



# Network West

neighbourhood houses and community centres

## Annual Report 2010 - 2011



Neighbourhood Houses  
The heart of our community



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## *Statement of Purpose*

Recognising the diverse nature and the autonomy of each member of the Association, the **purpose** for which the Association is established is:

To act as a **mutual support network and information sharing** group for all Neighbourhood Houses & Community Centres which are members of the Association;

To provide an **advocacy role** in representing the interests of member Houses in development of community development practice and in sustaining viability and growth;

To **support individual Houses** in developing effective operation of their organisation;

To **encourage and work towards developing partnerships** to enhance the work of member Houses;

To **provide training, access to training and resources**, and professional development opportunities for Houses;

To **develop and implement policies and strategies** for the Management Committee;

To **promote the philosophies of the Neighbourhood House Sector** within the wider community.

To work with other networks and organisations to strengthen and enrich the Neighbourhood House Sector at regional, state and national levels.

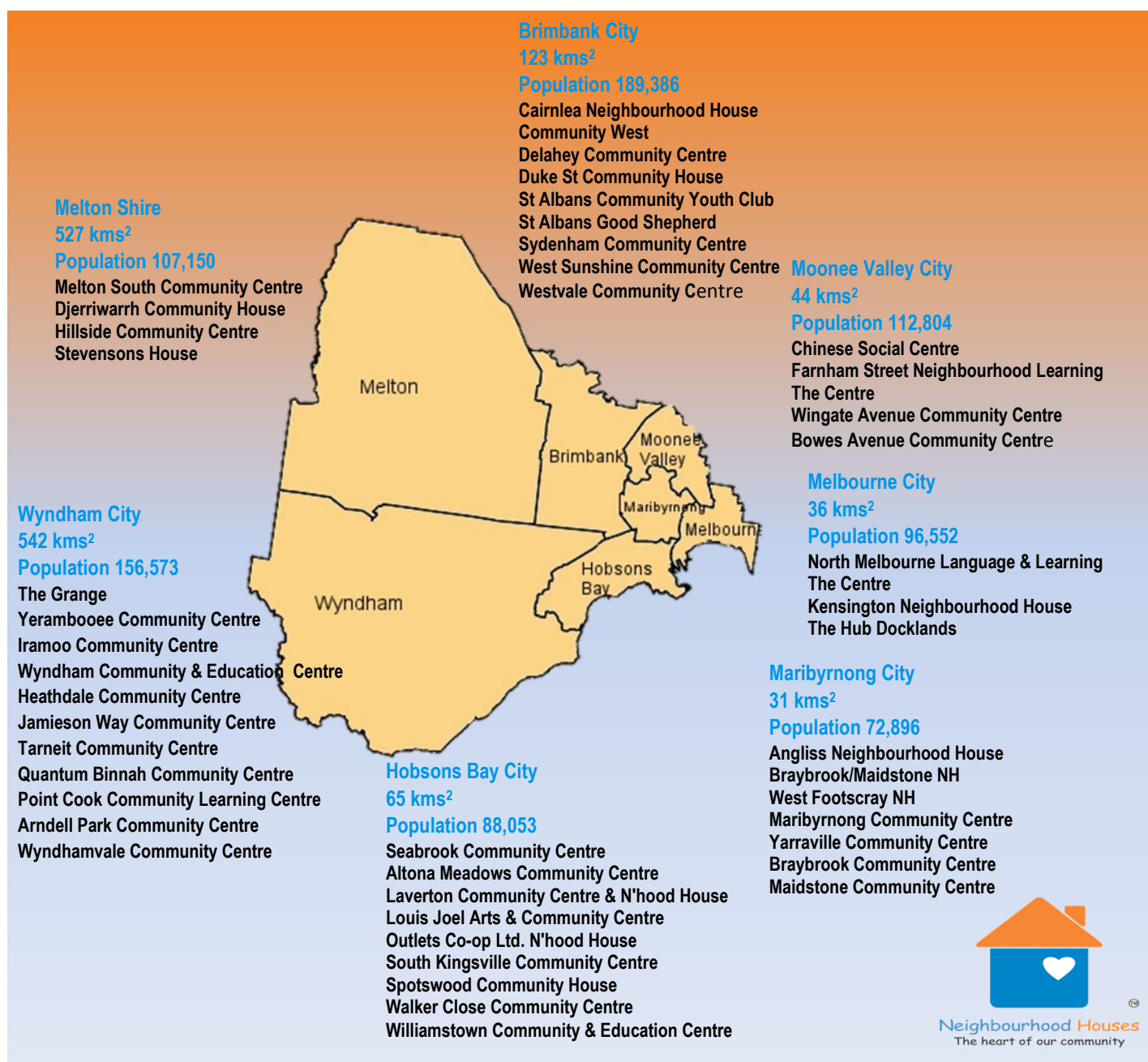
## Our Vision - looking forward to 2012 & beyond...

**The Houses** interacting more, sharing support and information and collaborating on projects.

**The Network continuing to** build and facilitate strong relationships with an increasing number of members and stakeholders.

**The Sector** is stronger, more evolved, works together on issues that support houses more effectively and plans for the future.

**The Community** has more social capital, feels more empowered and is recognised, respected and supported by the government.



## Strategic Plan 2009-2012

The Network West Strategic Plan was endorsed at the Annual General Meeting in October 2009. Individual organisation, regional and sector wide strategies were identified under the following three goals.

- 1. Strengthen and consolidate.**
- 2. Raise awareness and profile.**
- 3. Contribute to crucial campaigns & projects.**

Progress on Strategic Plan goals and tasks was assessed in June 2010, and January 2011 due to staff changes. A review was completed in April 2011, following the permanent appointment of Western Region Networker Michelle Chrimes in March 2011. The Network West Committee of Management then contemplated:

“How can we use our skills and resources to make a difference to our organisations, region and sector?”

“What issues/challenges can we address more effectively as a regional collective than as an individual organisation?”

