

Tenant News

November 2019



Many Rivers gives \$5000 for fire affected communities



Many Rivers Regional Housing have donated \$5000 to assist the communities within NSW who have been affected by the devastating NSW fires.

Support will be provided to families and communities where Aboriginal housing is delivered in partnership with Many Rivers. These including Bellbrook, Forster and Purfleet.

The funds will provide essential items to those families who have either lost their home or have had to leave their homes suddenly.

CEO of Many Rivers Megan Lawrance said, "We are committed to supporting Aboriginal wellbeing. The impact of the fires on our communities is significant. As they recover, we are doing everything we can to support our tenants and their communities."

If you, or your family live in a home managed by Many Rivers Regional Housing and you would like to get more information on available assistance, please contact your Housing Support Officer on (02) 6562 2576.

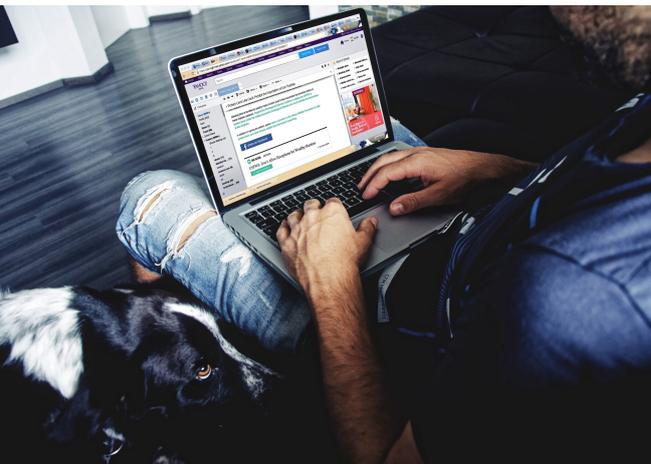
*Closing the Gap in Aboriginal Wellbeing,
through housing, partnerships and community development*



Keeping you informed!

Many Rivers is always looking for ways to make it easy for tenants to keep in touch. We recently introduced an SMS service to let you know when tradesman will be attending and inspection reminders. We are looking at introducing a automatic message to let you know we have received your rent.

We are on Facebook



We're also active on Facebook. Here we share details of community events and news. We also provide updates on when we're working in your community. Look out for competitions and community development initiatives that we are working on!

Check it out. Like and follow us on Facebook!

Action to protect member's privacy

During 2017 and 2018, ORIC consulted with corporations around the country as part of the review of the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006, also known as the CATSI Act. During those consultations, one message they heard loud and clear was that they needed to stop publishing members' addresses on their website.

ORIC has updated the Register of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporations so that members' addresses no longer appear on their website in corporation extracts; applications to register; lists of members; or general reports.

Many Rivers is a community-controlled organisation. Why not become a member and have your say? To be a member, you need to be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander heritage and be over 18.

Fill in the membership form attached to this newsletter to apply.



Emma Newell

STAFF PROFILE

Hey I'm Emma Newell, born and bred on Biripi land. I am the Manager of Housing and Tenancy Services for Many Rivers.

Before working at Many Rivers I worked for the Mid North Coast Local Health District working in Aboriginal Health and Primary Partnerships Unit.

I follow the Broncos and I am laid back, compassionate and optimistic.

Why is Mould so important?



What is mould?

Mould is caused by a fungus which grows in damp and dark places. Mould is particularly in places where there's not much air movement or where moisture cannot dry out. Mould can grow in walls, ceilings and carpets. It might look like a stain, smudge or discoloration. The most common moulds are black, green or white, but they can be many other colours.

What to do when mould appears?

The easiest way to deal with mould is to try and prevent it forming in the first place.

Some simple ideas include:

- Have a functioning extractor fan in the kitchen, bathroom and laundry
- Use the extractor fan when cooking, showering and doing laundry
- Open your curtains and blinds to bring sunlight into your home
- When the weather is good, open windows and doors to allow air movement
- Leave internal doors open to allow air movement
- Dry your clothes outside when possible and don't put clothes away until they are completely dry
- Wipe down and dry condensation (small droplets of water) that forms on the walls and ceiling

What are the possible health problems from contact with mould?

Mould produces tiny particles called spores. Spores are carried in the air and may cause health problems if inhaled by people. People may experience running or blocked nose, irritation of the eyes and skin and sometimes wheezing. Sometimes mould can cause server breathing problems including asthma attacks.

If you or your family members suffer health problems after coming into contact with mould, contact your doctor. In the case of a life threatening emergency, phone 000.

If you have a mould problem in your home, call your Housing Support Officer on (02) 65622576



CENTREPAY

Do you find it hard to remember to pay your week each week? Did you know you can set up a deduction from your Centrelink payment to automatically pay your rent?

It is easy to set up and you no longer need to worry about your rent every week.

All you need to do is complete a Centrepay form. If you have trouble completing the form, you can get assistance at your local Centrelink.

