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Follow Us on LinkedIn and Facebook for all the highlights from the ACHIA NSW 2024 Aboriginal Housing Caucus, including for the winners of the inaugural ACHIA NSW Aboriginal Community Housing Awards.

A shoutout to the following presenters, vendors, and suppliers for supporting us in bringing this stellar event to life.

- Homes NSW
- Bundjalung Tribal Society and Aurecon Group
- NSW CAPO – Priority Reform 4
- National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Association (NATSIHA)
- VanHomes
- Zavanti Software Solutions
- The Fulcrum Agency
- Regional Aboriginal Partnerships and Outcomes (RAPO), Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development
- CHIA NSW
- Roads to Home, Crown Lands
- Rose Jackson, MLC, Minister for Water, Housing, Homelessness, Mental Health, Youth, and for the North Coast
- Marley Morgan Photography (photographer)
- In The Booth (photobooth)
- Darkhorse Photography (videography)
- Scott Audio Productions (IT/Tech)

For contact information for those listed above, you can contact Shane Todd, Manager—Policy and Partnerships, at Shane.T@achiansw.org.au, or [0498 441 218](tel:0498441218).

ACHIA NSW Team Leadership & Development

ACHIA NSW team member Shane Todd, Manager - Policy and Partnerships, has recently been embracing a new personal and professional development journey on the Executive Indigenous Leadership Program (EILP) with the Australian Graduate School of Management (AGSM) and the University of NSW (UNSW). The program consists of five (5) modules between May and November 2024, with a final program assessment before graduation.

While Shane could not attend the ACHIA NSW 2024 Aboriginal Housing Caucus as he was undertaking module 4 at Uluru in the Northern Territory, he did take some time to reflect on and share his experience, saying:

“Being on the EILP 2024 and especially in Uluru and Kata Tjuta, in Anangu (Aboriginal) Country, was an amazing honour and privilege. The lands of the Yankunytjatjara and Pitjantjatjara People, surrounded by 40+ aspiring Aboriginal leaders from all over Australia, was a truly amazing opportunity. I have made so many connections and many friendships and even met some of my own Mob. As importantly, I’ve also made important connections that will help me in my role with ACHIA NSW.

I am passionate about Mob and making a significant difference in the Aboriginal community housing sector. EILP 2024 has opened the door for me to learn important leadership and cultural skills that I hope to share along my

journey.

While sad that I could not be in Gamilaroi Country with ACHIA and ACHPs for the Caucus this year, I was thinking of everyone and reminded of why I am here in the first place."



NSW CAPO Priority Reform 4 Aboriginal Data Sovereignty

Following on from the ACHIA NSW 2024 Aboriginal Housing Caucus and as committed to by ACHIA NSW, you can access further information regarding the NSW CAPO Priority Reform 4 work on Aboriginal Data Sovereignty, including the **First Round: Preliminary Community Engagement Report** and a **Digital Resource Toolkit** at: <https://linktr.ee/aboriginaldatasovereignty>.

Additionally, please see following the details of upcoming community workshops being facilitated by NSW CAPO in line with their work on Priority Reform 4 under the National Agreement for Closing the Gap.



The Priority Reform 4 team invites you to join us for the

PORT MACQUARIE CLOSING THE GAP PRIORITY REFORM 4 COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

Tuesday, 17th September 2024,
10:00am - 2:00pm
The Westport Club Events Centre,
25 Buller Street, Port Macquarie, NSW 2444



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For more information, contact us at AboriginalDataSovereignty@alc.org.au

The Priority Reform 4 team invites you to join us for the

COFFS HARBOUR
CLOSING THE GAP
PRIORITY REFORM 4
COMMUNITY
WORKSHOP

Wednesday, 18th September 2024,
10:00am - 2:00pm

Coffs Harbour Local Aboriginal Land Council,
Arthur Street, Coffs Harbour, NSW 2450



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For more information, contact us at AboriginalDataSovereignty@alc.org.au

The Priority Reform 4 team invites you to join us for the

GRAFTON
CLOSING THE GAP
PRIORITY REFORM 4
COMMUNITY
WORKSHOP

Thursday, 19th September 2024,
10:00am - 2:00pm
Ngerrie Local Aboriginal Land Council,
50 Wharf Street, Grafton, NSW 2460



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For more information, contact us at AboriginalDataSovereignty@alc.org.au

The Priority Reform 4 team invites you to join us for the

FINGAL HEAD
CLOSING THE GAP
PRIORITY REFORM 4
COMMUNITY
WORKSHOP

Friday, 20th September 2024,
11:00am - 3:00pm
Kingscliff Community Hall,
81 Marine Parade, Kingscliff, NSW 2487



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For more information, contact us at AboriginalDataSovereignty@alc.org.au

You might like to consider how the **NSW Data Connector Service** can support your ACCO to access data relevant to your work and community.