In light of current and upcoming changes in Industrial Relations, Associations Incorporations Act, Victorian Skills reform, Government and the global economic crisis, an additional goal was added to the strategic plan.

### **4. Foster a culture of sharing, connectedness and collaboration.**

A survey of member support needs will begin at the 2011 Annual General Meeting and a new strategic plan will be drafted in consultation with regional members in April 2012.

**\* Action Plan: What we want to do next**

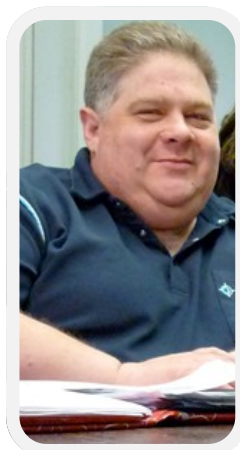
Key Directions 2009-2012	Objectives	Tactics & Activities	Success Indicators	Responsibility	Time Frame	Resources
1. Strengthen the core of organisation, network, sector	1.1. Tighten and strengthen governance and democratic processes of Network West	• Review and redevelop Constitution • Develop policy to enhance new constitution and cover gaps	• New constitution produced and ratified • New Suite of policy documents developed, implemented and used • Same policies available for distribution via websites	COM (for working party) COM plus interested parties Networker (distributed)	December 2009 July 2010 2009-2011	COM expertise and willingness to participate – Networker times COM expertise and willingness to participate – Networker times Members' documents and external sector documents – Networker times
1.2. Network	1.2.1. Build shared information resources & upgrade databases (To be used in conjunction with Marketing and Communications team)	• Gather policies and other documents • Call on members to contribute their policies • Inform as <b>proforma</b> • Review and redevelop updating procedures • Upgrade information held on members to include facilities, and other useful categories • Review methods for publicising events (possible include chosen)	Comprehensive and relevant suite of policies uploaded to websites	Whole of Network West	2009-2011	Members' documents and external sector documents – Networker times
	1.2.2. Build and for enhance a feeling of ownership within the network	Consult network about issues of representation (also constitution upgrade & Marketing & Communications plan)			2009-2011	Initial consultation July 2009 Networker

## Network West Committee of Management and Staff

POSITION NAME	ORGANISATION AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA
<b>Executive</b>	<b>Members</b>
Chairperson Gary Gromb	Hillside Community Centre & Stevenson House Shire of Melton
Secretary Liz du Toit	Sydenham Community Centre City of Brimbank
Treasurer Jan Thorpe	Wingate Avenue Community Centre City Of Moonee Valley
<b>General</b>	<b>Members</b>
Carolyn Webster	Kensington Neighbourhood House City of Melbourne
Tracey Oliver	Braybrook Community Centre City of Maribyrnong
Linda Beyerle	Iramoo Community Centre City of Wyndham
Joanne Goodman	North Melbourne Language and Learning City of Melbourne
<b>Staff Name</b>	<b>Position and Dates</b>
Michelle Chrimes	<b>Networker</b> July 2010 – Current
Carmen Maddison	<b>Admin Worker</b> August - Oct 2011



## Chairperson's Report



*Gary Gromb*

2010-2011 has turned into a year of consolidation for the Network, with some changes continuing to impact both the Network and the Houses.

We started the year with a locum Networker, Michelle Chrimes while Matilda Langley was on leave and ended the year with Michelle appointed to the position and busy working on building participation in the Network. She continues to raise the profile and awareness of Neighbourhood Houses in the Region as well as promoting the role of the Network and the Networker.

As you are all aware, we did see a new State Government elected and some change and uncertainty. For a start the Neighbourhood House program has moved back to Department of Human Services though we haven't learn what other changes may follow after this initial 12 months. Some other programs have suffered cuts and changes with a serious impact on Houses.

The Collective Agreement has continued to be a key focus for the Networker as Houses gain practical experience of the new Agreement.

The Network West Council Partnership Group (NWCPG) which brings together representatives from all the Local Governments in the Region continue to grow and develop. Participation has increased and the group has considered a greater regional response to sector wide issues.

While I am regrettably leaving the Committee after this AGM, I do so happy in the knowledge that the Network is in a better state than when I first joined.

The Committee is much stronger, with a greater level of participation, a healthy financial state and an enthusiastic Networker who continues to promote the Network and its value to the Houses and the Western Region community.

Gary Gromb

## Networker's Report

I was appointed as networker in July 2010 on a short term contract, covering a six month secondment to the Department of Planning and Community Development (DPCD) by networker Matilda Langley. Throughout this six months, as acting networker, my core focus was developing an understanding of the complexity, diversity, strengths and challenges of the region; building relationships with Neighbourhood Houses and Learning Centres (NH&LC) members, local governments and other stakeholders; and reporting on Network West activities in the year prior to my appointment. Upon briefly entering this sector I had the distinct impression that I was home. The empowering community development principles and grass roots approach sang to my values and strengths based approach to life.



*Michelle Chrimes*

In January 2011 Matilda Langley returned briefly to the networker role and then moved on to the Association of Neighbourhood Houses and Learning Centres (ANHLC) to manage the newly funded Information Communication Technology (ICT) projects. In March 2011 I was appointed permanently into the networker role. From the myriad of issues impacting the sector, regional priorities for the period 2010-2011 were identified.

The focus for the final year of the three year strategic plan, to support and advocate for the varying needs of the 48 members houses include:

- ***Foster a culture of sharing, connectedness and collaboration.***
- ***Increase sector profile and build relationships at all three levels of Government.***
- ***Advocacy and support for emerging communities in growth corridors.***
- ***Clearly define the role of the network and measure outcomes.***
- ***Special projects.***



## Networker's Report

### FOSTER A CULTURE OF SHARING, CONNECTEDNESS AND COLLABORATION

The size and geographical spread of Network West, limited funding and ever increasing number of Houses and Centres, make the networking task a challenge. Despite the challenges most Neighbourhood Houses and Learning Centre's (NH&LC) in the seven Local Government Areas (LGA's) of the Western Region meet regularly, with the networker participating and on occasion facilitating those meetings. The LGA cluster meetings facilitate relationship building and peer support, increased awareness of the diversity, strengths and challenges of each NH&LC and the communities they serve, resource sharing, joint projects, shared workloads and community needs analysis. In addition, these meeting are crucial to sustaining effective two way flow of information between NH&LC's and the Association of Neighbourhood Houses and Learning Centres (ANHLC). The networker offers a link to regional and sector wide information on best practice, innovative projects, sector risk issues and opportunities, engages, motivates and connects participants with priority issues.

