



Communique

Aboriginal Housing Victoria Board Meeting

Thursday 10 December 2020

The Board of Directors of Aboriginal Housing Victoria (AHV) held their fourteenth Board meeting for the calendar year on Thursday 10 December 2020, via videoconference.

AGM and Appointments to the Board

The AHV Board held its Annual General Meeting for 2020, immediately prior to the December Board meeting.

The AHV Chair, Tim Chatfield noted that this was fortieth AGM held by AHV, and the former Aboriginal Housing Board Victoria. On behalf of the Board and the AHV Community, Tim paid his respects to the founding Elders of the organisation and all the community members who have worked tirelessly to make the organisation what it is today.

The Board welcomed the re-appointment of Tim Chatfield and Bevan Mailman as Directors to the Board, for a further three year term.

Board Committees

The Board reviewed the Terms of Reference for the 3 Board Committees;

- Finance, Audit and Review (FAR)
- Assets; and
- Governance.

No changes were made to the terms of reference for the FAR Committee, and only minor formatting and terminology changes were approved for the terms of reference for the Governance Committee.

More significant changes were approved to the terms of reference for the Asset Committee, to recognise the Committee's role in providing strategic oversight of AHV's significant asset management projects and pipeline of developments. The frequency of Asset Committee meetings will now be in line with Board meetings.

Annual Report

The 2019-20 was presented at the AGM. The Annual Report will be published on the AHV website and promoted in the "latest news" section.

The Annual Report will be sent to AHV's stakeholder email list (600+ contacts), which includes Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations, government and the community housing sector. It will also be shared on social media to reach a broader audience.

AHV tenants will receive a shorter, more accessible overview of the Annual Report, which does not include Financials. Tenants will be advised that the full report is available online.

Christmas Wishes

The Board wishes all members of the AHV Community a very happy Christmas and a safe and healthy New Year.

2020 has been a difficult year for many of us, having been separated from family, friends and Country for extended periods. With the easing of COVID-19 restrictions, the Board hopes that all AHV staff and tenants will have an opportunity to spend precious time with their loved ones over the Christmas holiday period.

2021 will be a significant year for AHV and the Aboriginal community housing sector, as we work together to deliver a range of development projects and services, with funding from the Victorian Government's COVID-19 response, and economic stimulus initiatives. It will be a challenging year, but we are genuinely excited at the prospect of making some real progress on improving housing outcomes for Aboriginal Victorians.