



## Communique

# Aboriginal Housing Victoria Board Meeting

## Thursday 10 August 2023

The Board of Directors of Aboriginal Housing Victoria (AHV) held their eighth Board meeting for the calendar year on Thursday 10 August 2023, via videoconference.

### End of year reporting

As part of AHV's reporting requirements to the Housing Registrar, AHV is required to submit the following reports to the Housing Registrar by 31 August each year:

- Annual Business Plan
- Key Performance Measures Report; and
- Performance against Annual Business Plan.

The reports have all been approved by the Board and will now be submitted to the Housing Registrar.

The Business Plan identifies AHV's key priority areas. This year, our focus continues to be on the implementation plan, for the next five years, of *Mana-na woorn-tyeen maar-takoort -Every Aboriginal Person Has A Home* (Victorian Aboriginal Housing and Homelessness Framework) and the continued delivery of development and upgrade projects under the Government's Big Housing Build programs. These programs are improving and growing AHV's portfolio, and supporting Aboriginal housing outcomes more broadly, in partnership with Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations.

AHV is also intending to review the AHV Strategic Plan in 2023-24, so that it more appropriately reflects current and medium term (5 year) roles, objectives and challenges of the organisation. The Strategic Plan review will include community consultation with our renters and Aboriginal communities.

### AHV's NAIDOC event

Over 2000 people attended our event at the Collingwood Children's Farm this year. It was full of great activities for people of all ages, from boomerang painting, face painting, emu feather jewellery making, beading, colouring in, etching, a Weaving Workshop, a footy clinic, an art show and massages. There were engaging performances on stage and a fire for people to keep warm. We also hosted a special Elders Area to honour this year's NAIDOC theme, *For Our Elders*.

There were hundreds of artistic creations made by the kids at the craft stalls. The face painting stall was hugely busy throughout the day, so much so we had to turn people away at the end. The raffles were greatly appreciated, with thousands of dollars' worth of donations given back to the community. The Footy Clinic by Keon Park Stars who volunteered their time to help out, was teeming with excited kids.

The success of the event would not have been possible without the generous donations from external companies. The Communications team reached out to over 220 organisations and companies for support for the NAIDOC event. We estimate that almost \$33,000 of financial and in-kind donations were received from our generous donors.

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