If you are a little savvy on your mobile, you can also set up the regular payments in your mygov mobile app.

Other payment options include direct debit:

Account name: Many Rivers Regional Housing
BSB: 012-703
Account: 481 790 495

Make every payment count

All payments made for your property must include your tenant reference number. This is how we know the payment is from you.

If you don't know your tenant reference number or not sure if your current payment method has a reference, give us a call and we can help.

Do you help an aunt or uncle pay their rent??? If so, first of all, how deadly are you!!!

It's great you're helping out, however remember to use your aunt's or uncle's reference number. Without it, we don't know who has paid rent and it may look like no rent has been paid.

Make every payment count.

Repairs and Maintenance



Do you think your smoke alarm is faulty or broken?

Let us know by calling your Housing Support Officer and they'll sort the rest for you.

02 6562 2576

Disaster Recovery assistance

Were you, or are you, impacted by the recent fires in NSW?

There is help out there. Some options include;

- Apply to Many Rivers for reduced rent for any periods of forced evacuation.
- NSW disaster relief grants. Phone Disaster Welfare Services on 1800 018 444
- Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment and Disaster Recovery Allowance. Phone 180 22 66

If you need help in applying for assistance give your Housing Support Officer a call on (02) 6562 2576.

Dreamtime story

Eaglehawk and Crow

Long, long time ago Eaglehawk, it was his turn to go hunting. So Eaglehawk had a little baby, and he asked Crow, he went over to his neighbour Crow and asked Crow if he'd look after his baby while he went hunting, because food was getting much scarcer now and they had to go much further and further away from the camp.

So Eaglehawk, he went to Crow and asked him. Crow didn't want to look after the baby, he said "No, no I don't want to look after the baby, he's crying too much, he'll cry all the time and disturb the camp". But Eaglehawk said, "No, he'll be right, Crow". He said, "You take him away and you sit down there and talk to him, or sing to him and he'll quieten down". Crow was still reluctant to take the baby, he said, "No, I don't want to look after the kid".

So anyway, Eaglehawk just handed the baby to Crow and said, "Okay, when we come back, whatever meat we get we'll bring it back and we'll share it with you". Crow had to be satisfied with that and Eaglehawk just went off with his young men and of course they had to go a long, long way from the camp.

But Crow, after he got the baby, he took it into his gunyah, his hut, and he sat down there with the baby and he was singing to it and talking to it, but the baby wouldn't stop crying. Just kept on crying and crying and crying.

So Crow was getting really annoyed, no way he could stop the baby. So Crow went out and he got his boondie-his hitting stick and banged the little fella with the hitting stick and killed him. Then he got the baby and he put it up the back of his camp, right in the back of the gunyah. He put all the leaves around it, and a bit of bark and a kangaroo skin. He had a kangaroo skin, a cloak, so he put that over the baby. And anyway, everything was quiet then so Crow went away from his camp and started doing what he wanted to do then.

So after, when Eaglehawk came back late in the afternoon, Crow ran back into the camp and he was sitting at the doorway and he was making out he was singing to the baby. Crow's sitting there and Eaglehawk came up to him and said "I've come to pick my baby up now Crow. He's very quiet, you must have sung him to sleep.

And Crow said, "Yeah, he's right in the back of the gunyah there, he's right in the back of the camp. He's sound asleep. Don't wake him, leave him there. Eaglehawk said, "No, I'll take him home now and look after him".

So when Eaglehawk walked into the camp, the gunyah, to get his baby, he noticed that everything was really still and too still around him. So once Eaglehawk walked into the back of the camp and picked the baby up, Crow took off and he ran out and hid in the mallee, the thick scrub.

So Eaglehawk he started yelling, "My baby, Crow killed my baby", so all his other hunters came up to him with their spears and he said, "Go after him. Chase him into the thick mallee and get him. We'll kill him". So they ran after Crow, but he got right into the centre of the mallee and they couldn't find him. So Eaglehawk said, "We'll set a light to the mallee and we'll burn him out. He's got to be punished for what he did to my baby."

So they set a light to the mallee, and they went right back, away from the fire and they're sitting right out there, waiting for all the smoke to go away. And then they saw this bird flying out of the smoke, at the end of the smoke this black bird came out. And Eaglehawk said, "That's him. That's Crow. He's been punished now, his spirit turned into a black bird."

And today, Eaglehawk and Crow still carry on the fight after that. They're birds today and they still carry on the fight. Crow will still go up to Eaglehawk's nest and try to pick at his babies, the eyes of his babies. And in the air when Eaglehawk's circling for food, Crow will go after him again and try to pick at him. So they still carry on the fight after what happened when they were people years ago.

