



NEWSLETTER

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Many Rivers Welcomes NEW CEO Tim Allen



Tim Allen, a Yuin man, has been working in Aboriginal health for the past ten years undertaking various roles from Aboriginal Health Worker through to senior management with Werin Aboriginal Corporation. During this time Tim was also a lecturer of Aboriginal Primary Health at TAFE NSW, former Chair of Biripi Aboriginal Corporation Medical Clinic and, earlier, a Youth Worker with Mission Australia and Indigenous Youth Coordinator with Wesley Uniting Employment. Tim has diplomas in Business Management and Practice Management, and a Certificate IV in Aboriginal Primary Health Care.

As a previous Chairperson on the Many Rivers board, Tim has deep knowledge and understanding of the inner-workings of the organisation.

Through this experience, as well as his strong connections within the community, Tim is able to effectively lead the Many Rivers team in providing safe, affordable housing for the communities within our footprint.

Many Rivers warmly welcomes Tim to the team. We are very excited to have him on board and are looking forward to working together to create change within the social housing sector.

Tenant Christmas Competition

To celebrate the festive season, we're bringing back our Tenant Christmas Competition again in 2022!

Prizes include: 4 x \$500 gift cards.

To go into the draw, all you need to do is pay your rent as normal during December 2022 and January 2023. Winners will be announced in February 2023.



Beat the Summer Heat at Home

Tips for keeping cool

As it moves into Summer, we're all going to start feeling the heat. So that you can keep cool, we've compiled a list of tips for controlling the temperature at home.



Cover your windows:

Keeping your blinds or curtains closed during the day will keep out the sun and heat, and lock in cool air from a fan or air conditioner. You can also shade windows with awnings or large houseplants, as well as window tinting.



Try ceiling or pedestal fans:

If you don't have an air conditioning system in your home, or you want a cheaper option, turn on your ceiling or pedestal fans to circulate air flow.

No matter how you choose to keep cool this summer, make sure you turn off electricity when you're not in the room to avoid hefty bills and look out for the environment.



Optimise your air conditioner: If you're using an air conditioner to cool down, get the most out of its use by keeping it at room temperature. This will reduce wear and tear of your machine, as well as reducing operating costs.

**STAY
COOL**



Eligible properties across our footprint have undergone a number of key upgrades, including installation of solar panels, replacement of floor coverings, full bathroom and kitchen renovations, and new home builds in Ashford, Thunghutti, and Purfleet.

We've heard great feedback from the community around the upgrades and the positive outcomes they have had for tenants.

The ACHIF team were on site last week visiting Ashford LALC and Anaiwan LALC, checking up on two separate community housing upgrade projects, and one new build home (4 bedroom) being delivered by Many Rivers.

The Anaiwan and Ashford upgrades ranged from new bathrooms, kitchens, ensuites, and solar panels, through to air-conditioning, carports, internal paints and new flooring.

Pictured are the Many Rivers and the ACHIF project teams at the new build site for Ashford LALC at 3 Cook Street, Ashford.

2022 Yearly Wrap Up

ACHIF Update

Many Rivers has successfully implemented a number of housing upgrades within the community as part of the Aboriginal Community Housing Investment Fund (ACHIF) program.

Seeking Aboriginal Trades

Many Rivers is seeking Aboriginal tradespeople for maintenance and repair work in our New South Wales footprint areas.

Trades we're looking for include:

- Plumbing
- Lawn & garden care
- Tiling
- Electrical
- Handyman
- Carpentry

If you're interested in working with us in one of our required trades, please get in touch with us on 02 6562 2576.

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Kempsey NAIDOC Event

What a great day in Kempsey!

After a few rainy postponements, the Kempsey NAIDOC day was held on Wednesday 5th October.

Tim, Tanara, Shimaya, and Chantaysha went along and spoke with the community about housing options in the area.

There were also fun activities for the children – art and craft, crazy hair spray, boomerang painting, and headband making!



Property Management Transfer (PMT) Update

Welcome to all our new tenants

In July the Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO) transferred the management of 223 AHO owned properties from the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) and Community Housing Providers (CHPs) to Aboriginal Community Housing Providers (ACHPs) to increase community control and the sustainability of ACHPs.

Many Rivers Regional Housing provides tenancy and property management services to properties across the Coffs Harbour, Port Macquarie and Northern Rivers/Tweed areas.

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new tenants and we look forward to building strong relationships with you and the community.