

# 2024 Annual Report





# Acknowledgement of Country

**Many Rivers Aboriginal Housing** acknowledges the Traditional Owners of country on which we operate, and recognises their continuing connection to land, waters and community.

We pay our respect to them and their cultures, and to their Elders, past present and emerging.

*We are deeply committed to being a leading provider of social housing, ensuring everything we do is driven by the Aboriginal voice...*



# Lands on which we operate

## **Kamilaroi**

Ashford, Boggabilla, Gilgai, Inverell, Tamworth, Toomelah

## **Ngarabal**

Tenterfield

## **Bundjalung**

Alstonville, Ballina, Banora Point, Bonalbo, Bogangar, Bray Park, Byron Bay (Northern Office), Casino, Coffs Harbour, Cudgen, Evans Head, Geneva, Goonellabah, Kingscliff, Kyogle, Lismore, Mallangane, Mullumbimby, Ocean Shores, Suffolk Park, Tweed Heads, Wollongbar

## **Gumbaynggirr / Yaegl**

Boambee, Bonville, Grafton, Glen Innes, Iluka, Maclean, Nambucca Heads, Townsend, Woolgoolga, Yamba

## **Nganyaywana**

Armidale, Tingha

## **Dunghutti (Dainggatti)**

Aldavilla, Bellbrook (Thungutti), Greenhill, Hat Head, Kempsey, Macksville, South West Rocks, Stuarts Point, Willawarrin

## **Birpai**

Ashford, Forster, Lansdowne, Port Macquarie (Head Office), Taree/Purfleet, Wauchope

## **Worimi / Awabakal**

Fletcher, Hamlyn Terrace, Toronto





# Message from our Chairperson

As we reflect on the past year, it has been one of significant transition and change for our organisation...

One of the most notable developments this year was our work on securing a new CEO to lead Many Rivers through its next chapter as we continually strive to support Aboriginal wellbeing through housing, partnerships and community development.

Securing the right CEO was a significant undertaking, and we were pleased to finalise this process in June and then welcome Daniel Becker as our new CEO at the beginning of the new financial year. Daniel brings a wealth of experience, and a strong commitment to advancing our mission. We are confident that under his leadership, we will continue to build on our successes and create even more opportunities for our mob.

Alongside this leadership change, we also began the important work of considering Many Rivers future strategic direction. Our new strategic plan which will be released early 2025 will center on strengthening community partnerships, improving housing outcomes, and creating sustainable, culturally safe housing solutions that empower Aboriginal families and individuals.

Our ongoing commitment to supporting the Aboriginal communities in which we operate is the foundation of everything we do. Despite the challenges of the past year, we have remained steadfast in our mission to provide safe, secure, and culturally appropriate housing for those who need it most. Our work extends beyond just housing; we aim to create a sense of belonging, pride, and resilience within our communities.

As we look ahead, we are excited about the opportunities that lie before us. The combination of new leadership, a clear strategic direction, and a deep commitment to community will guide us into a future where Aboriginal people and families have the support they need to thrive.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our staff, partners, community members, and my fellow directors for their continued dedication, passion, and hard work. Together, we are making a lasting impact.

Matt McCourt

Chairperson

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# Our team

*We developed and grew our people and provided opportunities for growth and Identified employment within our organisation...*

- **72%** of staff identified as Aboriginal
- **63%** Female / **27%** Male
- **90%** Full-time / **10%** Casual employed
- **2 staff** were employed under **Identified CIV in Housing Cadetships**



# Our Impact

- **We managed 631 properties** across 13 diverse owner groups.
- **We supported more than 600 households** to maintain clean, safe and habitable homes, including:
  - **387 urgent repairs**
  - **1031 non-urgent repairs**
  - **\$3.27M spent** on urgent and non-urgent repairs and maintenance
- **We secured more than \$570K in Energy Efficiency Funding** to provide Solar PV, Heat Pumps and Air conditioners to some of our homes.
- **We conducted 61 community engagement visits.**
- **We donated more than \$8K** to support local community groups.

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# Our financials

**Many Rivers operating profit for the 23-24 financial year was \$355,022** compared to a deficit of \$888,858 for the previous year.

## **Current Financial Position**

- Assets \$6,735,345
- Liabilities \$430,135
- Equity \$6,305,210

*We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the significant assistance provided by the team at MRRAHMS during our audit. The Management Team should be commended for its commitment to strong internal control processes and the integrity that this demonstrates...*

*Hales Douglas Pty Ltd (audit management letter conclusion).*



# Looking Ahead; Future Goals

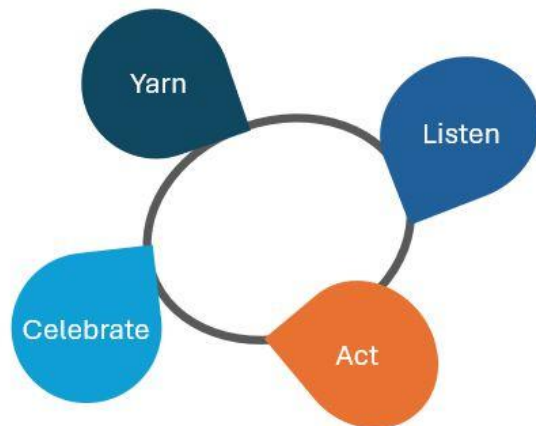
**Community lead** – and accountable for what we hear

**Relationship driven** – yarn, listen, act, report & celebrate

**Operationally competent** – we seek to be great at what we do

**Culturally excellent** – with our community and our team

**We will lead with positivity and celebrate our success!**





# Acknowledgements

**Many Rivers** would like to acknowledge and thank all the community partners, funders and regulators that helped us to further our mission to support ***‘closing the gap in Aboriginal wellbeing through housing, partnerships and community development’*** during 23-24.



- **Anaiwan LALC**
- **Ashford LALC**
- **Cooramah Housing**
- **Glen Inness LALC**
- **Gumbangerrii AC**
- **Hat Head Homes Trust**
- **Mal-Bunoogah AC**
- **NSWALC – Evans Head**
- **Nulla Nulla Boongutti AC**
- **Purfleet Taree LALC**
- **Thunggutti LALC**
- **Toomelah LALC**





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