



Communique Aboriginal Housing Victoria Board Meeting Thursday 27 April 2017

The Board of Directors of Aboriginal Housing Victoria (AHV) held their third Board meeting for the calendar year today, Thursday 27 April, 2017 in Melbourne.

THE PASSING OF UNCLE TREVOR EDWARDS

The Board acknowledged the passing of Uncle Trevor Edwards. Uncle Trevor was a tireless and fearless warrior for the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, for his community, and, for the right of Aboriginal people to have decent, affordable housing.

Uncle Trevor was a champion of AHV for many decades, and his contribution to the organisation is unlikely to be replicated. He was a Board Member for Barwon South West and Glenelg Region from 1982-87 and again from 1990-2007. He was then appointed as a Board Director for 6 years from 2007 -2013. Since 2013, Uncle Trevor has been a highly respected and passionate employee with AHV; a wise mentor for many AHV staff and a staunch advocate for Aboriginal tenants. Despite his deteriorating health, Uncle Trevor continued to work until very recently. He was much loved by all his colleagues, by the many AHV tenants he supported during his years with AHV, and by his community.

While we all mourn his passing, we will also continue to acknowledge and celebrate Uncle Trevor's life and will seek to emulate his legacy of making a real and positive difference to the lives of Aboriginal people.

WHITE RIBBON ACCREDITATION

The Board is very proud to announce that AHV was successful in becoming a White Ribbon Accredited Workplace on 31 March, 2017. AHV joins only four other Aboriginal organisations, Australia wide, who have achieved this milestone.

HOUSING REGISTRAR ANNUAL REPORTING REVIEW

The Board noted that the Housing Registrar has completed their annual review and determined that AHV is fully compliant against the performance standards, continuous improvement, and is legislatively compliant.

QUARTERLY REPORTING

The Board received quarterly reports on organisational performance and progress against the business plan and took note of actions underway to improve performance.

VICTORIAN HOUSING REGISTER (VHR)

The Board noted the progress on the implementation of the VHR and that further work by DHHS on the allocations and eligibility framework is required prior to implementation.



COMMUNITY CONSULTATIONS

The Board reviewed the tentative schedule of community consultations which are being planned across the state from May to August 2017; the theme is promotion of Aboriginal tenants rights and responsibilities. Invitations will be sent to all tenants and stakeholders with event details commencing early May 2017.