

High rise redevelopment

Community Newsletter

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Aerial view of the two decommissioned "Red Bricks" towers to be redeveloped in Carlton

In this edition, plans for new homes, with the first high-rise redevelopment in Carlton and getting on with the Big Housing Build in Prahran, South Yarra, Port Melbourne and Hampton East. All delivering more and better homes to more Victorians.

We also cover how renter voice is contributing to the high-rise redevelopment.

More and better public housing in Carlton

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and former Premier Daniel Andrews have announced plans to redevelop the decommissioned public high-rise housing in Carlton. These are the first towers to be redeveloped in the program and are due for completion in 2028.

The Carlton Red Bricks buildings, at the corner of Nicholson and Elgin Streets, date back to the 1960s and since 2021, renters have been supported to relocate following an age related, breakdown of the buildings' systems.

These 196 no longer fit for purpose dwellings will be replaced with modern, energy efficient, and accessible homes delivering at least 16% more public housing at this site.



Early 2024

Community engagement (early vision)



2024

Site preparation works



2024

Community engagement on design



2025

Construction starts



2028

New homes delivered

Homes Victoria acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land upon which this housing is being built. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

Renter voice guides the high-rise redevelopment



Renters review to improve communications

The Paving the Way Forward program at Flemington and North Melbourne is hosting a review and improve panel on communications and renter voice.

The focus right now is supporting the relocation process, looking at what information should be provided, how it is translated and how to best provide information to the community.

What matters to you? Co-designing Community Principles

Renter voice is central to the design and delivery of the high-rise redevelopment project. That's why we're engaging with renters to establish principles. Principles will guide early planning and relocations right through to construction and the return of renters to new homes.

We've held workshops and conversation sessions with 100s of renters across all our high-rise sites recently. We heard great input on a range of topics including the values that are important to you, how we work together and the outcomes we should prioritise.

We'll be engaging with all renters and the surrounding communities in early 2024 on a draft set of principles.

Find out about principles engagement events coming up in your neighborhood.

Visit homes.vic.gov.au/high-rise-redevelopment-community-engagement

- November 2023**
Conversations with community stakeholders
- November/December 2023**
Workshops with renter voice groups
- Early 2024**
Engagement on the draft community principles
- March 2024**
Final community principles published



Talking to renters at North Melbourne and Flemington community Q&A forums



More quality homes for Melbourne's South-East

Artist impression of new homes at Simmons Street, South Yarra

While the high-rise redevelopment is underway we're getting on with delivering new and better homes through the Big Housing Build. More than 1300 new homes in South Yarra, Prahran, Port Melbourne and Hampton East, is increasing social housing at these sites by at least 31%. This includes 56 specialist disability accommodation homes.

This partnership with Building Communities includes Community Housing Vic Limited and specialist support from Women's Property Initiatives and Aboriginal Community Housing Vic Ltd to provide quality tenancy management, community building and specialist supports.

Key features will include:



Community spaces



1, 2, 3 and 4
bedroom
homes



Open green spaces

approx 2,000sqm.

Renters have provided great input for the future of the Prahran and South Yarra sites. We're looking forward to further engagement at Port Melbourne and Hampton East in early 2024 with construction due to start in late 2024.

Connecting at events near you

We want to make sure we're available to listen and talk where it's convenient to you. Attending the recent Twilight Market in Richmond was a great opportunity to share general information and answer questions about the high-rise redevelopment project. We also talked to residents about the 144 new homes coming to Elizabeth Street.

As always, the North Richmond community brought the fun and cheer to launch the North Richmond Community Grants. Everybody enjoyed games, food and dancing!



Engaging with our high-rise renters at Richmond Night Market



Relocations update

At the announced Flemington and North Melbourne high-rises the relocation team have met with over 440 of the 485 households, supporting these renters with relocation plans and applications.

There has been a lot of interest in the brand new homes soon to be available at these locations. Housing offers are about to start for renters who have met with the relocations team and consented to receiving offers locally or in other locations according to their needs and preferences.

For households at other locations who don't need to move right now we're still reaching out to provide advice and support.

As it comes time to think about relocating our experienced team will:

- Provide plenty of notice and information (including in language)
- Listen to you to understand individual needs
- Make sure new housing is right for renters with options that are in line with renters needs and preferences
- Make sure options take account of renter diversity and culture
- Make every effort to support multiple households to stay together if that is their preference.

Ongoing maintenance and repairs

For any urgent repairs, please contact the Housing Call Centre on **13 11 72** or visit:

housing.vic.gov.au/repairs



Find out more

For more information, to sign up for updates and events near you, or for information in your language please visit:

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