



ABORIGINAL HOUSING VICTORIA



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We are thrilled to be sharing our third edition of Mia Mia for 2024 to our AHV Renter Community. In this edition, you will find snaps from our NAIDOC Family Day, important information about our Renter Portal and Spring Cleaning and some giveaways for some amazing goodies!

Thank you for joining us at NAIDOC Family Day!

This year's NAIDOC Family Day at the Farm was a resounding success. The weather held out and we had a great turnout of around 1800 guests.

Aboriginal Housing Victoria (AHV) was supported this year with grants from the City of Yarra and the National Indigenous Australians Agency which allowed for a great program. Joining AHV in helping deliver the event were volunteers from Housing Choice Australia, Juno, Indigenous Business Australia and KraftHeinz.

Traditional Owner Perry Wandin performed a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony, followed by speeches from the City of Yarra Mayor Councillor and AHV's Director of Aboriginal Housing Services. Indigenous Outreach Projects returned with a hip hop dance workshop which got dozens of families hitting the "dancefloor" on the paddock, followed by live performances from Kee'ahn and Monica Jasmine Karo.



The Barn was fun-packed all day with traditional arts and crafts and face painting, and Yarra Libraries ran storytime in the back of the stables, and footy clinics in the Horse Arena.

Aboriginal Housing Victoria had twelve information stalls including First People's Assembly, Yoorrook Justice Commission, VACSAL and others, which were well attended all day.

Aboriginal Housing Victoria would like to thank all those who donated such as Hardie Grant, Yarn, Aesop, Lush, Pinchapoo, Disney and more allowing us to assemble showbags for guests to take home.

Thank you to all those who attended NAIDOC Family Day at the Farm and we hope to see you next year!











AHV Notice Board

Have you logged into our new renter portal?

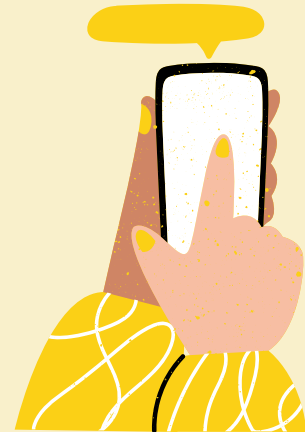
The Renter Portal is a self-service, secure online platform designed to give our renters an option to access information and request services related to their tenancy. The Renter Portal will place services at their fingertips, from viewing their account balance, to paying rent and reporting a maintenance issue.

To help launch the Portal, we are running a giveaway! Log into your account by August 31, 2024, for a chance to win free tickets to ACMI's *Being by Universal Everything* Exhibition.

Log into your account at: myahv.org.au or scan the QR code

If you need any assistance with the portal, please text 'SUPPORT' to the AHV SMS number: 0439 500 176 (note: this number does not accept calls)

For more information about ACMI's *Being* Exhibit, please visit the ACMI Website



Annual Rent Review

The Annual Rent Review is currently in progress and the new rents will take effect on **16 September 2024**. Please ensure to submit your documents if you haven't done so yet.

Local Council Elections

Council elections are coming up this October, don't forget to check your enrollment details with the VEC to avoid fines.

Learn more at the Victoria Electoral Commission website: vec.vic.gov.au

Mia Mia Content Call out

We want to tell more of your stories. This publication is for our renters, so of course it should reflect who you are and what you care about.

Do you have a story to tell? Are you an artist, or do you have a business you would like us to profile? Do you want to share your life story?

Reach out! We can't wait to learn more.

Message us on Facebook or send us an email to communications@ahvic.org.au





Spring Cleaning

Revitalize Your Space for warmer weather

As winter's chill fades and the promise of warmer days emerges, it's the ideal moment to embrace the tradition of spring cleaning. This annual ritual isn't just about tidying up; it's about revitalising your space and setting a positive tone for the months ahead. Whether you're in an apartment or a house, spring cleaning offers a chance to refresh your home and rejuvenate your spirit. Here's some tips on how to approach this refreshing task and make the most of your spring cleaning efforts.

Spring Cleaning Tips

Plan Your Cleaning Strategy

Start by creating a checklist that outlines all the areas and tasks you want to tackle. Prioritise spaces that need the most attention, such as high-traffic areas and rooms that have seen the most use over the winter. Break your tasks down by room and create a timeline that fits your schedule. Having a clear plan will help you stay organised and motivated throughout the process.

Declutter Before You Clean

Before you start scrubbing and dusting, it's crucial to declutter your home. Clutter can make even the cleanest spaces look messy and disorganised. Begin by sorting through your belongings. Decide what items you want to keep, donate, or discard. A clutter-free environment will make your cleaning tasks more manageable and give your home a fresh, open feel.

Focus on High-Traffic Areas

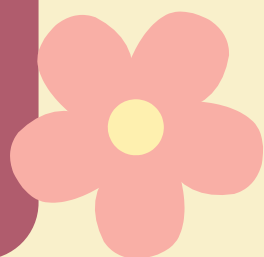
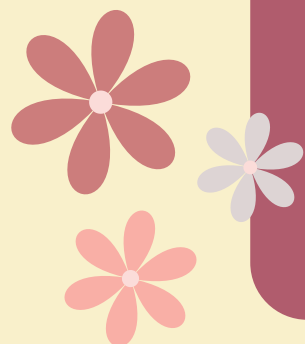
Certain areas of your home tend to accumulate more dirt and grime due to frequent use. Prioritise these high-traffic zones, including the kitchen, bathrooms, and living areas. Pay special attention to high-touch surfaces like handles and knobs, which can harbor germs.

