



## **Communique**

### **Aboriginal Housing Victoria Board Meeting**

### **Friday 31 May 2019**

The Board of Directors of Aboriginal Housing Victoria (AHV) held their fifth Board meeting for the calendar year on Friday 31 May 2019 in Melbourne.

#### **AHV Board Retreat**

The AHV Board Retreat was held in Geelong on 15 May 2019, with the AHV Board coming together to think strategically about AHV's future.

The day included a presentation on the development of the Victorian Aboriginal Housing and Homelessness Framework (VAHFF) to the Board, including findings/learnings from the Housing Summit on 5 April 2019. This presentation encouraged a discussion on the strategic implications of the VAHFF for AHV, with regard to AHV's future directions and priorities.

The second discussion of the day was focused on AHV's future vision for development. The Board explored opportunities to grow AHV's property portfolio and increase the breadth and quality of housing and housing related services that AHV could deliver to the Victorian Aboriginal community into the future.

It was a successful day, with the Board excited about AHV's future prospects.

#### **North Division Korin Korin Balit-Djak Grant**

AHV has been successful in our application for funding from the North Division Korin Korin Balit-Djak Grant offered by the Department of Health and Human Services. AHV will be receiving \$150,000 each for the More than a Landlord program and the Life Skills program for their delivery over the period of 12 months.

#### **The Australasian Housing Institute Awards**

The Australasian Housing Institute (AHI) 2019 Awards provide an opportunity to showcase social housing success stories. The Awards formally recognise and reward excellence in professional practice, from the grass roots to the most senior levels.

AHV is proud to accept the "Excellence in Social Housing" for the More Than a Landlord project. This award recognises the contributions and achievements of AHV and the wellbeing team in their delivery of a project that has made a significant and lasting difference to our tenants.

#### **Aboriginal HomesVic pilot**

Development Victoria has been referred to AHV by the Department of Treasury and Finance to discuss AHV's successful approach to marketing for the HomesVic (Aboriginal Victorians) shared equity pilot. The conversation will be in the context of Development Victoria considering a potential partnership with DTF, so that shared equity may be applied to part of Development Victoria's property portfolio.

A participant in the southern region has also recently become the first person to settle a property under the HomesVic for Aboriginal Victorians program. The individual learned about the program via email marketing - distributed to staff at an Aboriginal-controlled agency - and is said to be delighted with her first home purchase.

A second round of comprehensive marketing is underway. This includes social media promotion, distribution of printed marketing collateral to ACCOs around the state, and scheduling of in-person information sessions for staff at ACCOs.

AHV staff will continue to provide participant support to prospective Aboriginal applicants to the initiative.