The Data Connector Service is a joint program between the NSW Government and the NSW CAPO which intends to create a single point of contact in government for Aboriginal communities. This is where requests for access to government held data can be made.

The service aims to empower Aboriginal people through information.

Data Connectors, many of whom are Aboriginal, work across several government departments. There is also a central team, based in The Cabinet Office, that supports and oversees the service.

For more information, visit: [NSW Data Connector Service for Aboriginal Communities | NSW Government](#)

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](#).

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, 25-27 November 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 Sector Capability Grants

Sector Capability Grants are designed to support Aboriginal Community Housing Providers business growth and self-sustainability, including achieving or maintaining NRSCH and NSWLS registration compliance. These grants provide an opportunity for the Aboriginal housing sector to increase their capacity and capability. There are two funding categories which offer different amounts of funding.

Grants from \$50,000, up to \$100,000 are available dependent on the grant category.

Applications Close: Friday, 27 September.

For more information, visit [Sector Capability Grants | Aboriginal Housing Office \(nsw.gov.au\)](#). Alternatively, you can contact the AHO Sector Development Team at sectordevelopment@aho.nsw.gov.au.

Understand the essentials of planning with the Planning for Non-Planners course

15 October, Sydney

This course is ideal for anyone who needs an understanding of their state's land use planning systems and the implications for urban development.

This course will help you understand:

- The planning system for your state
- How the regulatory frameworks operate
- How development applications work.

Over one day you will cover:

- Importance of planning
- Structure and interaction of various federal, state and local government planning documents
- Planning permit applications, processes and timeframes
- Planning scheme amendment processes and timeframes
- Development assessment applications, processes and timeframes
- Community involvement in planning • Impact of planning on project feasibility.

This course is ideal for:

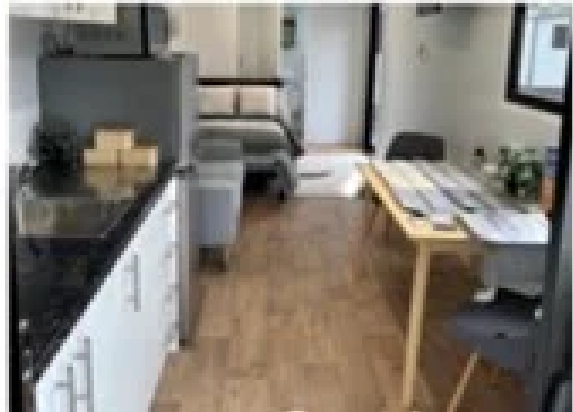
- Local and state government representatives
- Real estate agents
- Development managers
- Financiers
- Consultants
- Engineers
- Insurance agents
- Those who interact with the property industry, but do not have an in-depth understanding of the planning system.

Registrations Close: Monday, 7 October 2024.

For more information, visit <https://www.propertycouncil.com.au/event/planning-for-non-pl...>

Vendor Showcase

Van Homes



It was a delight to see Rachael from Van Homes at the ACHIA NSW 2024 Aboriginal Housing Caucus in August 2024. Rachael's presentation was very engaging and provided attending ACHPs with an opportunity to consider modular homes as another solution to housing our Mobs.

Van Homes brings a range of benefits and solutions to the community housing sector, including:

- 100% relocatable modular homes
- No BA Approval (NSW only) – Van Homes are legally classified as caravans and able to stay on-site without building applications
- No BCA regulations – again, as Van Homes are legally caravans, they can be sited in flood and fire-prone zone areas

- Van Homes range in size from 17-59 square metres - the average size of an apartment is 24 square metres
- They are built to order with various colours and cater for less mobile individuals
- Van Homes can be delivered to almost anywhere in Australia

The Van Homes team offers several finance options, and further information will be circulated to Caucus attendees in the coming week.

During the 2024 Caucus, Rebecca Pinkstone, CE of Homes NSW, spoke to Homes NSW's commitment to investing in and strengthening ACHPs in NSW to continue delivering critical housing supply and wrap-around support services to Aboriginal communities, including looking closely at various solutions, such as modular housing.

For more information about Van Homes, you can contact them directly or by visiting their website at the details below.

P: [1300 558 512](tel:1300558512)

E: info@vanhomes.com.au

[Check out the Van Homes Website 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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