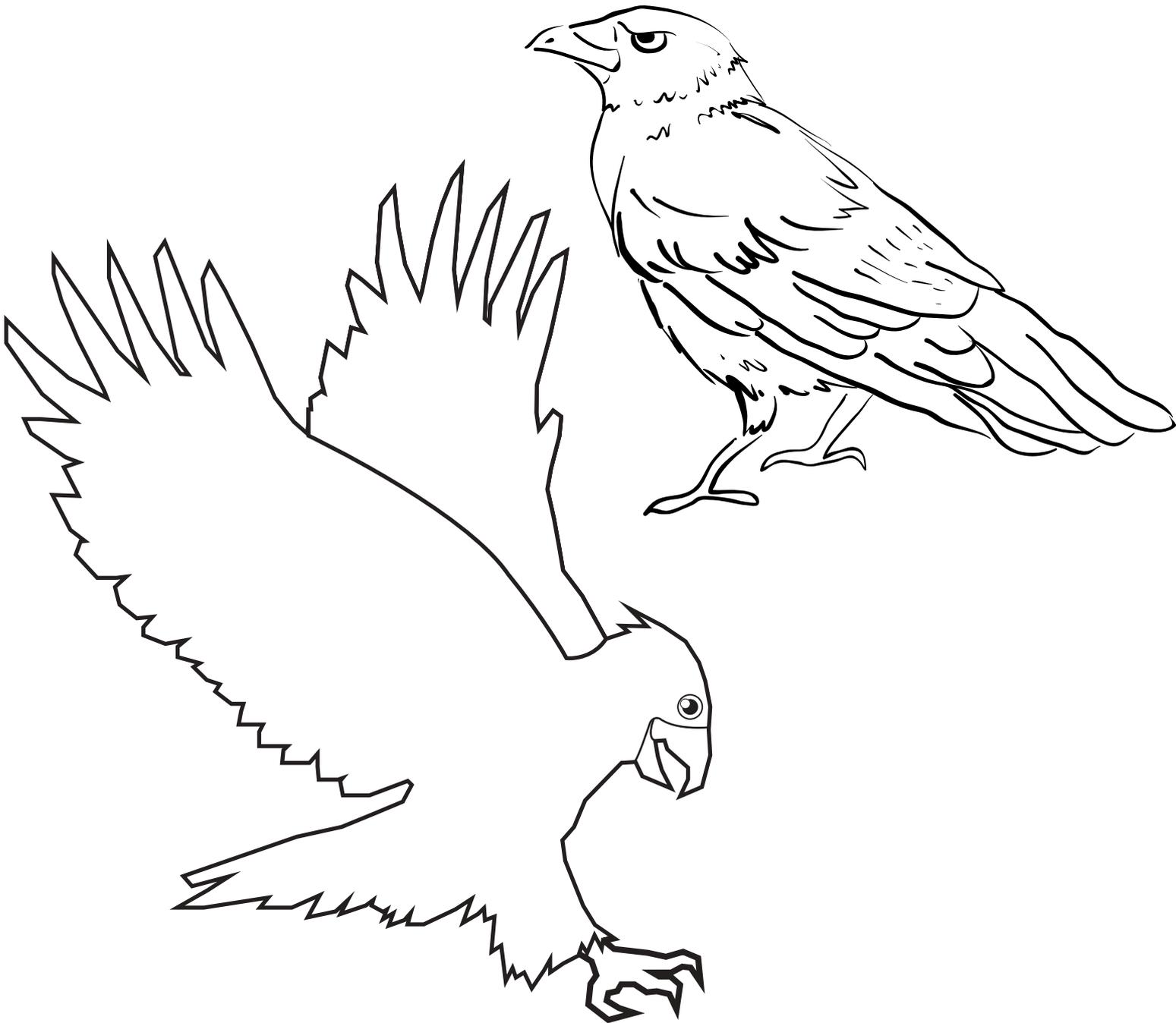
Competition time

Name: _____

Age: _____ Can we print your name ? YES/ NO

Address: _____

Mum/dad /guardian signature _____





Many Rivers Regional Housing

MANAGEMENT SERVICES ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

ICN 7082 ABN 91 242 536 627

Membership Application

I, _____ (Full name of applicant)

of _____ (Residential address of applicant)

My date of birth is: _____ (Date of birth)

My telephone number is: _____ (Phone number)

My email address is: _____ (Email address)

I hereby confirm I am of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander heritage, am over 18 years of age and willing to be bound by the rules of the corporation. I am, therefore, eligible for membership of the Many Rivers Regional Housing Management Services Aboriginal Corporation.

I am willing to provide confirmation of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait heritage, if requested.

Signature of applicant _____ Date _____

NOTE: This form should be completed and given to the corporation to be presented at a Directors' Meeting

Corporation use only

Application received	Date:
Application tabled at Directors' Meeting	Date:
Directors consider applicant is eligible for membership	Yes / No
Directors approve the application	Yes / No
If approved, new members' details added to register of members	Date:
Applicant notified of directors' decision	Date:
Chairperson's signature	