Communique Aboriginal Housing Victoria Board Meeting Melbourne Thursday 30 April 2015

The Board of Directors of Aboriginal Housing Victoria (AHV) held their third Board meeting for the calendar year today 30 April 2015 in Melbourne.

The Board Chairperson, Mr Tim Chatfield, welcomed the attendance of new Board Director, Mr Rob Leslie to his first Board meeting and acknowledged that Ms Karen Milward, who was unable to attend today's Board meeting.

Tenant Responsibility Maintenance Compensation

The Board approved changes to the Tenant Responsibility Maintenance Compensation policy which addresses tenant damage to properties and provides for a fair and balanced approach to recover compensation where damage has occurred.

Organisational performance and progress in implementing the Business plan

The Board received quarterly reports on organisational performance and progress against the business plan actions and took the opportunity to reflect on changes in the external policy environment and the organisation's directions and priorities moving into the new financial year.

Transition to Housing Association

The Board approved a project plan and timetable to develop a submission to the Housing Registrar for AHV to become a Housing Association. The Board agreed to establish a Steering Group comprising a AHV Board member, representatives from supportive Housing Associations and key stakeholders along with the Chief executive officer and senior managers from AHV to guide development of the submission.

Responsive Maintenance Tender Process

The Board agreed that AHV develop and run a competitive tender process for responsive maintenance works for AHV owned and managed properties. The Board also agreed to revise AHV's existing maintenance contracts to strengthen performance measures and to include terms which encourage employment opportunities for Aboriginal people.