



Indigenous Hip Hop Projects got the whole crowd on their feet!

Family day marks milestone event

Over 2,000 people came together to celebrate AHV's 19th NAIDOC Family Day at the Farm, held on Wednesday 11 July at Collingwood Children's Farm. This year's event was particularly momentous as it marked the final transfer of property titles from the Victorian Government to AHV, making us the largest non-government owner of Aboriginal housing in the country.

Visitors enjoyed a range of festivities including a free BBQ, face painting, jumping castle, boomerang painting, footy clinic, bush animal weaving, emu feather craft, and performances from artists including Kutcha Edwards and Illana Atkinson.

Uncle Ron Jones' Welcome to Country was followed by speeches from dignitaries including City of Yarra Mayor, Cr Daniel Nguyen and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, The Hon Natalie Hutchins.

The speakers noted the significance of the transfer of titles, which will improve outcomes for AHV tenants and is a major step in the organisation's journey towards self-determination.



AHV Chair Tim Chatfield and Director of Housing Nick Foa signed off on the final transfer of titles

The day also saw the premiere of *Self-determination in action*; a special video AHV has produced to celebrate the final transfer of titles.

AHV thanks everybody who helped to make our biggest family day ever such a success.

NAIDOC Family Day at the Farm

AHV's 19th NAIDOC Family Day at the Farm was our biggest event yet, with thousands of people coming together to celebrate Aboriginal history and culture. Families enjoyed a range of fun activities and performances in the idyllic surrounds of Collingwood Children's Farm, leaving with a special AHV title transfer giveaway bag and many wonderful memories.



NAIDOC Week 2018

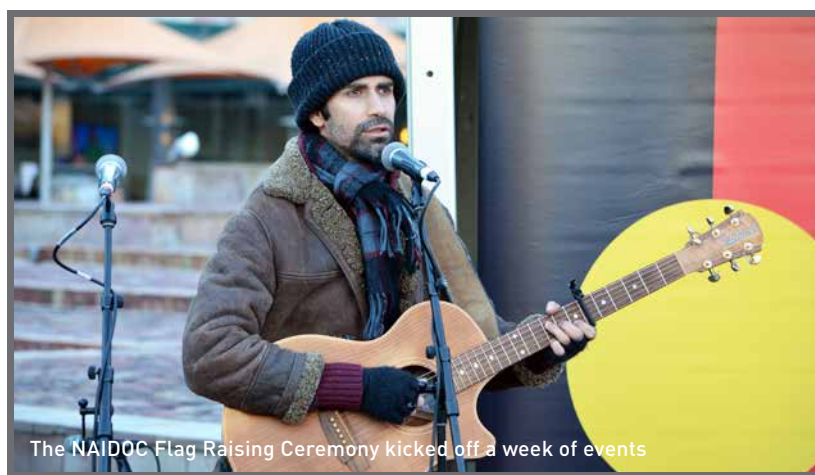
CELEBRATING ABORIGINAL WOMEN'S ACHIEVEMENTS

AHV staff joined in NAIDOC Week 2018 festivities across Victoria, including the Flag Raising Ceremony and NAIDOC March from Nicholson Street to Federation Square. Staff members also attended the Beyond the Bars live broadcast event at Port Phillip Prison; spearheaded by 3CR to give a voice to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander inmates. Attendees were moved by the music that the inmates had created and the stories they shared.

The Bangerang Cultural Centre NAIDOC Celebration was attended by our Hume Housing Officers, where visitors

were treated to an open day with food, stalls and performances. Special congratulations also go to our Barwon Housing Officer Danny Chatfield, who received the Aboriginal Male Community Member award from Gunditjmara Aboriginal Cooperative. The award recognises Danny's outstanding work within the community.

The theme for this year's NAIDOC Week was *Because of her, we can!* and signalled a chance to reflect on the inspiring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women in our community.



