



Aboriginal Housing Victoria Board Meeting Tuesday 20 October 2026 Communique

The Board of Directors of Aboriginal Housing Victoria (AHV) held their twelfth Board meeting for the calendar year on Tuesday 20 October 2026.

Annual Report

The Board approved the text for AHV's 2025-26 Annual Report. As in previous years, a hard copy extract of the Annual Report will be created for circulation to AHV renters, along with the December issue of the *Mia Mia* newsletter. Full versions of the Annual Report will be available on our website.

This year, we are proud to be showcasing the artwork of Yorta Yorta artist and AHV renter, Ricky James in our Annual Report. Ricky lives and works on Wathaurong Country, and his painting "Wisdom and the Flutter of Life" draws on personal memories and a Dreamtime story.

Supporting Aboriginal Home Ownership

The Board noted that AHV's Housing Pathways team has now received over 650 queries about home ownership support since the service began in December 2025. Community interest in understanding the processes involved in home purchase, alongside opportunities available to assist access to the property market continues to be very high. Since November 2025, the team has delivered over 40 "Home Ownership for Mob" Information sessions, stalls or 'Lunch and Learn' community engagement events, which have been well received by community members.

Christmas Appeal preparations

The Board noted that planning is underway for this year's Christmas Appeal, to bring some Christmas cheer to children, young people and Elders living in AHV properties.

This year, we will be providing:

- gifts for over 800 children aged 0-12 years;
- vouchers for over 500 young people aged 13-17 years; and
- hampers for 460 Elders.

Agenda items

Other key agenda items and actions from the Board meeting included:

- Appointment to casual Board vacancy.
- Monthly financial statement (September 2026)
- Progress reports on refurbishment of vacant units, and AHV's Sales Programs.
- Quarterly reporting. The Board considered our performance against key performance measures and identified improvement actions; and progress against the actions outlined in AHV's annual business plan.