



# YARN UP

June, 2019



## Tenants shine in community roles

More Than A Landlord (MTAL) is celebrating the success of our job-ready program, with an increasing number of tenants in the project area gaining on-the-job experience and career opportunities in the community sector.

Among these tenants are Jackie, Norma and Aunty Barbara. All three women have been recruited to casual and full-time positions working in client, corporate and administrative services at AHV.

The trio were successful in their applications for the positions after working with the MTAL team to prepare for and tap into job opportunities that align with their interests.

The employment also forms part of meeting their work experience requirements for Certificate IV in Community Services, which they enrolled in at VACSAL.

The experience has given them an insight into the vast operations required to manage a housing association with over 1500 properties, from tenant services to maintenance and rent review.

All three are enjoying the experience working on behalf of our community. "We appreciate the teamwork and friendships here. Everybody helps everybody," says Aunty Barbara.

### Kick-start your career

MTAL's job-ready program offers networking opportunities, support for resume and interview preparation, and links to external service providers and workshops.

MTAL works closely with organisations such as AFL SportsReady, Wear for Success and Djirra to provide a comprehensive program that can help participants achieve their vocational goals.

To learn more about the program or get involved, call 9403 2100 or email [wellbeing@ahvic.org.au](mailto:wellbeing@ahvic.org.au)

## Families have a ball at Funfields

Over 100 AHV tenants from the north-western suburbs of Melbourne joined in the fun of our annual Funfields Family Day Out, as part of AHV's More Than a Landlord (MTAL) program. We were fortunate to have Djirri Djirri Dance Group perform on the day, kicking off the event with a series of interpretive Woi wurrung dances.

Everyone who came was treated to a BBQ lunch and had the opportunity to participate in a huge variety of rides at Funfields theme park. Thank you to all those who came out for the day; we were so happy to have the opportunity to yarn with all of you and talk more about the life coaching and wellbeing services available.



## MTAL project recognised at housing institute awards

AHV has won the Excellence in Social Housing award at the Australasian Housing Institute Victorian Awards Night!

Neil, Sam and Trudi (pictured) from our Wellbeing Team were present on the night to accept the award, which recognises the team's pioneering work on MTAL. AHV extends its congratulations to the team for its tireless efforts in supporting tenants to achieve their goals.

"I would like to acknowledge and show my greatest appreciation to AHV's Wellbeing Team and the organisation as a whole, for the endless hard work that goes into supporting our most vulnerable families," said Sam, Wellbeing Programs Team Leader & Life Coach at AHV.



### Life Coach takes on new role

With many great stories and achievements under his belt, we say farewell to Neil from the Wellbeing Team, who has recently become an AHV Housing Officer for the Grampians/Western region. We'd like to thank Neil for his commitment, passion and dedication in helping tenants achieve their goals, and wish him the best in his new role.

## MTAL to join in Family Day festivities

Drop by the MTAL stall at our annual NAIDOC Family Day at The Farm; celebrating our 20th year at Collingwood Children's Farm! There will be a BBQ lunch, speakers, performances, face painting, jumping castle, boomerang painting, footy clinic, weaving workshop, sensory tent and much more. MTAL's Wonderful Wheel of Wellness will also be making a return, with free healthy eating giveaways for those who give it a spin!

Wednesday 10 July, 2019

9.30am – 3.00pm

Collingwood Children's Farm: 18 St Heliers Street, Abbotsford

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## What is MTAL?

More Than A Landlord is a life coaching, social and wellbeing program designed to support AHV tenants in identifying and working towards personal goals. Currently in its pilot stage and open to AHV tenants in the north-western suburbs, the program is spearheaded by Life Coach Sam and Life Skills Worker Trudi. To learn more about the program or get involved, call 9403 2100 or email [wellbeing@ahvic.org.au](mailto:wellbeing@ahvic.org.au)

