



Communique

Aboriginal Housing Victoria Board Meeting

Thursday 7 September 2023

The Board of Directors of Aboriginal Housing Victoria (AHV) held their eleventh Board meeting for the calendar year on Thursday 7 September 2023, during the AHV Strategic Planning Day.

Out of session meeting

The Board met out of session on 31 August 2023 to consider and approve a progress payment for a current development. The development is due to be completed in September and will provide 10 new homes located in the south - east Melbourne. Funding for the project has been provided through the Social Housing Growth Fund.

The Board also approved AHV's participation in the Darebin City Council's Solar Saver program and the installation of solar panels on 11 of our properties. This will improve energy efficiency and reduce the cost of electricity for renters.

Improving renter satisfaction

In response to the biannual 2023 Renter Satisfaction Survey results, an action plan has been developed to address the areas of concern raised. AHV has listened to the feedback from our renters and is committed to improving service delivery and renter engagement.

Aboriginal Rapid Housing Response Program (ARHRP)

The Aboriginal Rapid Housing Response Program (ARHRP) Project will see the delivery of \$34M of works through 7000 work orders to more than 2000 properties owned by 16 Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations. The Program is funded by the Victorian Government's Housing Stimulus package and represents the most ambitious maintenance and upgrade project that AHV has undertaken.

Despite the challenges presented over the last 2 years, the program has now reached a significant milestone. All funding has now been allocated and 75% of the works completed with the remaining works on track to be completed by the 22 December 2023.

Homelessness Week launch

In early August, AHV's CEO and staff travelled to Canberra to launch a Homelessness Week event in collaboration with the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Association (NATSIHA) and Homelessness Australia.

The successful launch featured speeches by AHV's CEO Darren Smith, Homelessness Australia CEO Kate Colvin, Minister for Housing and Homelessness Hon. Julie Collins, Hon. Josh Burns, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner June Oscar AO, NATSIHA CEO Ivan Simon, and Tina Ugle and Leonie Pickett from Noongar Mia Mia. Find the [clip here](#).

Aboriginal Housing and Homelessness Summit Report

The 2022 Aboriginal Housing and Homelessness Summit Report will be launched by Senator Jana Stewart in the Victorian Parliament in the coming months. The Report, which contains 154 recommendations, is seen as self-determination in action, being developed by Aboriginal renters, Aboriginal Housing and Homelessness Forum members, Community Housing Organisations and government representatives.