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## Registration Closing Soon 2024 Aboriginal Housing Caucus



### Join Us for the 2024 ACHIA NSW Aboriginal Housing Caucus!

Connect, learn, and engage with industry leaders at this reputable gathering for NSW Aboriginal Community Housing Providers (AHPs). This event offers a unique opportunity to network and collaborate on critical housing issues, both in person and virtually.

**When:** Tuesday, 27 and Wednesday, 28 August 2024

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

With limited spots left and registration closing soon, secure your place now!

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

# Homelessness Week 2024: Homelessness Action Now

Homelessness Week 2024 will be held from Monday, August 5 to Sunday, August 11 this year and is a pivotal time to spotlight the urgent issue of homelessness and drive collective action. This year's theme, **"Homelessness Action Now,"** underscores the critical need for immediate and impactful solutions to address the homelessness crisis that affects countless individuals and families nationwide.

It serves as a call to action for communities, policymakers, and organisations to move beyond discussion and engage in practical, tangible efforts to provide support and create lasting change.

As the peak body for Aboriginal housing, we recognise that addressing homelessness requires a coordinated and culturally sensitive approach. We encourage all community housing providers to leverage this week to enhance awareness, advocate for robust policies, and collaborate on initiatives that prioritise both immediate relief and long-term solutions.

By uniting our efforts under the banner of **"Homelessness Action Now,"** we can ensure that Aboriginal voices and needs are central in shaping effective strategies and policies, ultimately working towards a future where everyone has a safe and stable place to call home.

## Social & Affordable Housing: The Australian Landscape 2024

2024 is a year of immense opportunity! Social and Affordable Housing has been on the agenda for both the Commonwealth and State governments. Sizeable construction and development programs have been announced, introducing different procurement processes and conditions. Aboriginal Community Housing Providers (ACHPs) are in an incredibly strong position to leverage this for their communities.

Here's a summary of the various levers, opportunities and connection points that are starting to address the outsized housing crisis facing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families living in NSW.

[Summary of Social and Affordable Housing Opportunities](#)

# Gandangara LALC 40th Anniversary



## Honoring 40 Years of Purpose, Passion and Progress

Join Gandangara LALC in celebrating 40 years of dedicated work and passionate progress. This special event will feature vibrant cultural performances, traditional food, and excellent company. Don't miss the chance to honour and recognise the Gandangara Local Aboriginal Land Council's achievements over the past four decades.

**Come together to commemorate this milestone and make lasting memories.**

**When:** 30 November 2024

**Time:** Arrive 5:30pm, 6pm start until late

**Place:** Liverpool Catholic Club 424-458 Hoxton Park Road Prestons, NSW 2170

**Cost:** \$75 for Early Bird Tickets until end of July 2024.

[Tickets and More Information Available Here](#)

# Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 (ALRA) Section 42

Aboriginal communities have consistently raised concerns about the implementation of Section 42 of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act (ALRA). Various reports have suggested reforms to enhance the integration of the ALRA with the Native Title system. For instance, the 2017 ALRA statutory review advocated for the creation of “proactive and efficient methods to improve the interaction and operation of the ALRA with Native Title laws in NSW.” Additionally, the 2021 ALRA statutory review recommended expanding options for Aboriginal Land Councils to manage land while respecting Native Title. Specifically, it called for “a comprehensive consultation on proposals to prioritise how ALCs can handle land dealings subject to Native Title.”

**Why does Section 42 exist in the ALRA?**

Section 42 was introduced by the NSW Government in response to the Commonwealth Native Title legislation. Its primary role is to protect Local Aboriginal Land Councils (LALCs) from potential liabilities related to Native Title compensation.

**What problems does it create?**

Section 42 often prevents LALCs from managing land until Native Title has been formally determined. This delay can significantly hinder LALCs and Aboriginal communities, impeding their ability to advance economic and community development on their land. The necessity to wait for Native Title determinations means that LALCs are frequently unable to move forward with community projects and initiatives.

For more information on Native Title and land rights, including key terms and processes, please see NSWALC's Guide available at: <https://alc.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/2014-land-right...>

# Upcoming Learning, Development and Uplift Opportunities The Coolamon Project



## Free Safety Day Workshop For NRSCH Registered ACHIA NSW Members

### Enhance Your Risk Management Expertise!

Join us for an intensive workshop on operations risk management

- Introduction to Risk Management
- Risk Identification
- Risk Assessment
- Risk Control & Mitigation
- Risk Monitoring & Reporting
- Risk Management Frameworks & Standards
- Case Studies & Practical Exercises
- Technology & Tools in Risk Management
- Developing a Risk Management Culture
- Crisis Management & Business Continuity Planning

**DATE:** Wednesday, 21st August 2024

**TIME:** 9:30 am to 3:30 pm

**LOCATION:** 82 Whylandra St, Dubbo 2830

**RSVP:** Paul Douglas 0400 012 422 or [paul.d@achiansw.org.au](mailto:paul.d@achiansw.org.au)  
before Monday, 12th August 2024



# 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 7th August, 2024), they have enrolment spots available at:

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

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**

## **Have your say on the draft Aboriginal Water Strategy and Implementation Plan**

Aboriginal people, and people with a deep interest in access to water for cultural and economic purposes for Aboriginal people, are invited to the workshops.

