

RAHU End of Financial Year Report (July 2023 - June 2024)



SECRETARY REPORT

The period from July to December 2023 was marked by significant achievements and growth for our union. We implemented stipend payments for

office bearers, ensuring that our leaders are supported as they dedicate their time and energy to our cause with less burn out. In addition, we expanded our team with new delegates and branches, strengthening our presence and reach. Our campaigns and policy team actively engaged in lobbying efforts at both the state and federal levels, advocating for improved renting rights and public housing.



Local RAHU branch meeting (North Branch October 2023)



RAHU Screening of *Evicted: A Modern Romance* (November 2023)

We also joined forces with the energy co-operative CoPower to support community owned affordable electricity and climate change initiatives.

Various events and initiatives were organised such as introductory workshops, thanks to the dedication of our volunteers, highlighting the power of collective action.



(July 2023, members gathering to defend Barak Beacon)

Moving into January to June 2024, our focus remained steadfast on addressing the pressing housing crisis in Australia. With a growing membership and increased visibility, our union continued to champion key issues such as climate change preparedness, minimum standards, and public housing preservation. This period saw a surge in collective action and community engagement, as members actively participated in solidarity actions and campaigns. Our efforts not only raised awareness but also mobilized communities to demand systemic change.



General Secretary Harry Speaking at National Day of Action - Housing Justice (December 2023)



RAHU member waving RAHU flag high at National Day of Action - Housing Justice (December 2023)

As a grassroots, member-led union, we saw a sharp rise in member involvement and organizational capacity. Members stepped up to address critical issues such as disability rights, queer justice, anti-fascist action, mutual aid, and eviction defence.



RAHU members marching for justice at a local Palestine Rally in January 2024

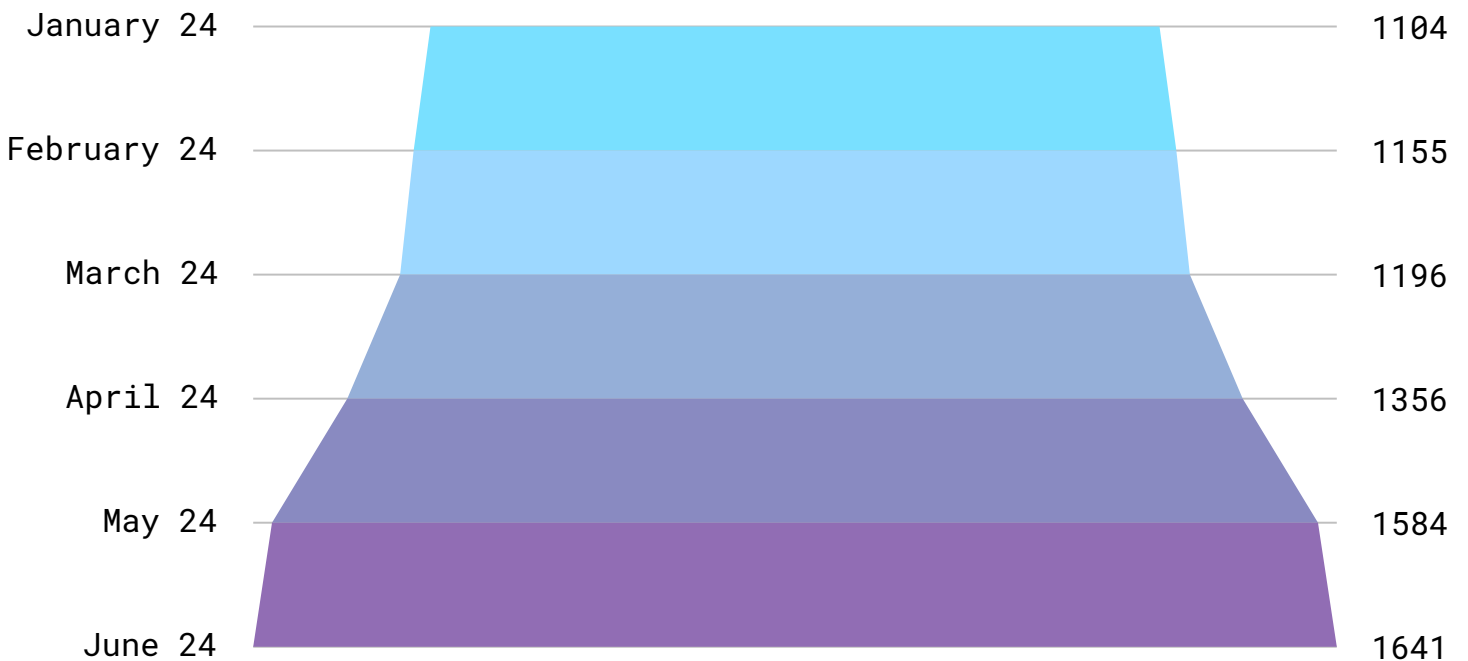


RAHU members standing united at May Day 2024

Our committees and branches saw increased participation, indicating sustainable growth and a commitment to democratic principles. Overall, the financial year ending in June 2024 was characterized by substantial progress, record membership growth, and a strong foundation for continued advocacy and community building in the face of ongoing social challenges.

Membership records stretching back to the beginning of the calendar year show show strong growth of the RAHU membership - an increase of 49%.

While membership in real numbers was even higher, these numbers account only for members in good standing.



We finish the year more determined than ever to fight for housing justice, Land Back, and the right to affordable, accessible, and appropriate housing for all.

In union and solidarity

Harry Millward, General Secretary