As relationships continue to build we see increasing evidence of LGA clusters developing into more sophisticated partnerships such as the *Brimbank Neighbourhood House Partnership* and the *Inner North Cluster* (formerly the Shared Service Partnership, SSP) a partnership made up of a collective of NH&LC's in the Cities of Melbourne and Moonee Valley. Strategic plans, joint projects, joint marketing brochures, cross promotion and festival coordination, now seen in several LGA's in the West, allows for more effective spreading of funds and provides more comprehensive and streamlined information to the community. As trust and acceptance grows a clearer understanding of the varying strengths and challenges of NH&LC models develops. This knowledge in combination with solidarity is powerful. The cohesive groups of NH&LC can direct their strategic objectives within the group in such a way as to maximise outcomes for the communities they strive to support and empower. Partnership itself becomes the tool to remove systems blockages. In light of changes in industrial relations, government, the environment, global economic pressure, Skills Reform, Adult Education the importance of collaboration cannot be underestimated and currently underpins the objective of Network West.

## *Networker's Report*

During the last 12 months the network has assisted members in the City of Maribyrnong in the process of developing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with their council, the first step to more collaborative work in the future. The network has also had initial discussions with the Shire of Melton around developing a Neighbourhood House policy. Discussions are also underway regarding more flexible, realistic, sector specific training for committee members, utilising staff and resources from within the sector. Stakeholders such as ANHLC, DHS regional teams, councils, staff from VUT and the network have expressed interest in exploring how to work more collaboratively.

Members regularly communicate the challenge of administration overload, providing programs and running businesses. As a result of ever increasing workload with no increase in funding, connection to peers/colleagues, passion for the values that drive our work, our strength as a sector can slip out of focus. It has been exciting for me this year to start gathering data that defines us as the Western Region. A presentation of this data (see appendix 1) has been provided to most members. It is the Network's hope that this information can be used by members in promoting the sector and for submissions. The gathering of this data required openness and sharing (and a little harassment!) A regional view of the amazing work done by NH&LC, has assisted many who viewed the presentation to see the fantastic work done by the sector as a collective. Something to be proud of, and a moment to stop and take stock of the big picture.

## *Networker's Report*

### **INCREASE SECTOR PROFILE AND BUILD RELATIONSHIPS AT ALL THREE LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT**

#### **Local Government (NWCPG)**

Network West Council Partnership Group (NWCPG) is a network of council representatives that support and resource NH&LC's in their local government areas. Their job titles and roles differ but group members share a passion for the work of Neighbourhood Houses. The initiative began in early 2008 and since then the group has developed Terms of Reference, a detailed mapping document of NH&LC in the West, provided peer support, shared information and showcased and shared examples of best practice. There has been a high level of participation by council representatives in the last 12 months.

The NWCPG collective has the potential to significantly influence sector development with both the community and council in the years to come.

This year the group has explored and shared regional responses to sector wide issues via discussions as a group and with guest speaker Angela Savage on two occasions. They participated in a facilitated discussion on regional NH&LC challenges, opportunities and examples of best practice, with some exploration into a possible joint project. The group has begun discussions around training partnerships designed specifically to support and attract volunteer committees to NH&LC's. As a result of information shared at these meetings, several councils openly supported the NH&LC state wide strategy in the 'Save Occasional Care' campaign.

#### **State Government**

In November 2010 the Victorian state election saw a Liberal Government elected and as a result, the management of the Neighbourhood House Coordination Program (NHCP) moved from the Department of Planning and Community Development (DPCD) to the Department of Human Services (DHS). For the first 12 months NHCP contracts will be managed centrally with additional support provided by regional teams. Although distribution of roles and responsibilities across the new DHS portfolios is yet to be confirmed, the networker has made several contacts with DHS Regional Team staff and is optimistic about the possibilities. Networkers of the West, North West and North East provided a presentation to showcase the unique nature of each region and the NH&LC sector as a whole and explored how we can best work together in the future.

Joint work on projects within the Western Region DHS staff have already proved beneficial. DHS links with council stakeholders and the Network's corporate and community links were brought together in 2011 to explore the possibilities of an Eco Demonstration Community Centre in the City of Wyndham.

## Networker's Report

### Federal Government

In 2011 the Networker participated in the ANHLC Deductible Gift Reciprocity (DGR) working group campaign activities. In February 2011 the Networker and sector DGR advocates, Angela Savage and Michael Beahan, met with the Assistant Treasurer, Honourable Bill Shorten, Federal Minister for Superannuation and Finance. During this meeting Mr Shorten expressed interest in the sector and agreed to tour the houses in his electorate.

On the 29<sup>th</sup> of March 2011, in my role as the Networker, I took Mr Shorten on a guided tour of four NH&LCs in his electorate. This was a great opportunity to increase the sector's profile at a federal level. The houses were chosen to showcase best practice and to highlight and put faces to the challenges experienced within the sectors. Advocacy during the tour focussed on; NH&LCs supporting disadvantaged communities to highlight how the outdated definitions of DGR and PBI fail to recognise the preventative work and support provided to disadvantaged communities in the West; insufficient NHCP funding to maintain, sustain and assist these communities to grow, that 10 hours of NHCP is completely inadequate; and how withdrawal of take a break (TAB) Occasional Care funding impacts on families, the sector and community participation.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Tin Shed St Albans Community Youth Club, Duke St Community House, Braybrook Community Centre and Braybrook and Maidstone Neighbourhood House, for their participation in the tour and their professional, warm and strategic presentations to Mr Shorten. We hope he will assist us in our campaign for DGR in the coming year and will continue to advocate for diversity, inclusion and the Neighbourhood House Sector.



