



Communique

Aboriginal Housing Victoria Board Meeting

Thursday 21 November 2019

The Board of Directors of Aboriginal Housing Victoria (AHV) held their twelfth Board meeting for the calendar year on Thursday 21 November, 2019 in Melbourne, via teleconference.

The passing of Sidney (Sid) Clarke

The Board acknowledged with much sadness the passing of Sidney (Sid) Clarke. Sid was an Aboriginal Housing Board of Victoria member for the Loddon Mallee Region from 1987-1996, and Chairperson from 1990 to 1994.

Sid was passionate about improving the quality of housing and treatment of Aboriginal tenants within his region, and in Victoria more broadly. He was one of the inspirational Elders who made a significant contribution to our organisation's development; from a small community organisation advocating for better housing for Aboriginal people, to a custodian of a large housing property portfolio on behalf of the Victorian Aboriginal community.

The AHV Board Chair, Tim Chatfield expressed his condolences to Sid's family, on behalf of the AHV Directors and staff.

Compliance reporting

The Board noted that the final 2019 reports to the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission, and the Housing Registrar have been prepared and will be submitted by the due dates.

Redevelopment of AHV Scotchmer Street office

The Board noted the progress of refurbishment works at AHV's Head Office in Scotchmer Street, North Fitzroy. These works have been made possible by AHV's successful submission for grant funding under the Victorian Government's Aboriginal Community Infrastructure Program.

The grant can only be used for the purpose of improvements to the Scotchmer Street building. The refurbished internal design of the building will provide a welcoming, cultural space for AHV staff and clients alike. AHV has engaged Vicki Couzens, a Gunditjmara Keerray Woorroong artist, to work with us on artwork and design elements to be incorporated in the new office development.

Work is progressing well and we are confident that the office will be fully functional by early 2020.