



Communique

Aboriginal Housing Victoria Board Meeting

Thursday, 26 October 2017

The Board of Directors of Aboriginal Housing Victoria (AHV) held their ninth Board meeting for the calendar year on Thursday 26 October, 2017 in Melbourne.

New appointments

The AHV Board welcomed the following new directors to their first meeting:

- Mr Bevan Mailman; and
- Ms Daphne Yarram.

Quarterly reporting

The Board received quarterly reports on organisational performance and progress against the business plan and the dashboard report. The Board noted actions underway to continue to improve performance.

Compliance reporting

The Board approved the final 2017 reports to the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission, and the Housing Registrar.

AHV transition to the Victorian Housing Register

The Victorian Housing Register (VHR) will provide a single point of entry to social housing in Victoria. AHV is working collaboratively with the Department of Health and Human Services to progress the VHR's development, and to support the development of VHR guidelines and processes that will be accessible and culturally safe for Aboriginal applicants.

The Board approved changes to several sections of the AHV Housing Services policy manual to achieve consistency with VHR guidelines. The changes do not represent a significant departure from existing policy.

Aboriginal Housing and Homelessness Framework

AHV has commissioned preliminary work on the development of a State Aboriginal Housing and Homelessness Framework. This work has been circulated to key Aboriginal organisations and they have endorsed the work. They have also endorsed AHV's continued advocacy with the State Government to further develop the Framework.

Asset Management Plan

The Asset Management Plan sets out AHV's approach to management of housing assets over a fifteen year period, with a focus on delivery of capital programs over the first five years.



The Board approved updates to the Asset Management Plan, to incorporate more recent data, including property information available from the 700+ property condition assessments completed to date in the Melbourne metropolitan areas, and the Loddon Mallee and Hume regions.

EnviroSIP

AHV is participating in a trial project with a private company, EnviroSIP and the University of Melbourne to test the use and benefits of structurally insulated panels in 3 AHV properties. It is anticipated that the panels will significantly reduce future maintenance costs in these properties. The Board approved funding for additional remediation works to the properties.