## Networker's Report

### ADVOCACY AND SUPPORT FOR EMERGING COMMUNITIES IN GROWTH CORRIDORS

Network West includes four population growth areas; the cities of Melbourne, Hobson's Bay, Wyndham and Melton. With Wyndham being the third largest growing LGA nationwide and Melbourne the second fastest growing capital city nationally.

In response to the population increase in the west and the ever increasing need for services, we have seen a steady increase in the number of community centres with many more in the planning. This poses a great challenge for councils, the growing community, NH&LC and the process of community development. The need to gather information, conduct research and work collaboratively with all stakeholders is crucial to best address the challenges.



*All Nations Eat and Greet 113 Melon Street  
Braybrook to celebrate housing week 2010.*

*Advocacy and Support for Emerging Communities* was endorsed as a priority issues for 2011-2012 by the Network West Committee and the driver for exploring innovative community partnership models, such as that seen at the Creeds Farm Eco Demonstration Project. Preliminary work on this project included networking with a local developer, conducting a needs analysis and scouting support and interest in Wyndham City Council and DHS for such a project.

October 2010 to January 2011 the networker and several NH&LCs in the Western Region, along with sector counterparts across the state, participated in the ANHLC Hubs research. Community Hubs have been the model of choice in growth areas in recent years and this research explored the impact of this model on communities in growth corridors, NH&LCs and community development.

## *Networker's Report*

### **CLEARLY DEFINE THE ROLE OF THE NETWORK AND MEASURING OUTCOMES**

There are 16 networks across the state. They respond to the varying needs of their NH&LC members, those members' communities, population and geographical boundaries. Much like many of the NH&LC's they support, they exist despite inadequate funding and reflect the strengths and challenges of the sector. This diversity makes defining good practice and measuring outcomes and effectiveness extremely challenging. This challenge has been a high priority throughout the 2010-2011 financial year.

The combined networks along with ANHLC have been worked on developing a Good Practice Guide for Neighbourhood House Networks. Whilst initially intended as a guide for new networkers, this document is now urgently needed to clarify and demonstrate to the Department of Human services how networks might operate if adequately funded. The framework for the Good Practice Guide was first developed at the Networks In Service in September 2010 and further elaborated at a special meeting of the network representatives at the ANHLC conference in March 2011 and the combined networks meetings in May. A draft of the Good Practice document will be circulated to Committees for endorsement later in 2011. In addition to the Good Practice Guide for Networks, in the coming financial year, the Networks will take part in the Community Outcomes Data Collection Project (CODC) along with ANHLC and NH&LC's. The project was funded by DPCD and will be project managed by ANHLC.

In 2010 the networks assisted ANHLC to develop a 'roles and responsibility matrix' for Neighbourhood Houses in need of direct support. This document titled "Neighbourhood Houses Quality Enhancement and Risk Management Matrix, takes the first step in defining at what points the Networks, Peak body and DPCD/DHS intervene to provide support to NH&LC experiencing difficulty. This document was developed in partnership with staff from DPCD in 2010. In light of the government change, a further process of consultation and development will occur in October 2011 and is scheduled to begin at the Neighbourhood houses common interest group (NHCIG), meeting in October 2011, attended by ANHLC, Networks and DHS central and regional representative from across the state.

The Good practice Guide for Neighbourhood House Networks , CODC output (data sets and data management tools) and the Neighbourhood House Quality Enhancement and Risk Management Matrix, will provide a comprehensive and cohesive suite of documents to compliment the NHCP Guideline, sector principles and sector framework.



## Networker's Report

### SPECIAL PROJECTS 2010-2011

*Special projects are selected to address multiple strategic objectives. This year's priorities included campaigning on DGR, Occasional Care Funding Cuts, Collective Agreement and the impact of skills reform on ACE/ACFE provision for our communities.*



#### Deductible Gift Reciprocity (DGR)

Currently neighbourhood houses and learning centres are prevented from accessing philanthropic and corporate funds because they find it difficult to qualify for DGR status. They are unable to qualify for DGR status as a result of a narrow and out-dated definition of charity and welfare. The current ANHLC DGR working group campaign, focuses primarily on changing the definition of the Public Benevolent Institution (PBI) category to include prevention. The network has endorsed support for this campaign with the aim of increasing financial sustainability of the sector. Meeting with members of the working group and Bill Shorten as mentioned before has provided further networking opportunities for the sector and region as detailed in the section titled *Federal Government*.

#### Collective Agreement

2009-2010 the Neighbourhood Houses & Adult Community Education Centres Collective Agreement (NHACE) was developed to set pay and conditions for Neighbourhood House employees. NHACE built on earlier attempts to protect minimum entitlements for employees, and to provide modest improvements in conditions as part of a strategy to improve recruitment and retention of workers across the sector. Recruitment and retention is a growing problem for this sector in a tight labor market, where employers in other areas able to offer more generous employment conditions.

The 2010 Agreement is a multiple employer agreement with negotiations facilitated by ANHLC and included ACE (Vic) and Jobs Australia on behalf of employers and relevant unions (ASU, LHMU and NTEU) with sector representatives, on behalf of employees. This year's network priorities included supporting the regional implementation of a sector specific Collective Agreement (NHACE 2010). 45% of the Western regions 29 community managed NH&LCs signed on to the 2010 agreement. It is expected that this will assist with positive industrial relations across the sector. The more organisations signed on, the stronger position we will be in collectively to negotiate sector funding requirements.

