



Communique

Aboriginal Housing Victoria Board Meeting

Friday 28 June 2019

The Board of Directors of Aboriginal Housing Victoria (AHV) held their fifth Board meeting for the calendar year on Friday 28 June 2019 in Melbourne.

City of Yarra Grant

AHV has been awarded a City of Yarra Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Development Initiative grant for the amount of \$10,000.

We appreciate the support by the City of Yarra. The grant will assist AHV to work with a film maker to undertake pre-production and research for a 30 minute broadcast quality documentary. The film will explore Aboriginal Fitzroy as a meeting place and the grass roots activism at the time of the inception of AHV and inspire the current generation. It will also explore the importance of healthy homes for our families and children.

NAIDOC Day

Our annual NAIDOC celebration will provide entertainment and activities for an anticipated attendance of more than 2,000 people. The Board encourages the Aboriginal community and their friends and supporters to attend our annual NAIDOC Family Day at The Farm on Wednesday, 10 July 2019 from 9:30am to 3:00pm.

Aboriginal Housing and Homelessness Framework

Following the conduct of the Aboriginal Housing and Homelessness Summit, AHV prepared a report of the feedback provided by participants published on our website as the Report of Findings: http://ahvic.org.au/cms_uploads/docs/final-summit-report-in-full-pdf_13_06.pdf. The Report was provided to all participants at the Summit and all community members who attended were invited to provide feedback on the report at a follow up session on 21 June 2019. Feedback from the community is important and is valued.

Aboriginal Housing Forum

AHV convened the forth Aboriginal Housing Forum on 21 June 2019, which was well attended by Aboriginal housing organisations from across Victoria. The forum included:

- An update on the lifting of caveats/purposes agreements over former ATSIC properties held by Aboriginal organisations,
- The financial modelling proposal for Aboriginal housing organisations,
- Shared equity schemes,
- A discussion around different partnership models to increase housing supply in Victoria and
- A presentation by CHIA Vic on training and solar energy opportunities.

Maintenance Policy

The Housing Registrar recently published a guidance note requiring registered agencies to publish key policies online by the end of April 2019. AHV policies are already publicly available on our website. However, maintenance and repairs information was not in the same format as the Housing Services Manual chapters required.

The Maintenance Services policy has been updated in the required format and has been approved by the Board for inclusion on the AHV website.

Energy Efficiency Funding Opportunities

AHV and Moreland Energy Foundation have executed an agreement to deliver a fully externally funded program for energy efficiency upgrades and solar energy systems to AHV properties in the Moreland catchment. Installations of solar upgrades have now been completed for 15 houses.