Dust and Vacuum Thoroughly

Dust can accumulate on various surfaces, from shelves and baseboards to ceiling fans and light fixtures. Use a microfiber cloth or a duster to capture dust effectively. Don't overlook less obvious areas like air vents and behind appliances.

Involve the Whole Family

Spring cleaning doesn't have to be a solo endeavor. Involve family members to divide the workload and make the process more enjoyable. Assign specific tasks or rooms to each person and work together to achieve a clean and organised home. Teamwork can turn spring cleaning into a productive and rewarding experience.



Community News

Home Ownership Hub

We are excited to launch the **Aboriginal Home Ownership Hub**, a new initiative dedicated to advancing home ownership opportunities for Aboriginal Victorians. This central resource provides essential information, support, and tools to help Aboriginal Victorians on their journey to owning a home.

The Aboriginal Home Ownership Hub is another step toward economic empowerment and improved housing outcomes for Aboriginal Victorians.

Explore the Hub today by visiting, aboriginalhomeownershiphub.org.au



Victoria in Bloom garden competition

Victoria in Bloom recognises and rewards the great work of gardening enthusiasts.

Nominations for the 2024-25 Victoria in Bloom Garden competition are open from Monday 26 August and close on 22 November 2024.

Learn more about how to enter at housing.vic.gov.au/victoria-bloom-garden-competition



Energy Bill Relief Fund 2024

The Australian Government is providing \$3.5 billion to extend and expand the Energy Bill Relief Fund and provide **electricity bill rebates** to all Australian households and eligible small business electricity customers in 2024-25 to ease cost of living pressures.

All Australian households, including households in the external and non-self-governing territories, are eligible for a \$300 annual rebate that will be applied in quarterly instalments to electricity bills from 1 July 2024.

In most cases, your electricity provider will automatically apply the bill relief to your electricity account and you will not be required to take any action.

For more information visit : energy.gov.au



Community Consultations

In July and August we held 8 community consultation sessions around regional Victoria & Melbourne. In case you missed these, you can still **let us know we can better meet your needs** and hear from you by completing an online survey.

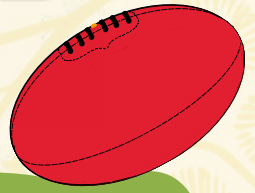
We will let you know the results and how we are taking action on your feedback in the next Mia Mia

For further information or to complete the survey, scan on the QR code below or email community@ahvic.org.au or Free call 1800 248 842



Kids Corner

It's Footy Finals Fever!

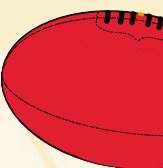
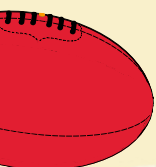
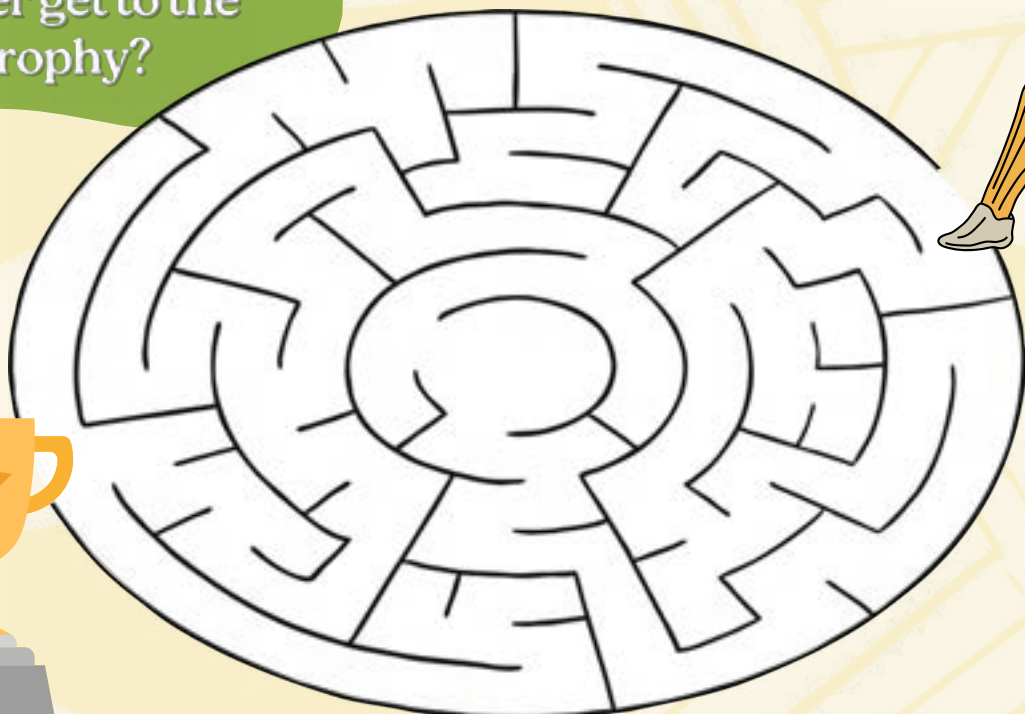


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Word Search

- Tackle
- Goal
- Handball
- Speccy
- Mark
- Beanie
- Pass
- Socks
- Boot
- Finals
- Scarf
- Kick
- Jumper
- Point

Can you help the player get to the trophy?



Design a footy jumper below and send a picture of your artwork to communications@ahvic.org.au for a chance to win one of 2 ASICS Lethal Blend GS Footy Boots (Size 6 kids) Contest ends September 10 2024

My favourite team is _____

