



## **Communique**

### **Aboriginal Housing Victoria Board Meeting**

### **Thursday 10 April 2025**

The Board of Directors of Aboriginal Housing Victoria (AHV) held their second Board meeting for the calendar year on Thursday 10 April 2025.

#### **AHV Strategic Plan Towards 2035**

The Board approved AHV's Revised Strategic Plan Towards 2035.

A previous draft version of the revised Strategic Plan was a key agenda item for AHV's community consultation sessions with renters and local community members, that were held during June to August 2024. The feedback from renters, community members and ACCOs was very supportive of the directions outlined in draft Strategic Plan.

The AHV Strategic Plan Towards 2035 will now replace the existing 2014-25 Strategic Plan. It will be circulated to key stakeholders and partners and will be included on AHV's website.

#### **Aboriginal Housing and Homelessness Forum**

The Board noted the key agenda items discussed at the Aboriginal Housing and Homelessness Forum (AHHF) on 12 and 13 March. Both Commonwealth and State Housing Ministers, Minister Clare O'Neil and Minister Harriet Shing, attended the meeting at the same time, providing AHHF members with a unique opportunity to pose questions to both Ministers together.

Both Ministers recognised that there is much more to be done to improve housing outcomes for Aboriginal people. They confirmed that the advocacy work of forums such as the AHHF is extremely important in ensuring that Aboriginal housing and homelessness issues remain on the political agenda and to support Housing Ministers to push for change within government.

#### **Community consultation**

Community consultations were held in Broadmeadows, Morwell and Ringwood during March 2025. Community members shared their concerns on ongoing maintenance issues. These concerns were expressed with honesty and a strong sense of community pride, highlighting a collective desire for improved living standards. Importantly, there was a positive shift in understanding when participants understood that AHV relies primarily on rental income to fund maintenance and operations and is not government-funded as many had assumed.

The afternoon session focused on strengthening collaboration between AHV and partner organisations, with a shared goal of securing safe and secure housing for our mob. The discussion centred around how we can better align our efforts, share resources, and streamline communication. The spirit of partnership and mutual commitment to mob's wellbeing was a clear theme throughout the discussion.

Further consultations are scheduled as follows:

Frankston	Thursday 3 April	Nairm Marr Djambana Aboriginal Gathering Place
Warrnambool	Tuesday 29 April	Gunditjmara Aboriginal Cooperative
Geelong	Wednesday 30 April	Corio Library
Shepparton	Wednesday 14 May	Rumbalara Aboriginal Cooperative
Echuca	Thursday 15 May	Njernda Aboriginal Corporation

There is also an online feedback portal for those who are not able to attend. Details can be found [here](#).