



Communique

Aboriginal Housing Victoria Board Meeting

Friday 3 April 2020

The Board of Directors of Aboriginal Housing Victoria (AHV) held their third Board meeting for the calendar year on Friday 3 April in Melbourne.

HomesVic for Aboriginal Victorians

On 28 February 2020, the HomesVic for Aboriginal Victorians Pilot was officially extended by the Department of Treasury and Finance. The initiative now coincides with the general program, with a project closure date of 30 June 2020.

While face to face activity slows down with restrictions in place due to COVID-19, AHV's HomesVic representatives will continue to provide support for potential applicants remotely. This situation has provided an opportunity to check in with prospective applicants to show AHV's support and to see how individuals, families and communities are managing through this difficult time.

Strengthening staff performance management

The Board discussed AHV's existing performance management system and agreed to further work to strengthen and improve the system.

Wellbeing Programs

The Board noted that AHV have successfully been allocated funding from the Department of Health and Human Services North Division's Korin Korin Balit Djak funding round for 2020. This grant will allow AHV to continue to run the *More than a landlord* and the *Life skills* program for a further twelve months in the northern suburbs of Melbourne.

COVID-19 pandemic

The Board discussed the implications of the COVID-19 pandemic on the continued delivery of AHV housing services.

The Board Chair, Tim Chatfield, confirmed that the safety, health and wellbeing of our tenants and their families, Aboriginal community members, our staff and our contractors are paramount.

The Board of Directors discussed a range of measures in place currently, and those under further consideration, to reduce the community's chances of infection, slow its spread and protect our most vulnerable. These measures are to protect AHV tenants, their families and the broader Aboriginal community, as well as our staff and our contractors. More information on how these measures impact on delivery of our housing services is available on AHV's website:

<https://ahvic.org.au/communications-and-resources/coronavirus?fbclid=IwAR37isgZBMalKufEtoDET7TCzcrKs0rldxAlhqnZJcpR1PfrPIQ3PfuC>
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Tenant engagement

The Board noted that community BBQ's planned for the school holidays in Echuca, Shepparton and Swan Hill have been postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. For more information on these, and other planned community events, please contact our Communications Team on Email: communications@ahvic.org.au or Tel: 0438 134 804.