



Communique

Aboriginal Housing Victoria Board Meeting Thursday 8 September 2022

The Board of Directors of Aboriginal Housing Victoria (AHV) held their eleventh Board meeting for the calendar year on Thursday 8 September 2022, via videoconference.

Aboriginal Housing and Homelessness Summit 2022

On the 18 and 19 August 2022, AHV held the second Victorian Aboriginal Housing and Homelessness Summit. The 150 participants from all over Victoria included: Aboriginal Elders and Traditional Owners; Aboriginal social housing renters; Aboriginal peak organisations and leaders; senior Government officials; leaders of Victoria's Aboriginal community controlled organisations; and mainstream housing and homeless service providers and peak organisations.

Key note speakers at the opening of the summit included the Hon. Danny Pearson, Minister for Housing, Marcus Stewart, Co-Chair the First Peoples Assembly of Victoria, and Darren Smith, CEO AHV.

The focus of the Summit was to shape an implementation plan for the next five years for *Mana-na woorn-tyeen maar-takoort*- Every Aboriginal Person Has a Home - the Victorian Aboriginal Housing and Homelessness Framework. Work is now underway to develop a Summit Report which will provide key priorities and actions as well as inform the development of the Five Year Implementation Plan and Sector Development and Capacity Plan.

Blueprint for an Aboriginal-specific Homelessness System in Victoria

The *Blueprint for an Aboriginal-specific Homelessness System in Victoria* was officially launched at the Aboriginal Housing and Homelessness Summit 2022. People living in Victoria are facing a housing crisis, which continues to grow at a concerning pace. The Blueprint outlines what a future Aboriginal-specific system might look like and outlines a plan to practically implement each of the key system features.

Read the report [here](#).

Mana-na woorn-tyeen maar-takoort Annual Report Card 2022

The Victorian Aboriginal Housing and Homelessness Framework Annual Report Card 2022 has officially launched. This is the second annual report, following on from the establishment of the governance to guide the implementation of the Framework in year one, the second year has focused on strengthening the infrastructure required to support long term implementation.

To deliver on the vision of *Mana-na woorn-tyeen maar-takoort* that Every Aboriginal Person has a Home, ongoing investment of the key programs within the Framework is essential. The last two

years have taught us that unanticipated challenges will always arise but that collectively we must continue to focus on improving the housing safety net for Aboriginal people.

Read the report [here](#).

Risk Management Policy

As part of the regular review of AHV policies, the Board approved the following document:

- Risk Management Policy