing needs across the state.

Please contact Simon Wade, Director - Sector Development on [0491 208 899](tel:0491208899) or at [Simon.w@achiansw.org.au](mailto:Simon.w@achiansw.org.au).

## National Governance Training

**Are you a current or aspiring Board member that would like to enhance your skills in governance?**

ACHIA is partnering with NATSIHA to deliver a National Governance Training Project focused on enhancing governance practices in ACHPs.

The training is free of charge, includes travel and accommodation, and is targeted at current and aspiring board members.

The ~~one-day~~ training course has two available dates: **Tuesday, 30 July and Wednesday, 31 July** and will be held at the **National Centre of Indigenous Excellence (NCIE)** at 180 George Street, Redfern.

**WHAT WILL THIS TRAINING DELIVER:**

**Foundations of Governance:**

Understanding the principles and practices essential to strong leadership.

**Strengthening Community Control:**

Ensure your organisation is governed by and for the community, reflecting our values and traditions.

**Building Resilience:**

Create robust governance frameworks that support long-term sustainability and success.

**Fostering Collaboration:**

Connect with other leaders, share experiences, and build a network of support and solidarity.

**WHO IS THIS TRAINING FOR:**

- Board Members
- Executive Staff
- Community Leaders
- Anyone involved in decision-making within Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Controlled Organisations

Click the link below to register your attendance and make your travel arrangements. Alternatively, you can contact Shane Todd, Manager - Policy and Partnerships at [Shane.T@achiansw.org.au](mailto:Shane.T@achiansw.org.au) if you have any questions or if you would like to discuss the training further.

**REGISTER HERE**



**ACHP Grant and  
Training Opportunities**

## AHO – Leading Community Demonstration Grant - EOI Open

### What is a Leading Community Demonstration Site?

The Leading Community Demonstration Site (LCDS) will deliver a new service model for Aboriginal families who may need support to resolve their housing needs, whilst addressing at least one other social issue nominated by the community.

The EOI is targeted to Aboriginal organisations located in NSW and will run for 3 years.

### How do I know if my organisation is eligible to apply?

Any NSW-based Aboriginal organisation that is driven to deliver positive outcomes for the community may be eligible. The Aboriginal business/organisation must be at least 50% Aboriginal owned and recognised through an appropriate organisation, such as Supply Nation or NSW Indigenous Chamber of Commerce or the like. The organisation must be able to provide evidence that shows the organisation meets these criteria.

### What funding is available?

Funding for the project is up to \$250,000 for the first year and an additional \$150,000 each year for the following two years.

### Key Dates

**5th July** - EOI open via Smart Grants, here:

<https://aho.smartygrants.com.au/LeadingCommunityDemonstrationSite>

**17th July (3pm)** - AHO online webinar via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/leading-community-demonstration-site-lcds-2024-information-webinar-tickets-944609722107?aff=oddtcreator>

**31st July (12pm)** EOI closes

For more information, please check out the link below, or contact AHO at [ClientOutcomes@aho.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ClientOutcomes@aho.nsw.gov.au)

## MORE INFORMATION

### Terri Janke and Co Governance Training

**Cost:** \$330

**Date:** 23 July 2024

**Time:** 10:00am-2:00pm AEST

**Location:** Zoom

#### What You'll Learn:

- Understand the principles of good governance
- Recognise the difference between strategic vs operational approaches
- Understand Indigenous governance systems
- Develop capacity-building skills to support effective governance practices
- Learn about the role of the Director and the Board, including Director duties and responsibilities, Board business, and diversifying the Board
- Explore successful Board practices
- Understand how to employ strategic thinking

- Gain insights into decision-making through a cultural lens and different ways of communicating
- Improve your ability to make strong decisions

#### **Who Should Attend?**

- Executives
- Board and Committee Members
- Professionals who are interested in learning more about incorporating culturally considerate and diverse governance practices
- Joint-venture Project Managers

**REGISTER HERE**

## **Cultural and Economic Development Uplift Pilot Program**

#### **What is the 'Cultural and Economic Development Uplift Program'?**

The delivery of the pilot Training Program will aim to achieve the following objectives:

- support Aboriginal organisations to develop and improve their business management, governance and finance practices
- equip Aboriginal organisations with the tools and resources required to identify and deliver new commercial opportunities that create sustainable employment opportunities for Aboriginal people
- provide project management training that enables Aboriginal organisations to deliver major projects that support improved economic and employment outcomes for Aboriginal people.

#### **What funding is available?**

Funding of up to \$1 million for Aboriginal-owned Registered Training Organisations to deliver a training program tailored to Local Aboriginal Land Councils, Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations and Native Title Prescribed Body Corporates.

#### **Key Dates**

Applications close 25 July 2024

**Further information, including how to apply is available at the links below.**

**Frequently Asked Questions**

**Program Guidelines**



Continue to send us your pictures of “**Welcome to Country**” signs, acknowledging the beautiful lands in which we live and journey through.

By sending in your pictures, we acknowledge Aboriginal people and lands we call home.

Together, let's weave a visual tapestry that reflects the profound beauty and enduring spirit of our people.

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