

# Tenant News

June 2021



## Good News Story

### Funding for housing upgrades

Many Rivers has been awarded significant funding to improve the housing in some parts of our portfolio. You will be notified if work is planned for your property.

Community meetings which will be held shortly to discuss the planned work and introduce the tradespeople working on the homes. The upgrade works will start from July. Listen out for community meetings in your area.

This important and exciting opportunity has been made possible via the Aboriginal Community Housing Investment Funding.



### National Reconciliation week 2021

Truth telling is central to Reconciliation Week.  
You cannot recognise what you do not know.  
The definition of reconciliation is the rebuilding of friendly relations.

This years theme for Reconciliation week is  
**More than a word, Reconciliation takes action.**

Many Rivers encourages everyone to commit to action this Reconciliation Week



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## Community Engagement

*Women's festival 2021 'Strong sisters united through culture, language, and learning.'*

Many Rivers were proud to sponsor the Women's Festival, hosted by the Djiyagan Dhanbaan strong sister movement and held at Biripi Aboriginal Land Council. A few lucky team members from Many Rivers attended the festival and participated in the activities on offer including, painting, dancing, music and wellness tents, yarning circle, and bush tucker



## Elders Olympics

Many Rivers volunteered at the Elders Olympics in Nambucca Heads on the 29 April 2021. The team had a great time helping where needed and watching the activities. There was dancing, smoking ceremony, music, storytelling, and games.



## Smoke Alarms

Smoke alarms can save the life of someone in your mob. They detect smoke early to save lives and property.

Everyone has a job to make sure smoke alarms are fitting and working.

### Many Rivers

Make sure there is always at least one working smoke alarm in your home

Replace back-up batteries in your hard-wired alarms

Replace any smoke alarm older than 10 years

### Tenant

Keep your smoke alarm(s) clean. This should be done using a vacuum cleaner every 6 months

Do not remove or damage the smoke alarm(s) in your home

Working together we can keep you and your family safe.

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## *Give Respect, Get Respect !*



Many Rivers Aboriginal Housing is committed to providing you with a professional and respectful service at all times.

If you feel you have not been treated with respect, please contact Many Rivers for further action.

Any form of threatening and aggressive behavior towards Many Rivers employees is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.

This includes what is said over the phone and behavior during face-to-face meetings.

The types of behaviors that we do not accept include:

- Verbal abuse includes swearing, raising your voice and threatening comments.
- Physical attacks such as hitting or pushing.
- Threatening actions or threats of violence.

It doesn't matter who you are or what's happened: Abuse is never ok.

The safety and wellbeing of our community members and employees is our top priority.



## *Become an Ambassador for your Community!*

Many Rivers is looking for tenants to join our Aboriginal Tenant Advisory Group. Many Rivers respects the voices of our tenant's and hopes to make positive changes through shared knowledge, stories and experiences.

To find out more contact Jade Hartas 02 6562 2576 or email [reception@mrrahms.com.au](mailto:reception@mrrahms.com.au)



## *Shout out for Aboriginal Trades!*

Many Rivers is always on the look out for Aboriginal tradesman to conduct repairs and maintenance at our managed properties. If you are a tradesman or know of any local Aboriginal tradesman in your community please give us a call at Many Rivers on 02 6562 2576

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## *Pest Control*

Mice, rats, and cockroaches in your home can make you sick and cause damage to your home.

They like to live in long grass, rubbish piles and sleep in dry warm places, they chew on wood and wires and eat pet food and food scraps left lying around.

There is currently a mice plague in NSW and a state-wide shortage of baits available. However, you can still take steps to help reduce mice, rats and cockroaches in your home.

- Clean up food scraps and crumbs from the kitchen and loungeroom.
- Store pet food into a container and do not leave pet food in the bowls overnight.
- Remove rubbish from inside and place in the outside bins.
- Keep your lawns mowed.
- Store piles of wood and big objects away from the house.



## *Reminder*

A friendly reminder to any tenants and their family members making rent payments please use the correct book ID number.



## ***Community Services and Tenant Support***

### *Aboriginal Employment Strategy*



Aboriginal Employment Strategy provides unique services to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in their journey to employment:

- Recruitment Services provide advice, mentoring and specialist supports.
- Pre- Employment Programs to develop your skills and experience to be job ready.
- Supported traineeships with host employers.

To find out more call 1300 855 347 or visit website [www.aes.org.au](http://www.aes.org.au)



# Kid's Corner



## About the Aboriginal Flag

The Aboriginal flag was designed by a Luritja man named Harold Thomas from Central Australia.

