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We are thrilled to be sharing our second edition of Mia Mia for 2024 to our AHV Renter Community. In this edition, you will find our AHV notice board as we head into the second half of the year, important fire safety reminders, community news, exciting upcoming events on the AHV calendar, and a creative corner for big and little kids alike...

You're Invited! NAIDOC Family Day at the Farm

Join us at Collingwood Children's Farm | 10.30am-3pm | 10 July, 2024

NAIDOC Family Day at the Farm is back for 2024, we can't wait to celebrate with the AHV community at **Collingwood Children's Farm on the 10th of July from 10.30am - 3pm**. Come join us for a day of community, culture, art, music and family fun.

This year's NAIDOC theme is **"Keep the Fire Burning! Blak, Loud and Proud"**, celebrating the spirit of community and inviting all to stand in solidarity, amplifying voices that have long been silenced.

Keep an eye out on AHV social channels and your letterbox for your invite, we can't wait to see you there!



Calling all artists and performers...

Do you know a singer or dancer who would like to be booked as a performer? Are you an artist who would like to have their works exhibited and sold in our NAIDOC Art Exhibition? Or perhaps you're interested in hosting a stall that promotes your work? We are calling all artists and performers to get in touch to be part of the festivities.

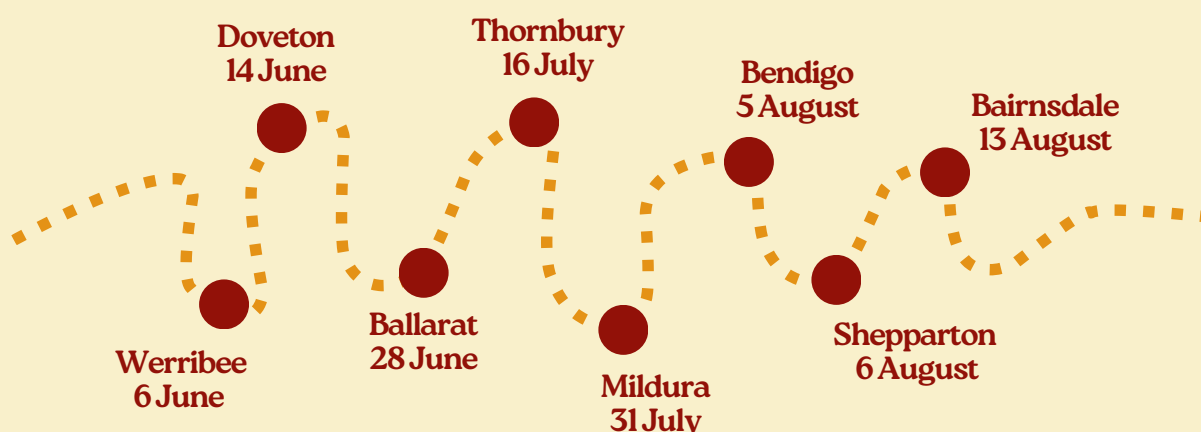
To perform or exhibit at NAIDOC Family Day, contact richard.stanley@ahvic.org.au

AHV Notice Board



Join a local Community Consultation with AHV

We are hosting eight Community Consultation sessions from June to August, and we want to hear from our renters. Join CEO, Darren Smith, alongside our Assets, Maintenance and Housing Teams to discuss the issues that matter to you. For more details on time and location, head to the **Community Engagement Hub** at ahvic.org.au



Can't attend? Keep an eye out for the online feedback form coming soon to ahvic.org.au, and have your say online!

From the Wellbeing Team...

After 7 wonderful years delivering support to our renter community, the Life Skills Program has come to a close. We thank all those who have been involved as participants, and of course, our wonderful team.

If you're interested in discussing our alternate Wellbeing Programs such as Life Coaching Program, which is available throughout greater Metro Melbourne, Geelong and Ballarat, please contact us via call or email at:

Free call 1800 248 842
wellbeing@ahvic.org.au



Applications open for AHV Training Scholarship



Did you know AHV offers a Getting Into Work and Training Scholarship Fund? Successful applicants can **receive up to \$500** to put towards the costs associated with getting into work or training.

Think... course fees, textbooks, work clothes, tools or equipment!

To apply...

Scan the QR code to visit the AHV website or email **community@ahvic.org.au**



Putting a freeze on winter fires

Simple home fire safety tips to practice this winter...

As the temperatures start to drop, it's important to take steps to make sure your family and home are **protected from winter fire hazards**. Home heating, cooking, clutter, and items like candles all contribute to an increased risk of fire in the cooler seasons.

Remember to **check your smoke alarms batteries yearly** and if you hear a beeping, the battery may need replacing. Smoke alarms must be installed and working, if faulty or not working **report immediately to Maintenance on 1800 248 842** (free call), and do not remove from the roof. Your six-monthly inspections are also important for fire prevention, as the AHV team can assess fire risks and smoke alarms.