## Networker's Report

### Save Occasional Care Campaign

The Federal Government's 2010-2011 budget indicated funding withdrawal for the neighbourhood model of Occasional Care from the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2010. ANHLC, Networks and Neighbourhood Houses responded promptly by completing surveys, collating data, contacting local and federal members of parliament and being involved in a state wide campaign. The campaign successfully managed to lobby the Victorian Government to provide an additional \$1 million for the occasional care Take a Break (TAB) program in 2010-2011, to make up for the withdrawal of Federal funds. The quick and united response clearly showed the measurable success achieved with a united stand.

Following the election of the Baileu Liberal State government in November 2010, the budget release in April 2011 confirmed our concerns with the state government also withdrawing Take a Break Funding for the neighbourhood model of Occasional Care. Following this announcement, ANHLC, Networks, neighbourhood House staff and volunteers and a strong parent driven grass roots campaign unfolded. The seriousness of the implications of this loss, to our communities and NH&LCs is of great concern and a sustained and ongoing multi faceted campaign continues.

The networker, network members, staff and volunteers have campaigned extensively during 2010-2011 to support the maintenance of neighbourhood based Occasional Childcare. We attended two rallies on the steps of Parliament House, completed state, federal and local government petitions, empowered community members to have their voices heard and conducted a coordinated strategic response to the Take A Break (TAB) funding cut. Childcare enables families to participate in their community, to work, learn and volunteer. Occasional care is currently the most flexible, accessible and affordable childcare available and is essential to support the diverse populations we serve in the west, amongst some of the state's most highly disadvantaged areas.



## *Networker's Report*

### **ACE/ACFE/Skills Reform**

Implementation of the Victorian Skills Reform has resulted in significant changes to how Neighbourhood Houses run their business, collect data, manage and report outcomes. Adjusting to the new systems has been extremely demanding. Challenges around these changes have been ongoing for many members throughout 2010-2011 and are expected to continue throughout 2011-2012.

The ANHLC/ACE VIC working group, comprised of NH&LC leaders, conducted research into the impact of the Skills Reform changes across the state and led to the development of a joint policy document on the future of ACE 2011 titled 'One Vision'. This document highlights specific implementation difficulties of the Skills Reform and resulting concerns regarding impact on the key values of NH&LC's Community Development Principles, specifically inclusion, access and equity and lifelong learning. The ACE working group was regularly attended by Network West members from the 'Think West' initiative.

In May 2011 the Essential Services Commission began a review into Vocational Education and Training (VET) for the Victorian State Government and took submissions on the impact of Skills Reform from providers. All ACE providers were invited and encouraged by ANHLC and the networks, to make a submission. The review provided an opportunity for the NH&LC sector to provide feedback on the impact of the Skills Reform on ACE providers and our communities. A chance to be heard and possibly shape changes into the future. Congratulations to those members who completed a submission.

## *Networker's Report*

### **Information Communication and Technology (ICT) Projects**

In October 2010 DPCD introduced the Building ICT Capacity Grants. The 16 NH&LC networks were asked to put in submissions for five demonstration projects. Network West and the Barwon Network were successful in securing the websites template project. Funding deliverables include output from all projects being made available to NH&LC state wide.

This project will develop ICT capacity across the two Networks by building a website template which is cohesive, cost effective and easy to use for community members, neighbourhood house staff and volunteers, as well as other service providers seeking information.

A survey of NH&LCs state wide, to gather information on requirements and attitudes towards ICT was conducted in July 2011. Survey responses were used to inform the requirements in the website developers brief which was circulated to developers. A developer and NH&LC champions will be selected in October 2011. The champions will assist in the development, trial of the website template and showcase its capabilities. The website template and associated documentation will be made available to NH&LC across the state, as will outputs from the other four demonstration projects. The other demonstration projects include; e-learning modules for committee of management, fact sheets on online technologies helpful to houses, a matrix of the best video and teleconferencing option based on your current hardware and connection capabilities and a summary of online course finder options.

## Networker's Report

### SPECIAL MENTIONS

Wyndham Community & Education Centre was awarded, Outstanding Organisation, at the 2011 Learn Local awards. They have also been nominated for the Wyndham Small Business Awards.

Melton South Community Centre Coordinator, Pam Madj, was presented with the "Above and Beyond" award for her 19 years of service and many volunteer hours she has contributed to the community, by Prime Minister Julia Gillard.

Wingate Avenue Community Centre won the "Sustainable Cities and Clean Beaches" award for Zero waste for their unique recycling project.



Vivian Conn, Coordinator of Braybrook Maidstone Neighbourhood House was commended for outstanding evaluations of workshops provided at the Brainfood Conference 2011.

Joanne Goodman, Manager of NMLL receives a special mention for her commitment to collaboration, partnership and the NH&LC sector. Joanne has been the driving force behind The Inner North Collective (INC) of five NH&LCs and also the North Melbourne Agency Collective (NAC).



## Networker's Report

Braybrook Community Centre responded to the expressed need of its local community and developed the Braybrook Family Inclusive Language and Learning Support Program. The program enables parents to learn English through AMES at the centre whilst their pre school children are engaged in bilingual story telling; their primary/secondary school children are engaged in homework groups and/or senior secondary tutoring at the Youth Enterprise Hub. The program has been selected as a finalist in the Early Years Awards 2011, Better Access to Early Years Services award category. The program was funded by Maribyrnong Council and project partners includes MRC North West, Braybrook CC, Maribyrnong Early Years and Library Services, Dinjerra Primary School, Maribyrnong Moonee Valley Local Learning Employment Network, the Youth Enterprise Hub (Melbourne City Mission) AMES, Victoria University, Caroline Chisholm Catholic College, Christ the King Primary School, Braybrook Secondary College. The centre has sourced additional funding from the Scanlon Foundation for a further twelve months. The is a great example of grass roots community driving program development, NH&LC responding to community needs and community development through partnership and collaboration.

