



Communique

Aboriginal Housing Victoria Board Meeting

Thursday, 26 April 2018

The Board of Directors of Aboriginal Housing Victoria (AHV) held their second Board meeting for the calendar year on Thursday 26 April, 2018 in Melbourne.

Governance

The Board approved the AHV's Organisational Development Framework, which outlines how AHV improve internal capability to deliver high quality services and manage growth.

The Board also approved an internal process to recruit two Aboriginal Associate Directors to AHV's Board. Under the AHV Constitution, Associate Directors can appoint up to 2 individuals to be Associate Directors. Associate Directors are Directors "in training" and do not have voting rights. They will be recruited for their potential and will receive opportunities for experience and professional development, to enable them to be considered for future Board positions.

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.

Victorian Housing Register

The Board received an update on the progress of AHV's proposed transition to the Victorian Housing Register (VHR). Since the concept of the VHR was first announced by Government, AHV has worked 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.

AHV remains confident that transition to the VHR will progress in the next 2-3 months.

The VHR is a Victorian Government initiative to provide a single point of entry to public and community housing in Victoria, for all applicants. Applicants can opt to be considered for community housing, including AHV housing only, or public housing. Applications will be assessed through one of two categories:

- *Priority Access* – for people who have an urgent housing need and meet low income and asset eligibility limits.
- *Register of Interest* – for people who do not have an urgent housing need but may benefit from social housing and meet higher income and eligibility limits.

Further information is available on the Department of Health and Human Services website:

<http://housing.vic.gov.au/victorian-housing-register-makes-applying-housing-easy>

Board Casual vacancy

The Board approved the appointment of Mr Alan Herrman to the casual Board vacancy.

Alan has been an expert asset management advisor to the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee since March 2016. During this time, Mr Herrman has provided valuable advice in relation to a range of asset management and capital development issues to the FAR Committee and the Board, as required.