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Registrations Open 2024 Aboriginal Housing Caucus

Connect, learn, and hear from industry leaders at this pivotal event for NSW ACHPs

Don't miss the unique opportunity to network and tackle the critical housing issues facing Aboriginal communities, whether in person or virtually.

When: August 27-28, 2024

Where: Powerhouse Hotel, Tamworth (Gamilaroi/Kamilaroi Country)

There are limited spots available, so click the link below to register and secure yours today!

[2024 Aboriginal Housing Caucus | Register Here](#)

2024 Aboriginal Community Housing NSW Awards

Nominations Now Closed

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who participated in nominating candidates for the 2024 ACHIA NSW Aboriginal Community Housing Awards. Your efforts in highlighting and acknowledging the remarkable work people are doing within the ACHP sector are deeply valued.

The announcement of award winners will take place at the 2024 Aboriginal Housing Caucus in Tamworth in August 2024, followed by publication in an ACHIA Alert shortly after.

ACHIA NSW Hits the Road

The ACHIA NSW Sector Development Team, including Lynnett, Paula and Simon recently took off on a weeklong, 2,400km adventure from Wonnarua Country to Bundjalung Country and across the top to Yuwaalaraay Country to connect with ACHPs and get a first-hand look at the great work they are leading in their communities.

Starting early on Monday, 15 July and ending close to midnight on Friday, 19 July, the journey began with the fabulous Laurie Perry at Wonnarua Nation Aboriginal Corporation. Laurie is located at the soul of the region and shared with the ACHIA NSW team about how the region is working and developing.



The following day the team had the pleasure of visiting the Hunter Valley Aboriginal Corporation (HVAC), where Kylie Pascoe, CEO, Uncle Gary Wright, and Uncle (Binna) Glen Morris, shared about the remarkable and inspiring journey they have undertaken to reach their current goals. A fabulous platform has been created and it will be great watching the movements of HVAC in the future.

On Wednesday the team had the privilege of attending the Bundjalung Tribal Society's Meet and Greet information session at their Nambunda Farm. The event was opened with Welcome to Country by Uncle Phil and Marcus Ferguson, followed by a dedicated tour of the farm and a walk to the site where the future Aboriginal

