

# ACHIA

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## 2024 Aboriginal Housing Caucus Horizons in 2024, A Year of Opportunity Dhuudhanga, 2024ga, Gurrubuu burranbalaandaaygu

Next week, we look forward to welcoming NSW ACHPs, government and other community stakeholders to Kamilaroi/Gamilaroi Country (Tamworth) for the ACHIA NSW 2024 Aboriginal Housing Caucus.

The agenda is jam-packed to facilitate innovative, informative, and impactful discussions about Aboriginal housing in NSW. Attendees can expect to hear from:

- Rose Jackson, MLC, Minister for Water, Housing, Homelessness, Mental Health, Youth, and for the North Coast
- Bundjalung Tribal Society and Aurecon Group
- National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Association (NATSIHA)
- Zavanti
- Homes NSW, including CE Rebecca Pinkstone

- Crown Lands
- VanHomes
- Wonnarua Nation Aboriginal Corporation
- Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development
- NSW CAPO
- The Fulcrum Agency

If you haven't registered but would like to attend in person or virtually, please contact Trista Hickey, Director – Closing the Gap Policy, Communications and Partnerships at [Trista.H@achiansw.org.au](mailto:Trista.H@achiansw.org.au).

# Common Terms & Conditions Agreement

ACHIA consulted ACHPs affected by the new Common Terms and Conditions Agreement being proposed by AHO. Sector feedback and commentary on the clauses and conditions in the proposed Agreement have been invited and reviewed. As a result, ACHIA has issued a 'Common Terms and Conditions Agreement: The Sector Speaks' which has been sent to affected ACHPs and AHOs.

Please contact Simon Wade, Director – Sector Development at [Simon.W@achiansw.org.au](mailto:Simon.W@achiansw.org.au) if you have any questions or would like to discuss further.

## Farewell from Kim - Communications Coordinator

To the ACHIA team (*the best team I've worked with*)

As I transition from my role at ACHIA NSW to embark on another journey, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude. Though my time here was brief, it has been incredibly rewarding. This experience has surpassed my expectations in numerous ways. I was pushed beyond my comfort zone, provided with invaluable guidance, and given the trust to contribute meaningfully.

Working alongside such dedicated and inspiring individuals has been such a privilege.

I have learnt and grown more than I could have anticipated - from mastering Excel spreadsheets (thanks, Trista and Eleanor) and new budgeting tips (Leanne - I'll keep you updated) to gaining deeper insights into myself. I have so much respect and appreciation for everyone - you will all be so missed!

I am truly honoured to have been part of this team and will carry forward the lessons and connections made for a long time (*I look forward to catchups and coffees*). Thank you for the support, the patience, the encouragement, the challenges, and the laughs. I look forward to witnessing the continued success and positive change that ACHIA NSW will undoubtedly achieve.

Don't forget me!

Kim

# 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**

## **AHO GRANTS**

The Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO) has recently announced that 2024/2025 Sector Capability Grants will open on Monday, 2 September 2024.

National Regulatory System for Community Housing (NRSCH) and New South Wales Local Scheme (NSWLS) registered providers who are scheduled or undertaking registration with the Registrar of Community Housing are invited to apply.

The program objectives developed for the 2023/2024 Sector Capability Grants remain in place. However, in 2024/2025 the Smarty Grants platform will be used for applications. There are two categories of funding available to individual applications.

- Up to \$50,000.
- Up to \$100,000.

AHO are facilitating several online webinar sessions to support interested organisations in applying:

- Wednesday, 21 August 2024 from 11am to 12pm
- Thursday, 22 August 2024 from 2pm to 3pm
- Friday, 23 August 2024 from 10.30am to 11.30am

Information about the grants is available on the AHO website here: [Click here to view to Sector Capability Grants webpage.](#)

If you have any queries regarding the webinar sessions, please contact the AHO Sector Development Team at [sectordevelopment@aho.nsw.gov.au](mailto:sectordevelopment@aho.nsw.gov.au)



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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