

Loddon Mallee Housing Services Ltd.

Key Staff – Biographies

Ken Marchingo - CEO

Ken is the CEO of Loddon Mallee Housing Services and commenced with LMHS in 1994.

The organisation was in a parlous state with significant operational, strategic and funding difficulties.

(Net cash debts 4 times that of annual funding when he commenced! That took a while to resolve!)

Since that time LMHS has sustained an average annualised growth rate of 43.5% over the last decade and the organisation has grown from 2 staff to over 60 and manages well over 300 properties, the majority being CAP properties under the Victorian Government's Transitional Housing Program and a variety of other property/program types.

Over that time LMHS has moved from a regional city provider to an entity operating across a third of the state of Victoria. LMHS is now Victoria's first registered Affordable Housing Association and LMHS has now moved from an annual budget of \$5M P.A. to \$24M P.A., which makes the percentages all look a bit silly!

Loddon Mallee Housing Services is a vertically integrated housing and homelessness provider that has developed a unique continuum of service for homeless people.

Ken not only works in the human services field but is also a product of its benevolent patriarchy, and as such, has a passion for the delivery of effective services and a pathological intolerance of rhetoric.

Ken has been instrumental in creating and setting up a Regional Housing Council, incubating other community programs and has been a regular appointee to State and Commonwealth/State Ministerial and advisory committees, (under both Coalition and Labour governments) including the Commonwealth State Housing Agreement Bi-lateral Advisory Group and Segmented waiting list advisory groups in Victoria. He is a founding director and company secretary of the Bendigo and Central Victorian Community Foundation.

Ken is also currently a director of the Bendigo Health Care Group board, the largest employer in the Loddon Mallee Region and a former chair of the \$200M+ pa entity's, finance committee. Ken is also the inaugural chair of the Consumer Advisory Committee, and a member of the Governance and remuneration Committee and quality care committee.

Ken is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Management, a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, member of the Australian Housing Institute and was among the first to graduate from Swinburne University's Graduate Certificate in Housing Policy and Management. Ken has a variety of Board and committee experience in both private and public entities, has worked in the social housing field for over 20 years and prior to that was involved in finance and franchise industries.

Ken has driven his organisation to be the leader in integrated homeless and housing solution in rural and regional Victoria. He has also been the driving force behind the creation of Power Housing, Australia a national group of housing providers operating across Australia over the last 12 months to develop the supply of affordable housing