### A Big Thankyou

Throughout 2011 Bunnings's Warehouse Maribyrnong supported its community through projects carried out at Braybrook Community Centre and Maribyrnong Community Centre. Bunnings have extended this support by providing the gift of a herb/flower to each NH&LC attending the Network West AGM, to plant at their Centre. Network West would like to thank staff, volunteers and Committee members of the NH&LC of the West for all the innovative, inspirational, hard and often thankless (enrolments, stats, reporting, meetings) work done throughout the year. We would also like to thank Bunnings and acknowledging their ongoing support for local communities.

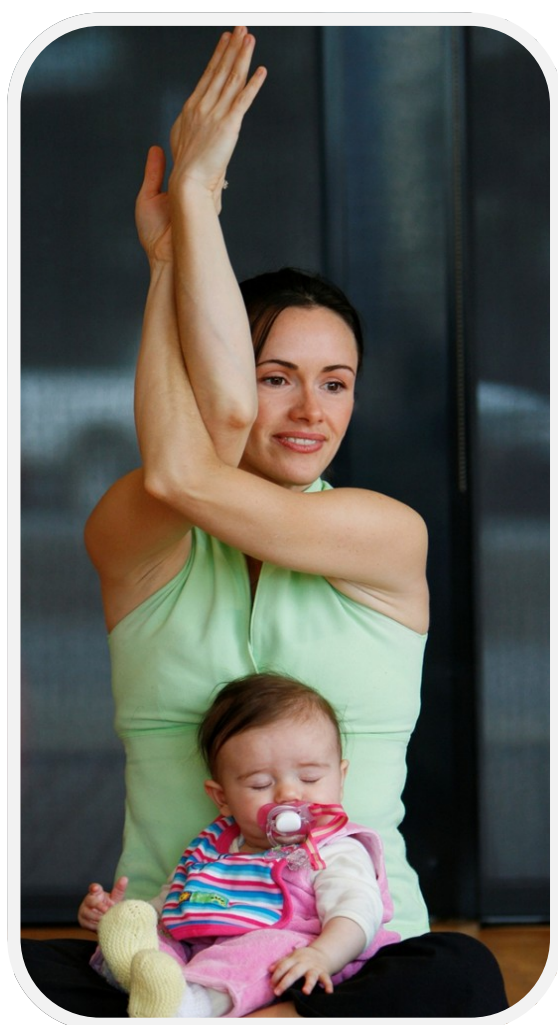


Congratulations to you all for the hard work and dedication to improving outcomes for your communities, children, families and the environment.



## Your Network By Numbers

Network West Mem- bers	48
	38
Unfunded (2 managed by committees, the others managed by council another org)	10



Mum and Bub Yoga @ The Centre

<b>Meetings &amp; Visits</b>	
Houses/centres visits	51
LGA Cluster Meetings	19
Combined Networks Meetings	8
Local Council NWCPG	5
DPCD	4
Network West COM	7
COM mentoring Networker	3
North & West networks	7
Project ICT	12
Growth corridor advocacy	4
Political Advocacy	2
ANHLC board	7
<b>ANHLC Working Groups</b>	
Community Governance and Growing Communities	6
DGR	4
Marketing	1
Constitution Clean up	1
Network Effectiveness	3

## *Treasurer's Finance Report*

I am pleased to present the financial report for Network West for the 2010/2011 financial year.

It has been a busy year with Michelle coming on board firstly in a locum position and becoming the permanent Networker following by Matilda leaving.

The Network is in a sound financial position going into its fifth year of operation since being incorporated. Network West receives \$72,534 per annum as its main funding through DHS (formally DPCD) – Neighbourhood House Coordination program. The majority of the expenses of the Network is taken up with wages, on cost and office space rental. The 2011 year closed with a surplus of \$10,269 and retained earnings of \$46,483

It was sad for us to lose our finance worker Simone in December 2010. Wingate took on the finances as an interim measure to allow us to keep Michelle on as the networker and employ a new admin/finance worker for her once she became the permanent Networker. I would like to thank Simone for all her efforts and exceptional experience over the last three years.

As the treasurer of Network West I have found working with both Michelle and Matilda an extremely rewarding experience and further enriches my opinion of how fortunate we are to have two experienced Networkers who brought different things to our sector.

I have served on the steering group, assisted in the transition to ensure Network West developed its own identity, set up an office at Wingate and have been involved as a treasurer for the past five years. I would still like to remain on the committee of Network West and would like to support a fellow committee member as they move into the role as treasurer. Since being part of Network West I have seen three different Networkers respond to the increasing needs of houses, liaise and support LGA's and support and strengthen our Neighbourhood House sector.

I would like to thank the committee members for all their support over this time.



Jan Thorpe

Treasurer

*Jan Thorpe*

## Audited Financial Statements

### NETWORK WEST ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

#### COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Your Committee members submit the financial statements of the Network West Association Incorporated for the financial year ended 30 June 2011.

#### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The names of committee members throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

Joanne Goodman

Garry Gromb

Carolyn Webster

Liz Du Toit

Jan Thorpe

Linda Beyerle

Tracey Oliver

Committee members have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activities of the association during the financial year was to provide social and administrative support to neighbourhood housing and community centres.

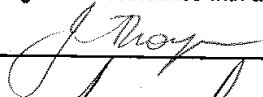

#### SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

There were no significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

#### OPERATING RESULT

The surplus/(loss) from ordinary activities after providing for income tax amounted to : **\$10,267**

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee.

Dated this *Thirtieth* day of *October* 2011

## Audited Financial Statements continued...

### NETWORK WEST ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

#### STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

The committee have determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The Committee have determined that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the accounts.

