

MLAHMC NEWSLETTER

WORDS FROM THE GM

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Hi All 😊

Greetings and welcome to the second edition of our newsletter! We hope this finds you well and healthy in these uncertain times.

We are thrilled to announce that we have received our compliance determination from NRSCH on our latest evaluation submitted, giving us an overall determination of compliant. This is a great outcome for MLAHMC and reflects the hard work and dedication of our Board and staff members. We are proud of this achievement and grateful for your support.

During the period the headlease/sublease arrangements ceased as we move towards direct management agreements – this was a good chance for us to refresh with our owners and to work towards a more inclusive future including partnering in the decisions moving forward. We thank the owners for the faith in our management and are exciting about working together to deliver a better service.

This year's **NAIDOC theme "For our Elders"** is personal to me knowing that without our elders I would not have had the opportunities I have had in my life as they sacrificed and paved the way for generations after them. It shows the resilience of our people and the words "Where there is knowledge there are our elders" could not be truer. I'm indebted to these great people and thankful. A special mention to Aunty Dr Matilda House-Williams for winning the National NAIDOC female elder of the year to whom we manage properties on behalf of Munjuwa Health, Housing & Community Aboriginal Corporation.

In this issue, we will share with you some of the other highlights and successes of our company in the past year, as well as our vision and strategy for the future. We will also;

- Reintroduce you to some of staff as we highlight their long service as MLAHMC team members.
- Show you how we've stay active in the Housing Sector and the communities we service through the many images featured in this edition, including NAIDOC events.
- Showcase products and services to support your tenancy.

We appreciate your feedback and input, so please do not hesitate to contact us anytime with your questions, comments, or suggestions. We look forward to hearing from you and serving you better in the coming year.

Thank you for your continued trust and loyalty in us. We wish you a happy and prosperous new financial year!

GM, Seth Toomey



MLAHMC Staff Celebrate Milestone Service

The MLAHMC Board & Staff have celebrated the dedication and commitment of our long serving staff members, whose careers at MLAHMC have spanned for over a decade.

'These staff members have been a part of the MLAHMC team through many uncertainties, changes and achievements and continue to play a vital role in the day-to-day operations and the future of our organisation.'

- Chairperson Karen Hartley



Seth Toomey – 13 Years Service



Rachel Toomey – 13 Years Service



Charlie Trindall – 10 Years Service



Sue McGrath – 10 Years Service



Gabrielle Gordon – 10 Years Service



Thomas Toomey – 10 Years Service



FOR OUR ELDERS

NATIONAL NAIDOC WEEK 2-9 JULY 2023

Coomella Health Aboriginal Corporation NAIDOC Event



Sunraiser Community Health Services NAIDOC Event



Dubbo NAIDOC March



TENANT SPOTLIGHT

Tell us about yourself?

Hi my name is Jenny Moore my nickname is Cakey I'm from Bourke but I've lived in Dareton (Namtijira Reserve) for over 45 years. I moved here for the fruit picking season and decided to stay and make this place my forever home. Currently I am the Chairperson of the Dareton Local Aboriginal Land Council and have a passion for our people.



Jenny Moore

What do you love about the Dareton Area?

I love the people especially my big family and the beautiful scenery, it's where the two rivers meet – the mighty Darling and the Murray. We are close to Mildura where there is great shopping and food around here.

Finish this sentence "What would you like to see in Dareton"

I've always fought for and I am very passionate about getting our own PCYC for the kids. On my travels I see other towns getting new clubs and think this would be good for our children.

What about Footy?

I love my footy and my two teams are Melbourne Storm and the mighty Parramatta Eels – hopefully I'll see one of them or both in the grand final one of these years.

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Office Hours

Monday: 10.00 am – 5.00 pm
Tuesday: 9.00 am – 5.00 pm
Wednesday: 1.30 pm - 5.00 pm
Thursday: 9.00 am – 5.00 pm
Friday: 9.00 am – 5.00 pm

Scan here to
update your
tenant details!



MLAHMC Website

Our website is a great source of information about our organisation, as a tenant you can also

- Lodge a repair and maintenance request.
- Submit feedback or complaints.
- Update your contact information.
- View our policies and procedures.
- Find information on related services.

Visit: mlahmc.org.au



Assisting with the Dubbo LALC Community BBQ



Murrin Bridge LALC Luncheon



Delroy Year 9 & 10 Abstudy's Class Careers Visit



RENT PAYMENTS



Under the NSW Residential Tenancies Act, tenants are required to meet all their tenancy related costs including paying your rent and water usage charges on time.

Where do my rent payments go?

Costs covered through rent payments include; rates, property insurance, urgent repairs & maintenance needs.

TENANCY FACTS:

- It is never ok to stop your rent payments due to repairs or a disagreement with your landlord.
- Withholding rent payments is a breach of your tenancy agreement and can result in your tenancy being terminated.

In need of support or advice?

Understanding your rights and responsibilities is an important aspect of a successful tenancy.

There are a range of different services that can provide tenancy information, support, advocacy and dispute resolution.

- NSW Fair Trading
- Western Aboriginal Advocacy and Support Service (WATAAS)
- NSW Legal Aid

Scan here to be directed to service links



IMPORTANT RENT NOTICE

- If you are experiencing difficulty meeting your rent obligations, please contact MLAHMC on 1800 231 160 to discuss with the team.
- Failure to pay your rent and water regularly may will result in NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT) action, which may result in the termination of your tenancy.



Dareton Water & Sewage Program
Artwork by MLAHMC tenant John Mitchell



MLAHMC's Operations Manager Charlie Trindall attending the opening of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Association (NATSIHA)

MLAHMC Activities

Since our last newsletter we have:

- Signed 24 new leases.
- Completed 466 Repair and Maintenance Request



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MLAHMC – Previously known as Mid Lachlan Aboriginal Housing





Support Service Spotlight



Aboriginal Funeral Transport “Sorry Business” Initiative


The Aboriginal Funeral Transport initiative provides assistance with transport for isolated and disadvantaged Aboriginal communities throughout New South Wales, including metropolitan Sydney, to attend funerals within NSW.

This initiative is intended to enable a source of funds to enable transport to be undertaken where, despite all efforts, there are insufficient resources to undertake the travel and the travel is not local.

WHAT CAN I GET HELP WITH?

- Transport for NSW will pay for the cost of return tickets for individuals and groups travelling to a funeral using an existing public transport services e.g., NSW Trains.
- A Fuel subsidy can also be accessed through this initiative whereby Transport for NSW will fund no more than 50 per cent of the cost of the travel.
- Bus Use - Generally, a fuel subsidy for bus transport will only be provided for groups of eight (8) or more people travelling in the same vehicle.
 - A fuel subsidy can be accessed through this initiative whereby Transport for NSW will fund \$100 per driving day (vehicle capacity of 8-11 passengers) or \$200 per driving day (vehicle capacity of 12 or more).

HOW TO APPLY

 **PHONE:** 1300 361 787

 **EMAIL:** mts@chandlermacleod.com

 **WEBSITE:** <https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/operations/community-transport-operators/aboriginal-funeral-transport-program>



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