



Welcome to the Team



Robyn Cohen

Robyn is a proud Dunghutti woman born and raised in Kempsey. She has been employed with Many Rivers Regional Aboriginal Housing in Port Macquarie since January 2023 as a Property Housing Officer. Previously having worked for NGOs, Government and Federal Government Agencies throughout her life, Robyn is keen to make a change in her community. Robyn has also proudly attained a Diploma in Community Services. In her life outside of Many Rivers, Robyn loves to cook and entertain family and friends, and she also enjoys gardening and going to the beach.

Nick McCabe

Nick recently joined the Many Rivers team as an Assets Officer. Nick's role is to look after the trades and services required to maintain our properties to the highest of standards. On a normal day, Nick can go from organising trades to scoping out properties that are in need of repair. Nick enjoys the friendly environment at Many Rivers and the team has welcomed him into their community. After spending his working life in the construction industry, Nick is also enjoying the challenge of working within an office behind a desk. In his time away from Many Rivers, Nick enjoys spending time with his small family who all enjoy swimming, playing at the park and going on holidays. Nick also still plays rugby league, touch footy and golf.



National Sorry Day 26 May 2023

National Sorry Day is a day to acknowledge the strength of Stolen Generations Survivors and reflect on how we can all play a part in the healing process for our people and nation.

While this date carries great significance for the Stolen Generations and other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, it is also commemorated by Australians right around the country.

Cleaning your Chimney Flue

Does your home have a chimney flue? It is always a good idea to clean your chimney flue during the warmer months when you aren't using your fireplace, ensuring it is ready to go when the weather cools down.

Follow these instructions to clean your chimney flue:

1. Assemble the cleaning brush and one section of pipe.
2. Attach the first piece of pipe to the brush.
3. Insert the brush into the chimney through the fireplace.
4. Using up and down motions, begin to scrub the flue clean.
5. Add another section of pipe to enable you to extend the brush further up the chimney. Continue in this fashion until you've cleaned the length of the flue.
6. Clean the flue's entrance.
7. Use the brush and dustpan to clean up the debris from the fireplace.
8. Dispose of the soot and creosote in accordance with your local laws.

Top Tip: Wear old clothes that you don't mind getting messy with soot. Cover your hair with a bandanna. You may want to wear work gloves to protect your hands. Use a dust mask and goggles to prevent soot from getting in your mouth and eyes.

More Autumn Cleaning Tips



As the weather starts to cool down, you should be now taking the opportunity to tick a few of these items off your list to ensure your home stays in top condition.

Cleaning your gutters

Cleaning your gutters is a straightforward task that can avert issues such as obstructed downpipes and rainwater seeping into your ceiling space, while dried leaves and debris can pose a fire risk.



- 1 Safely prepare your ladder and equipment. If possible, ask a family member or friend to help hold the ladder.



- 3 Once you've removed most of the mess, give the bottom of the gutter a good sweep with your brush.



- 2 With one gloved hand, pull all the debris out and put it in your bucket. Your other hand should remain on the ladder at all times.



- 4 Dispose of the debris as required.

Dusting Your Heaters

Regularly cleaning your electric heaters will keep dust away, which in high amounts can jeopardise the normal performance of the heater and even cause a fire hazard.

Follow these tips to dust your heaters:



- Ensure your heater is turned off and unplugged.



- Inspect your heater for dust, greasy fingerprints, sticky food stains, etc. A close inspection can also reveal damage to the exterior that you may otherwise miss.



- Using a slightly damp microfiber cloth, wipe the exterior of your electric heater. Pay extra attention to nooks, crannies, and button areas.



- Let the surface dry and plug in the heater when you need to use it.



Clean Your Air Conditioner Filters

To keep your air conditioner clean and working optimally, you need to open it up and clean your air conditioner's filter on the inside.

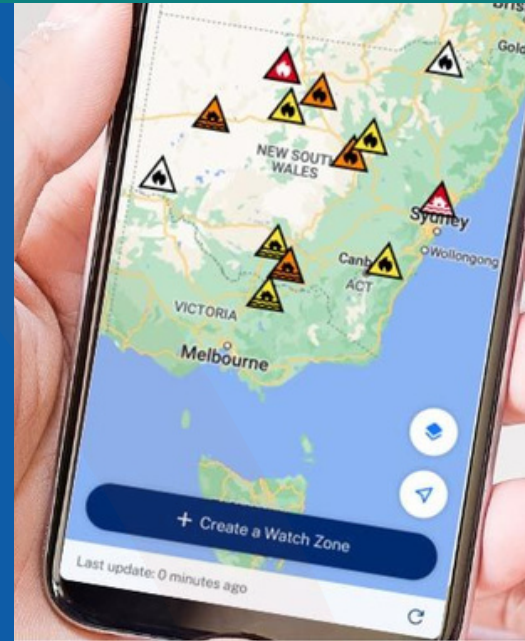
Follow these instructions to clean your air conditioner filters:

1. Remove air filters by lifting them out of the air conditioning unit. Be careful not to be too forceful. Also, take note of how they look in place. This will come in handy when you're ready to put the clean air filters in later.
2. Take the air filters outside for a good shake and use a brush or vacuum to remove excess dust from the filter.
3. If your air filters are grimy, you can hand wash them with some warm water and mild detergent. Rinse them clean so there's no residue left on the filters.
4. Allow your filters to dry completely before putting them back into the air conditioning unit.

Flood And Fire Alerts At Your Fingertips

NSW residents can now receive flood and fire alerts at your fingertips. The newly launched Hazards Near Me app allows residents across NSW to receive the latest flood and fire warnings in the palm of their hands.

Many Rivers suggest all of their tenants and community download the app to stay up to date with fire and flood alerts in your area. The app is available on Android and iOS and can be downloaded by searching for 'Hazards Near Me' in the app store.



Become a Member of Many Rivers Aboriginal Housing

Eligibility



Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Identified



Normally and permanently reside in the geographical areas serviced by the corporation



Over 18 years of age

Members of the Many Rivers Board help contribute to the quality of Aboriginal community housing and the stability of Aboriginal tenancies. As the primary link between Many Rivers and the broader community our Members help contribute by:

- Setting the strategic direction and help make strategic decisions.
- Deciding what priorities and activities should be undertaken.
- Putting forward resolutions.

Apply now via the [Members page on the website](#).

Our new office has opened!

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