In the opinion of the committee the financial statements as set out on pages 3 to 8

1. Present fairly the financial transactions of Network West Association Incorporated as at 30 June 2011 and the results of the association for the period ended 30 June 2011 and the financial position of its operations for the year ended on that date;
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Network West Association Incorporated will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:

President: \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated this Thirtieth day of October 2011

## Audited Financial Statements continued...

### NETWORK WEST ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

#### INCOME STATEMENT

for the period ending 30th June 2011

	2011 \$	2010 \$
<b>REVENUE</b>		
State Government grants	72,534	70,938
Donations		
Interest	1,970	312
Miscellaneous income	1	162
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>74,505</b>	<b>71,412</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Salary and wages	42,950	46,463
Consultants and contractors	6,087	7,201
Workcover	1,096	763
Superannuation	3,794	4,056
Travel	132	103
Professional development	821	916
Minor equipment	-	50
Resources/consumables	593	560
Stationery	134	218
Advertising	299	198
Postage	124	64
Printing	18	-
Events and meeting expenses	1,310	280
Subscriptions	652	918
Telephone	1,086	1,136
Internet	327	95
Insurance	-	321
Rent	4,655	4,532
Bank Charges	14	81
Audit fees	136	273
Sundry expenses	10	2
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>64,238</b>	<b>68,231</b>
<b>SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR PERIOD</b>	<b>10,267</b>	<b>3,181</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

## Audited Financial Statements continued...

### NETWORK WEST ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

#### BALANCE SHEET as at 30th June 2011

	2011 \$	2010 \$
<b>MEMBERS' FUNDS</b>		
Accumulated funds	46,483	36,216
<b>Total members' funds</b>	<u>46,483</u>	<u>36,216</u>
Represented by -		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Petty cash	400	200
Cash at bank	42,682	29,005
Cash at bank	5,644	11,111
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<u>48,726</u>	<u>40,316</u>
<b>NON CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Furniture & Fixture	1,290	1,290
<b>TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<u>1,290</u>	<u>1,290</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>50,016</u>	<u>41,606</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
GST payable	1,374	1,921
PAYG withholding payable	1,300	2,402
SGC Super Guarantee	858	1,067
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>3,532</u>	<u>5,390</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<u>46,483</u>	<u>36,216</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.



## Audited Financial Statements continued...

### NETWORK WEST ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

for the year ended 30th June 2011

	2011 \$	2010 \$
Total members' funds at the beginning of the financial year	20	20
Member contribution		
Accumulated funds at 1 July	36,196	33,015
Operating result for the year	10,267	3,181
Accumulated funds at 30 June	46,463	36,196
Total members' funds at the end of the financial year	46,483	36,216

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

## Audited Financial Statements continued...

### NETWORK WEST ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

#### CASH FLOWS STATEMENT for the year ended 30 June 2011

	2011 \$	2010 \$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
State Government grants	72,534	70,938
Interest	1,970	312
Miscellaneous income	1	162
Payments to employees	(42,950)	(46,463)
Payments to supplies	(23,145)	(21,768)
Net cash provided by operating activities	8,410	3,181
Cash at beginning of the financial period	40,316	40,316
Cash at end of the financial period	48,726	43,498

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

## Audited Financial Statements continued...

### NETWORK WEST ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

Notes to and forming part of the financial statements  
year ended 30th June 2011

#### 1 Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial report are set out below.

##### Basis of Preparation of the Financial Report

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Victoria), in accordance with Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (AIFRSs), other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views.

The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

##### Historical cost convention

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs and does not take into account changing money values, or except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following material accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

##### (a) Revenue recognition Grants

Revenue is recognised in the accounts upon advice from the various granting authorities. Unconditional grants are brought to account at time of receipt, conditional grants are brought to account in the period to which they relate.

##### (b) Cash

For the purpose of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash includes cash on hand, at bank and on deposit.

##### (c) Goods and Services Tax System Charges

Network West records revenue, expenses and assets net of any applicable goods and services tax (GST) except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense item.

Receivables and payables balances include GST where Network West has either included GST in the price charged to customers or a supplier has included GST in their price charged to Network West. The net amount of GST due, but not paid, to the ATO is included under payables.

Network West does not include any estimate for GST in either accrued revenue or accrued expense balances. Accruals refer to a combination of items some of which will be supported by the issue or receipt of a tax invoice at a later time depending on the nature of the item. In general, no tax invoice has been received or issued at the time the accruals recorded.

To accord with Urgent Issues Group Abstract 31 - Accounting for Goods and Services Tax (GST), which requires cash flows on a gross basis, Network West has completed its cash flow statement in the following manner:

\* from its accounting records Network West has derived the amounts which have been shown in the statement of financial performance and statement of financial position, which are on a net GST basis where the GST is recoverable from the ATO; and

\* it has determined the amount of GST that is required to be added to various line items in the cash flow statement by reference to its business activity statements prepared for the ATO.

## Audited Financial Statements continued...

### NETWORK WEST ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

Notes to and forming part of the financial statements  
 year ended 30th June 2011

#### 2 Cash Flow Information

##### (a) Reconciliation of Cash

Petty cash advance  
 Cash at bank

2011 \$	2010 \$
400	200
<u>49,328</u>	<u>40,116</u>
<u>48,728</u>	<u>40,316</u>

##### (b) Reconciliation of net cash provided by operating activities to operating surplus/(Deficit)

Operating Profit/(Loss) for the year

10,267 3,181

Add back non-cash flows in operating statement

Changes in asset and liabilities  
 Increase/(decrease) in creditors and accruals

(1,857)

Net cash provided by operating activities

8,410 3,181

(c) The association has no credit stand-by or financing facilities in place

(d) There were no non-cash financing or investing activities during the period

#### 3 Contingent liabilities and contingent assets

##### Contingent liabilities

Network West has no contingent liabilities at 30 June 2011

## Audited Financial Statements continued...

S. E. OBLIUBEK  
Chartered Accountant

93 New Road, Oak Park  
Oak Park 3046

### INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF NETWORK WEST ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

#### Scope

I have audited the attached financial statements being the Income Statement for the period ended 30 June 2011, the Balance Sheet at 30 June 2011, Statement of Changes in Equity and Cashflows Statement for the year ended 30 June 2011 of Network West Association Incorporated.

The Association's Committee is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial report and has determined that the accounting policies used and described in Note 1 to the financial statements which form part of the financial report are appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act Victoria and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members.

I have conducted an independent audit of these financial statements in order to express an opinion on it to the members of Network West Association Incorporated. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to the needs of the members.