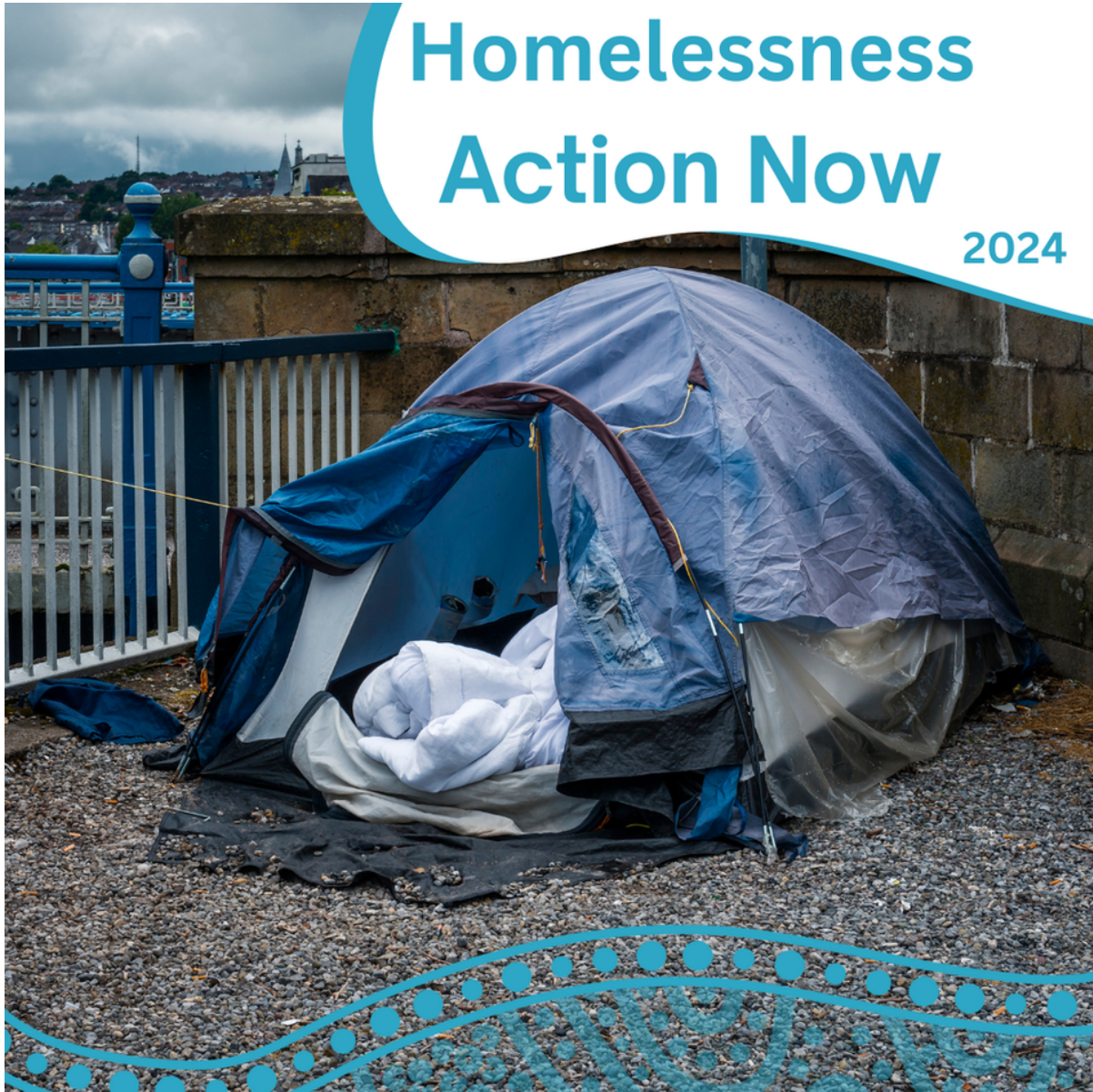
Workshops run from 10am to 2pm. Morning tea and lunch provided.

Can't come to a workshop? You can make a submission online or attend a webinar.

The AWS Team will be on the road between **23 July and 15 August**, so we encourage you to go have a yarn at a community workshop and share your thoughts.

Register at [water.nsw.gov.au/aboriginal-water-strategy](https://water.nsw.gov.au/aboriginal-water-strategy) or scan the QR code below.





# Homelessness Action Now

2024

## Dhuluny: 200 Years of Wiradyuri Resilience

Cultural Festival of events in August 2024, held in  
Bathurst

Dhuluny (Dhu-loin) is a series of events commemorating the 200-year anniversary of the declaration of Martial Law on 14 August 1824 and the surrounding frontier violence. Two hundred years later, Dhuluny commemorates a period of resistance warfare, violence and massacres and celebrates Wiradjuri resilience and survival.

For further information, please head to: <https://www.dhuluny.com.au/events>.



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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