Local talent shines in artwork competition

REFLECTING ON OUR ELDERS' WISDOM

AHV's Annual Report artwork competition prize has gone to year seven student Courtney! The emerging talent won this year's award with her piece *Because of her, we can!* which celebrates the lessons passed down from Aboriginal women to their descendants. Courtney has been awarded an art supplies voucher for her wonderful work, which will feature on our 2017–2018 Annual Report.



City of Yarra Mayor Daniel Nguyen presents Courtney with a certificate.



Proud mum Samantha has encouraged her children to pursue their talents.

"Culturally women have always been the gatherers of certain foods. Women would walk and gather foods such as vegetables, fruits, nuts, honey and small animals. My painting shows one of my Yorta Yorta Elders out looking for foods, after the sun had set, to bring back to her family. This was something she would do on a daily basis.

These foods helped her family grow up strong and healthy. It also taught the girls in her family how to provide for their children when they become mothers.

This lesson of life and survival is why, because of her, we can!"

— COURTNEY, PRIZE WINNER

Shield takes pride of place at AHV

ARTWORK SYMBOLISES HISTORIC TRANSFER

AHV's Hume Housing Officer and renowned artist Kevin Atkinson has created a special commemorative shield to mark the final transfer of property titles from the Victorian Government to AHV. The piece — called *Coming Together* — was presented by Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, The Hon Natalie Hutchins at our NAIDOC Family Day.

The design features the following elements:

- ☉ Circles: represents the AHV offices (camps) of the regions
- ☉ Tracks: symbolises coming together to form one AHV
- ☉ Curved lines: represents the AHV regions
- ☉ Cross hatching: symbolises the land
- ☉ Lines shapes: (top/bottom) represents trees



Some of Kevin's other artwork can be found in the Shepparton Koori Court.



See the video *Self-determination in action* on our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/aboriginalhousingvictoria

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NAB Easy Rent

NEW PAYMENT DETAILS FOR TENANTS

AHV has moved to a new rental platform called NAB Easy Rent. All tenants have been sent a letter in the mail detailing changes to the payment details used to pay rent. These changes are:

- ☉ Rent cards: all letters included a copy of a new rent card that must be used if tenants wish to pay via this method.
- ☉ Bank deposit or BPAY: new payment reference details have also been provided and must now be used if paying via this method.

The new platform will also allow tenants to register to view their payment histories, set up direct debit payments and submit one off payments.

Please contact us on **(03) 9403 2100** or speak to your Housing Officer if you have any queries.

RENT REVIEW 2018

The annual Rent Review for 2018 is complete, with new rent charges coming into effect Monday 3 September, 2018. These new rents have been calculated based on income documents tenants provided during the Rent Review process.

If you have not already supplied your documents please do so as soon as possible by contacting the Rent Review team on **(03) 9403 2100** or emailing rentreview@ahvic.org.au. Tenants who do not supply the required documents will be charged Market Rent.

Revitalising our assets

NEW PROPERTY DEVELOPMENTS PAVING THE WAY

AHV's capital and redevelopment works program is expanding across Victoria, with a series of projects underway to help address the growing need for housing.

AHV currently has seven sites in various stages of redevelopment — representing 12 new houses — with two new houses in Melbourne's north set to be tenanted

in the coming weeks. Construction of two regional sites containing multiple dwellings has begun and will be delivered to AHV ready for tenancy early next year.

Construction is about to begin on another multi-unit development in Melbourne's western suburbs while two sites in the south are about to get underway. The 2018–19 major upgrades and capital program is also set to begin with 18 properties expected to receive substantial works before the end of the calendar year. A further 15 properties are likely to be included on a program that will be released during early 2019.



The redevelopment program is being supported by the sale of old properties not suitable for tenancy.



DO YOU HAVE A MAINTENANCE REQUEST?

Please contact our friendly Client Services Team on **(03) 9403 2100** or email maintenance@ahvic.org.au. Be sure to mention your name, address and contact number as well as a detailed message about the request.