



## **Communique**

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

### **Melbourne**

### **Thursday 25 February 2016**

The Board of Directors of Aboriginal Housing Victoria (AHV) held their first Board meeting for the calendar year today, 25 February 2016 in Melbourne.

#### **Business Planning**

The Board devoted considerable time to review the status and progress of a broad range of 2015-2016 business projects and activities. Considerable work is planned for completion by the end of the financial year, much of which underpins AHV's Transition to Independence and includes negotiations with the Director of Housing to the transfer of title of over 1400 of its properties to AHV.

A significant amount of work involves visiting our tenanted properties, assessing their current condition and developing a program of repair and upgrade.

#### **Christmas Toy Appeal**

The Board formally acknowledged the work undertaken by AHV staff and the generosity of the local community in relation to the 2015 Christmas Toy Appeal. Over 25 local businesses and approximately 100 local residents dropped in presents to AHV. Overall, hundreds of toys were delivered to AHV and over 250 children were able to receive Christmas presents, including metropolitan and regional tenants.

#### **1 Million Stars to End Violence project and White Ribbon accreditation**

The Board welcomed and supported AHV's commitment and participation in these two important initiatives to end family violence. It was recognised that these activities are fundamental to challenging and changing unacceptable attitudes and behaviours in respect to violence in our society.

#### **AFL Sportsready Trainees**

The Board congratulated AHV on the appointment of three young trainees as part of the AFL Sportsready initiative. The traineeships will provide these young Aboriginal men and women with a years work experience with AHV and assist them to secure more long term employment opportunities.



## **Tenancy Review**

The Board considered a preliminary report regarding the review of tenancy services as part of AHV's ongoing commitment to improving delivery of housing services. Internal review and interviews are all but completed and the next stage of work is about to get underway including the enhancement of our policies to better reflect best practise and cultural consideration.