Never leave open flames unattended such as cigarettes, candles, incense, oil burners or items that can start fires like lighters or matches. If smoking inside your home, ensure you never smoke in bed and that lit cigarettes are always extinguished properly.

Consider investing in a fire extinguisher or fire blanket for high risk areas, like the kitchen, so if a fire does start, you can act quickly.

Every family needs to develop a home fire escape plan and practice it. Your plan should include a designated safe meeting point that all family members know in case of emergency. **Remember, if your safety is at risk, ring 000 immediately.**

Complete Your Winter Fire Safety Checklist

Power and Appliances

- ☐ Heaters are off before leaving the house
- ☐ Power boards aren't overloaded
- ☐ Faulty appliances reported immediately
- ☐ Keep children away from power sources and practice fire safety

Smoke Alarms

- ☐ Smoke alarm batteries changed this year
- ☐ Smoke alarm tested
- ☐ Faults or concerns reported to maintenance immediately

Kitchen and Laundry

- ☐ Cooking or open flames never left unattended
- ☐ Tea towels and pot holders are away from the stove
- ☐ Grills, fans and cooking surfaces are free from grease and residue
- ☐ Lint drawer in dryer cleaned

Living Areas

- ☐ Candles, incense and oil burners are away from flammables
- ☐ Matches and lighters are out of reach from children
- ☐ Clothing, curtains or toys are away from heaters

Bedroom

- ☐ No smoking in bed
- ☐ Electric blankets and/or heaters off before falling asleep



Community News

Get to know the Housing Team: Meet Jayden

AHV: Hi Jayden, tell us a little bit about yourself...

J: Hi everyone! I'm Jayden, the Housing Officer based in Mildura/Robinvale area. I've been with AHV for three and a half years.

What I enjoy most about my job is making that phone call to begin the housing process, to get someone into a home who has been waiting years. It's very rewarding knowing that the stable, safe, and affordable housing we provide can bring such positive changes to people's lives.

When I'm not at work, I enjoy learning languages, playing video games, and travelling.

As always, I look forward to the yearly NAIDOC celebrations!

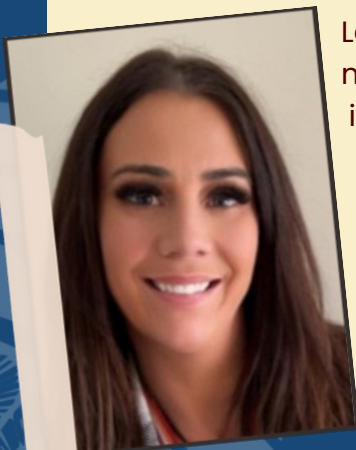


Wominjeka, Leonie!

Meet our new Community Housing Manager, Leonie Harris. Leonie joined the AHV team in April, bringing with her a wealth of knowledge in the specialised housing sector. Outside of work, Leonie loves to run cross country and is an avid Collingwood supporter.

Leonie looks forward to meeting with community in the coming months, if you see Leonie out and about at AHV properties, please say hi!

Contact Leonie at:
leonie.h@ahvic.org.au



Celebrating Local Support

In April, the AHV team attended the Northcote High School Student Run Market. After hearing Taungurung man, Nelson Aldridge, speak to their cohort, they decided to select an Aboriginal organisation as the chosen beneficiary of their annual market. To raise money, the students sold hand made goods, arts and crafts, whilst running a successful sausage sizzle for all!

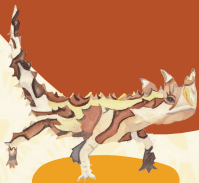




Kids Corner

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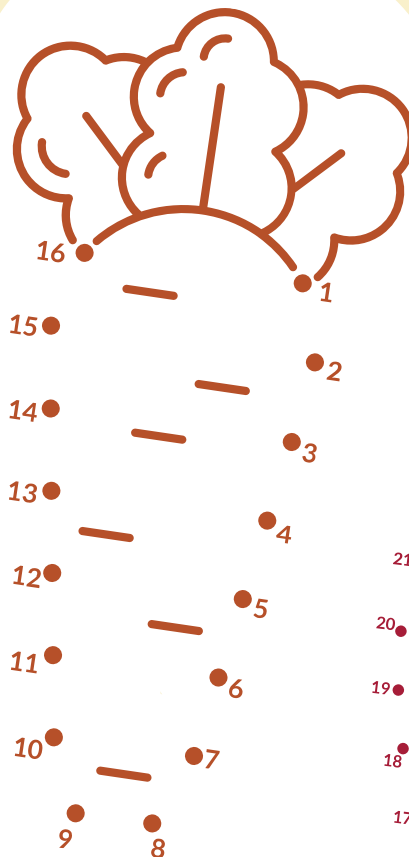
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**CAN YOU
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THE DOTS?**



**I CAN SEE

ANIMALS!**



**WHAT DID
YOU CREATE?**

