



Communique

Aboriginal Housing Victoria Board Meeting

Thursday 30 October 2025

The Board of Directors of Aboriginal Housing Victoria (AHV) held their tenth Board meeting for the calendar year on Thursday 30 October 2025.

Construction of new housing in northern metro Melbourne

The Board approved a construction contract for an AHV-owned site in Melbourne's north, which will deliver four 3-bedroom townhouses. Homes Victoria committed \$2.45m to the project, as part of Homes for Aboriginal Victorians Round 5. The site is well located with excellent access to public transport, schools and community services.

Treaty

The Board noted and supported an AHV media statement that was prepared on 16 October 2025 to confirm our strong support for Treaty and the work of the First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria. The Statement, signed by the AHV Chair, called on the State Opposition and all political leaders in Victoria to recognise the important opportunity that Treaty provides to work towards self-determined solutions that deliver improved outcomes for First Peoples in Victoria.

Community Consultation and Engagement

Three community consultations have been scheduled between the 18-25 November in Bendigo, Mildura and Lakes Entrance. These were scheduled to coincide with other AHV activities in these areas. Planning is underway for 2026 which will involve a monthly rotating program.

Christmas Appeal

The Board acknowledged the excellent response to this year's AHV Christmas Appeal with generous donations from new organisations including Rip Curl, Australian Open, Bluey (ABC) and AFL Victoria. A \$1000 voucher from Coles will help stock the Elders' hampers and we have purchased three pallets of toys and books through the Good360 platform. The gifts will be sorted and packed over three days at the Aborigines Advancement League and delivered by the end of the first week in December. Once again gifts will be delivered to all AHV households with children aged up to 12 years (835), \$20 vouchers for teens aged 13-17 years (522), and hampers for Elder's aged 60 years and over (449).

Getting into Work, Training and Art Scholarship for renters

The Board supported the expansion of the scholarship to include support for production of artwork. Renters who are artists can now apply for the scholarship to with assist the purchase of art supplies, so they can produce their work for sale. This month, a scholarship was awarded to a renter who used the funds to purchase canvases and paint.