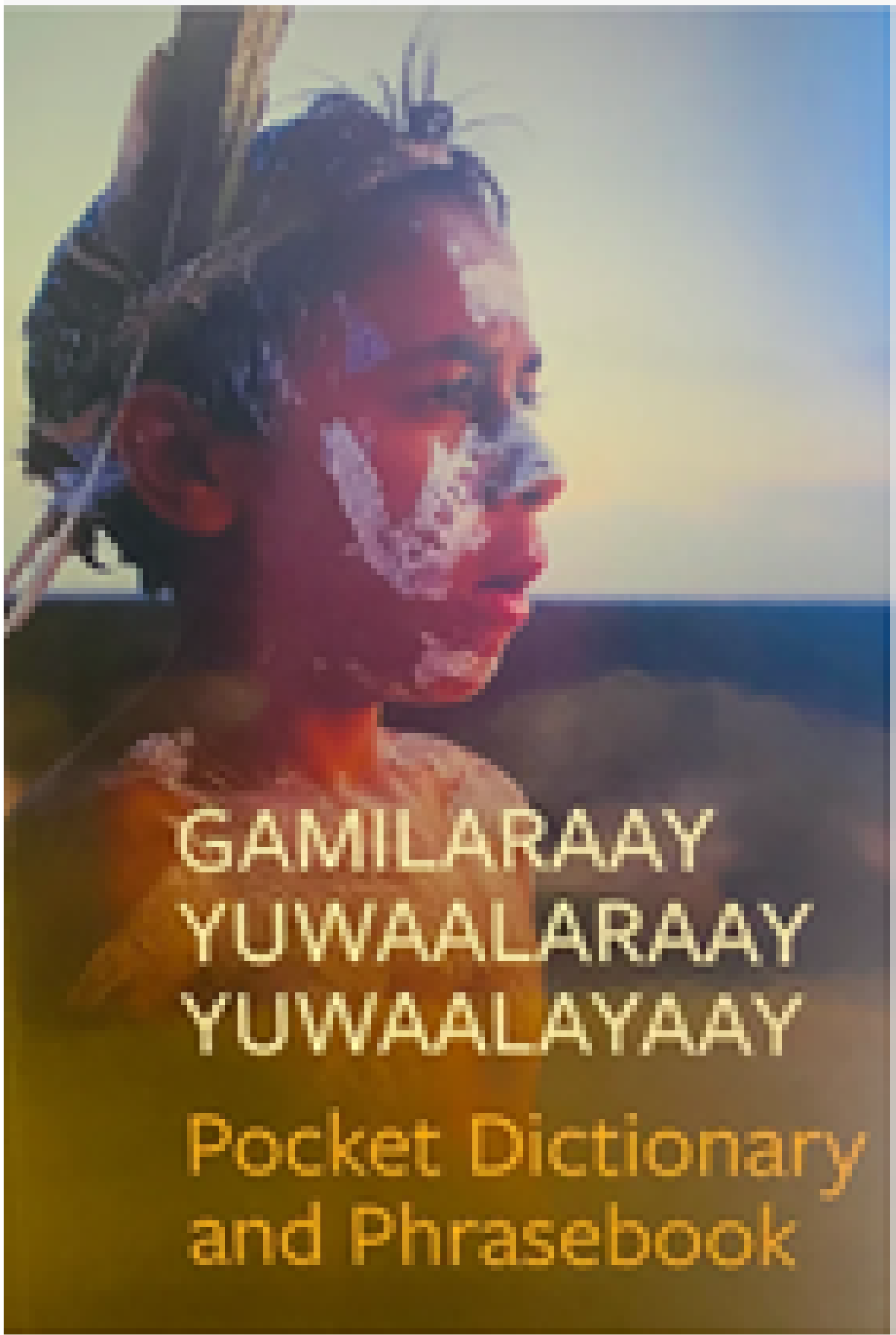
Cultures and Eco-Tourism Centre will be constructed. The event also included a lunch featuring produce grown right on the farm, providing a wonderful end to an informative and enriching day.



