

2025 Aboriginal Community Housing Industry Association NSW Awards



Criteria & Guidelines

The 2025 Aboriginal Community Housing Industry Association (ACHIA) NSW Awards seeks to honor individuals and/or Aboriginal Community Housing Providers (ACHPs) committed to making outstanding impacts within the Aboriginal community housing sector.

The following criteria and guidelines will support the nominations and awards process.

Eligibility Criteria

Nominations for the 2025 ACHIA NSW Awards must be for housing achievements within NSW.

The nominee must be:

- an individual who has significantly influenced Aboriginal housing in their community; or
- a registered ACHP.

To make an nomination, please complete the 2025 Aboriginal Community Housing NSW Awards Nomination Form.

Nomination Forms can be returned to admin@achiansw.org.au.

Nominations will close on Friday, 9 May 2025.

All nominations will be presented to the ACHIA NSW Board, who will be responsible for the determination of award winners.

All nominees, including award winners, will be recognised at the ACHIA NSW 2025 Annual Housing Caucus (11 & 12 June 2025, Wagga Wagga).

Award Nomination Guidelines



To be considered, each nominee must meet **one or more** of the following criteria. The nominee:

- ☐ Demonstrates significant involvement and engagement of the Aboriginal community in the planning, design, and implementation of housing projects.
- ☐ Ensures housing solutions reflect and respect Aboriginal cultural values, traditions, and needs.
- ☐ Clearly shows how the housing project has enhanced the social, economic, and cultural well-being of the Aboriginal community.
- ☐ Utilises innovative design, construction methods, or management practices that address the specific needs of Aboriginal communities.
- ☐ Incorporates environmentally sustainable practices, including the use of renewable energy, water conservation, and materials that minimise environmental impact.
- ☐ Demonstrates flexibility and adaptability to diverse geographic and climate conditions specific to Aboriginal communities.
- ☐ Maintains high standards of construction quality, safety, and comfort in housing.
- ☐ Provides housing solutions that are financially accessible to the majority of the Aboriginal community members without compromising on quality.
- ☐ Prioritises the employment of Aboriginal people during construction and in the ongoing maintenance of the housing project.
- ☐ Offers training and skill development programs for Aboriginal community members to enhance local employment opportunities and build long-term capacity.
- ☐ Establishes and maintains effective partnerships.
- ☐ Provides clear evidence of the positive impact on the Aboriginal community, including improved living conditions, health outcomes, and overall quality of life.
- ☐ Shows how the project delivers long-term benefits and contributes to the sustainable development of the Aboriginal community.
- ☐ Presents a model that can be replicated in other Aboriginal communities with similar needs.
- ☐ Demonstrates potential for scaling the project to benefit a larger number of Aboriginal community members or multiple communities

Examples of Nominations



1. In the planning and development of an Aboriginal housing project for a small Aboriginal Elders community, the ACHP and all the partnering businesses actively involved, conducted thorough cultural consultation from the start to finish of the project. The ACHP and partnering businesses were always open and adaptable to the needs of the community and made the necessary changes to be in the community's best interests. In the end, it was a very successful outcome because...
2. An ACHP partnered with a local training provider to create a practical work program that saw local Aboriginal people given employment opportunities to learn and gain skills and give back to their communities. Jobs and training opportunities were offered to Aboriginal community members, fostering ownership and skills development. Continuous dialogue ensured that the project remained responsive to community feedback, creating opportunities in housing that truly reflects and serves the needs of the local Aboriginal community.
3. Our CEO is a fierce advocate for our Aboriginal Community. In the face of adversity coming from multiple directions, Our CEO should be recognized and awarded for working tirelessly to address the challenges, promoting cultural heritage, and empowering our community. They always lead by example, by fostering collaboration, advocating for community needs, and inspiring positive change. Our CEO goes above and beyond to uplift and strengthen our Aboriginal community.