



Communique

Aboriginal Housing Victoria Board Meeting

Thursday 25 October 2018

The Board of Directors of Aboriginal Housing Victoria (AHV) held their eighth Board meeting for the calendar year on Thursday 25 October, 2018 in Melbourne.

1. Appointments

The AHV Board welcomed the appointment of Ms Daphne Yarram and Alan Herrman as Directors to the Board for three years.

2. Quarterly reporting

The Board received quarterly reports on organisational performance and progress against the business plan and the dashboard report. The Board noted actions underway to continue to improve performance.

3. Compliance reporting

The Board approved the final 2018 reports to the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission, and the Housing Registrar.

4. Approval of development for the Shepparton community

The Board approved the construction of two single storey units in Shepparton.

There is a significant demand from AHV applicants for housing in the area of Shepparton, in particular for 1-2 bedroom accommodation. The development of an existing AHV property will grow AHV's property portfolio and will provide much needed 2-bedroom stock.

AHV targets its housing to low-income Aboriginal households in greatest need. The development will provide much needed affordable and secure housing for Aboriginal households including small families and single people experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of homelessness.

5. AHV approved to opt in to the Victorian Housing Register

The Board has approved for AHV to accept the invitation to opt in to the Victorian Housing Register (VHR). AHV welcomes the initiative by the Victorian Government and the support it has provided to AHV in transitioning to the VHR.

The VHR will provide a single point of entry to social housing in Victoria. Applicants can opt to be considered for community housing, including AHV housing only, and/or public housing.

By opting into the VHR, AHV will be able to:

- apply for future government funding for social housing, including the Social Housing Growth Fund;
- apply for other *Homes for Victorians* initiatives including \$799 million for additional homeless and housing support; and
- enter into and renew Director of Housing (DoH) general leases.

Since the concept of the VHR was first announced by Government, AHV has worked collaboratively with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to progress the VHR's development, and to support the development of VHR guidelines and processes that will be accessible and culturally safe for Aboriginal applicants.

AHV's transition to the VHR will be communicated to AHV tenants and applicants.