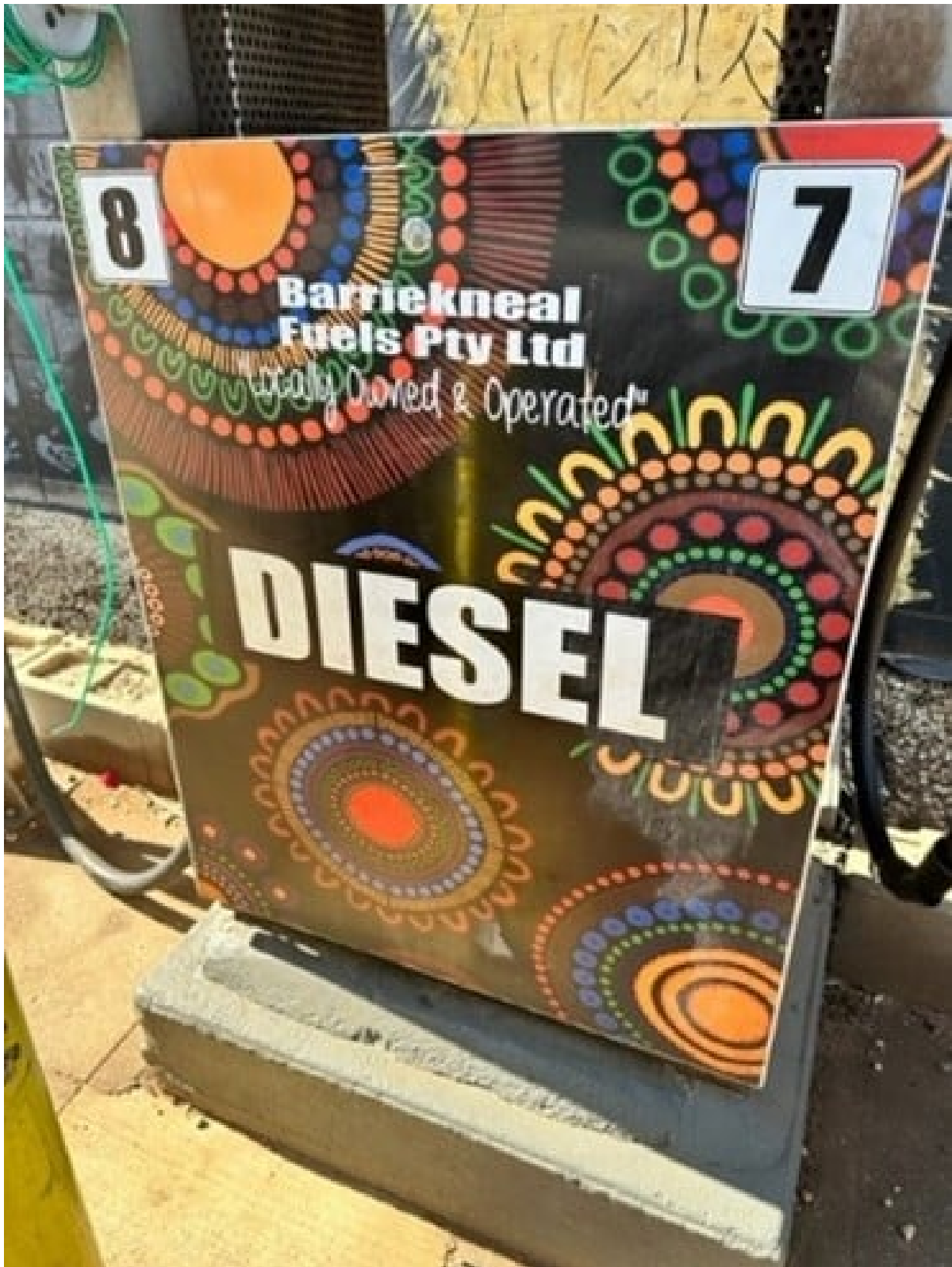


After a long drive west and a fabulous Chinese feed in Moree, Lynnett, Paula and Simon made their way to Barriekneal Housing and Community Ltd in Lightning Ridge. The opportunity to meet CEO, Crystal Mahoney and Housing Officer Dayne McHughes was a highlight, after crossing paths at numerous events during the months prior. They shared the story of their unique position in the bustling outback town of Lightning Ridge, as well as the challenges of running housing remotely, and a fantastic vision of their future - which you can find out more about here: <https://www.barrieknealhousingandcommunityltd.com/product-page/gamilaraay-yuwaalaraayyuwaalayaay-pocket-dictionary-and-phrasebook>.





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While in Lightning Ridge the team were also lucky enough to be warmly welcomed by Lightning Ridge Local Aboriginal Land Council CEO, Petrina Brown. Petrina shared how they were able to obtain a Communication Hub donated by the Dr. Steve Burroughs Foundation giving the community free computer and internet access. It was wonderful to be able to visit the LALC in person and meet some members of their community.



Thank you to all the people who opened their doors and shared their stories with us over the week. It was a truly remarkable opportunity to see and learn, firsthand, about the efforts ACHPs across regional NSW are working hard to achieve in your communities.

We're looking forward to getting back on the road and spending more time with ACHPs across the state in coming months.

Upcoming Events Core and Cluster Services

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 Grant and Training Opportunities

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-lcdis-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.

MORE INFORMATION HERE



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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