



Communique

Aboriginal Housing Victoria Board Meeting

Thursday 6 April 2023

The Board of Directors of Aboriginal Housing Victoria (AHV) held their fourth Board meeting for the calendar year on Thursday 4 May 2023, via videoconference.

Out of session meeting

The Board met out of session on 21 April 2023, to consider and approve AHV's submission to the *Housing for Aboriginal Victorians Round 4* of the Victorian Government's Social Housing Growth Fund (SHGF). The AHV submission was lodged by the due date of 26 April 2023.

AHV's NAIDOC event

We are very excited to be hosting our NAIDOC event once again at the Collingwood Children's Farm – the first full-scale AHV NAIDOC event at the Farm since 2019. Event planning is steaming ahead, with interest from Red Cross and NAB to again lend a hand with volunteers. Large donations are also on the way from Lush Cosmetics and major children's book publisher, Hardie Grant.

To align with this year's NAIDOC theme, 'For Our Elders', we are continuing to work towards a special day for our Elder renters by creating a warm, accessible and comfortable space for them to enjoy the event.

Renter Satisfaction Survey

The 2023 AHV Renter Satisfaction survey closed on 7 April 2023. In total, 408 valid surveys were received – a response rate of 26%. This was a big improvement on the response rate for the 2019 survey (response rate of 17%; 262 valid responses), and a slight improvement on the 2021 survey (response rate of 25%; 383 valid responses).

Thank you to all our renters who took the time to complete the survey – your feedback will help AHV to continue to improve our services. The survey responses are now being analysed by our survey partner, CHIA NSW.

Aboriginal Housing and Homelessness Forum (AHHF)

The next AHHF meeting will be held at VACSAL on Friday 5 May 2023. The Victorian Minister for Housing, Colin Brooks will be attending, together with senior officers from Homes Victoria.

It's a full agenda that begins with a Q and A session with our guests, followed by discussions and updates will on current strategic activity areas. These include:

- the Home Ownership Hub;
- 100 traineeships that the REIV has committed to providing to Aboriginal people interested in a career in the real estate industry; and
- an update on the recommendations of an AHHF working group for the 2 new roles that Homes Victoria has committed to funding, for Aboriginal people entering into and exiting the prison system.