It was created during the land rights movement of the early 1970's as a symbol of unity and national identity for the Aboriginal people.

The symbolic meaning of the flag colours are:

Black- Aboriginal people of Australia.

Red - earth, the red ochre and a spiritual relation to the land.

Yellow - sun, the giver of life and protector.



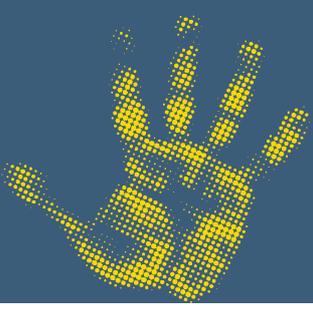
### Aboriginal Flag

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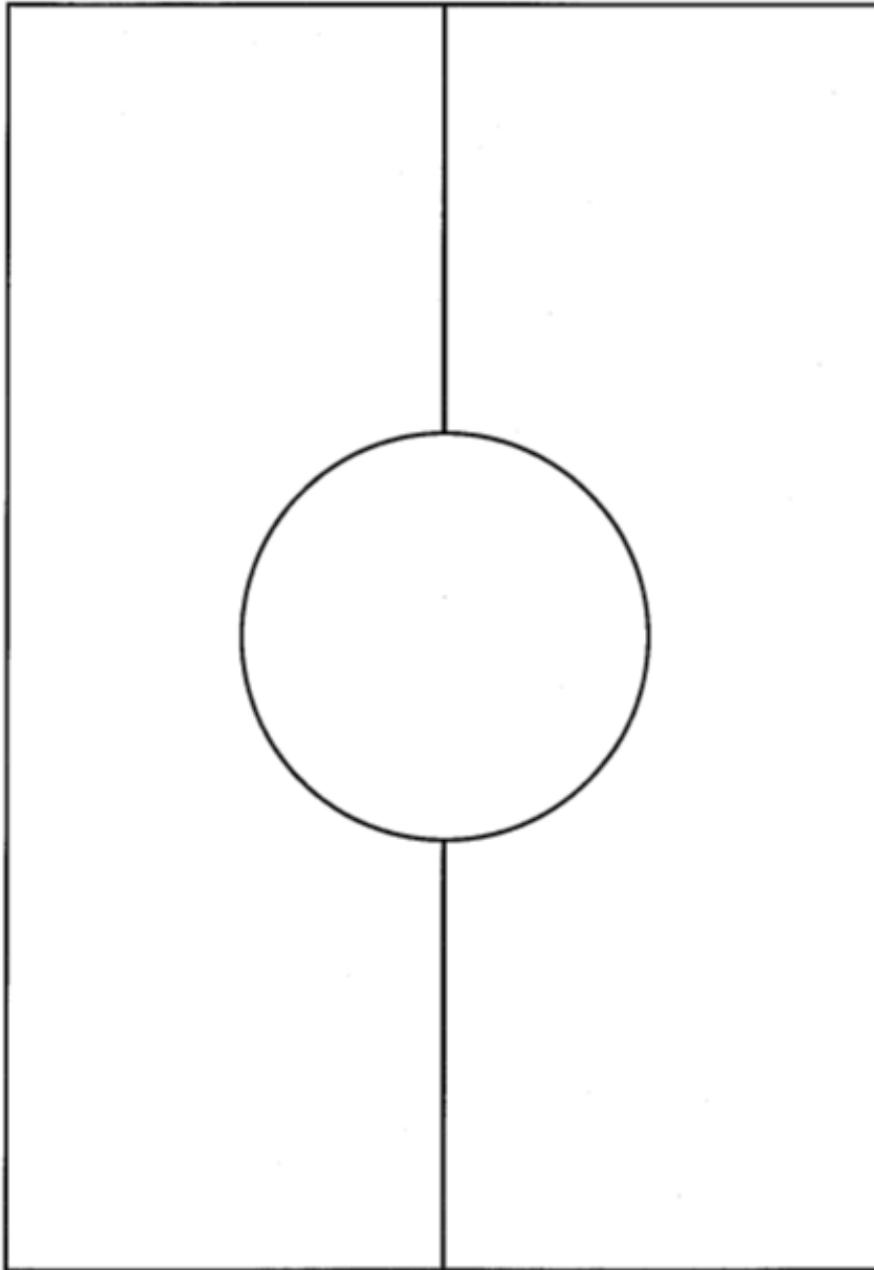
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# Kids Activity



Have fun and colour-in your very own  
Aboriginal inspired flag.



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