The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act Victoria. I disclaim any assumptions of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 so as to present a view which is consistent with my understanding of the Association's financial position, and performance as represented by the results of its operations and cash flows. These policies do not require the application of all Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

#### Audit opinion

In my opinion, the financial report of Network West Association Incorporated presents fairly its financial position as at 30 June 2011 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies.

  
S. E. OBLIUBEK  
Chartered Accountant  
Auditor

10 October 2011

## Network West - The Houses

BRIMBANK					
Name	Address	Phone	Fax	Email	Website
Cairnlea Community Hub	80 Carmody Dve, Cairnlea, 3023	9363 4800	9363 7355	cairnleacommunityhub@brimbank.vic.gov.au	www.brimbank.vic.gov.au
Community West	822 Ballarat Rd, Deer Park, 3023	9363 1811	9360 4851	info@communitywest.org.au	www.communitywest.org.au
Delahey Community Centre	Copperfields Dve, Delahey, 3037	9307 0358	9307 0712	delahey@brimbank.vic.gov.au	www.brimbank.vic.gov.au
Duke St Community House	27 Duke St, Sunshine, 3020	9311 9973	9310 1622	dukest@vicnet.net.au	www.dsche.org.au
Good Shepherd House	168 Main Rd East, St Albans, 3021	9364 3200	9364 3733	stalbins@goodshelpvic.org.au	www.goodshelpvic.org.au
The Tin Shed -St Albans Community Youth Club	309A Main Rd East, St Albans, 3021	9366 4302	9366 4302	tinshed@tsis.com.au	www.vicnet.net.au/~tinshed
Sydenham Community Centre	7 Community Hub, Sydenham, 3037	9390 3977	9390 4133	sydcc@brimbank.vic.gov.au	www.brimbank.vic.gov.au
West Sunshine Community Centre	25 Kermeen Street, West Sunshine, 3020	9311 5888	9311 6271	wsc@brimbank.vic.gov.au	www.brimbank.vic.gov.au
Westvale Community Centre	45 Kings Rd, St Albans, 3021	9367 6647	9367 5294	westvale@brimbank.vic.gov.au	www.brimbank.vic.gov.au



## Network West - The Houses

### HOBSONS BAY

Name	Address	Phone	Fax	Email	Website
Altona Meadows Community Centre	28 Trafalgar Ave, Altona Meadows, 3028	9315 8244	9315 8266	amcc@pacific.net.au	www.hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au
Laverton Community Centre	12 Crown St, Laverton, 3028	9369 4866	9369 5611	enquiries@lavertoncommunitycentre.com	www.lavertoncommunitycentre.com
Louis Joel Arts & Community Centre	5 Sargood St, Altona, 3018	9398 2511	9398 2522	louisjl@bigpond.net.au	www.hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au
Outlets Co-Operative Neighbourhood House	43 Mason St, Newport, 3015	9391 8504	9391 8504	outlets@outletscoop.com.au	http://www.outletscoop.com.au/
Seabrook Community Centre	15 Truganina Ave, Seabrook, 3028	9395 3010	9395 3010	seabrook@hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au	http://www.seabrookcc.com.au/
South Kingsville Community Centre	43 Paxton St, South Kingsville, 3015	9399 3000	9399 2282	jimwood@southkingsvillecc.com.au	www.southkingsvillecc.com.au
Spotswood Community House	598 Melbourne Rd, Spotswood, 3015	9391 2613	9391 1898	admin@spotswood.com.au	www.williamstown-spotswoodcc.org.au
Walker Close Community Centre	180 Millers Road, Altona North, 3025	9318 0521	9318 0607	admin@walkerbrooklyn.com.au	www.walkerbrooklyn.com.au
Williamstown Community and Education Centre	14 Thompson St, Williamstown, 3016	9397 7349	9397 6837	admin@wcec.com.au	www.williamstown-spotswoodcc.org.au

## Network West - The Houses

### MARIBYRNONG

Name	Address	Phone	Fax	Email	Website
Angliss Neighbourhood House	2/11 Vipont St, Footscray, 3011	9687 9908	9687 1993	angnh@anglissnh.net.au	www.thinkwest.org
Braybrook Community Centre	107-139 Churchill Ave, Braybrook, 3019	9334 6600	9312 3507	braycomm@maribyrnong.vic.gov.au	www.maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/braycomm
Braybrook Maidstone Neighbourhood House	113 Melon St, Braybrook, 3019	9317 5610	9317 5610	maidstonebraybrook@yahoo.com.au	www.bmnh.org.au
Maidstone Community Centre	21 Yardley St, Maidstone, 3012	9317 0747	9317 5915	maidcomm@maribyrnong.vic.gov.au	www.maribyrnong.vic.gov.au
Maribyrnong Community Centre	9 Randall St, Maribyrnong, 3032	9318 6655	9318 5427	maricomm@maribyrnong.vic.gov.au	www.maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/maricomm
West Footscray Neighbourhood House	Level 1, 539 Barkly St, West Footscray, 3012	9687 3345	9687 0548	admin@wfnh.com.au	http://wfnh.com.au
Yarraville Community Centre	114 Blackwood St & 59 Francis St, Yarraville, 3013	9687 1560	9687 1166	info@ycc.net.au	www.ycc.net.au

### MELBOURNE

The Centre	58 Errol St, North Melbourne, 3051	9328 1126	9328 4812	theab@centre.org.au	www.centre.org.au
The Hub @ Docklands	17 Waterview Walk, Docklands, 3008	8622 4822	8622 4832	docklandshub@melbourne.vic.gov.au	www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/docklands
Kensington Neighbourhood House	89 Mc Cracken St, Kensington, 3031	9376 6366	9376 8444	kwgp@vicnet.net.au	www.kensingtonneighbourhoodhouse.com
North Melbourne Language & Learning	Gnd Floor, 33 Alfred St, North Melbourne, 3051	9326 7447	9329 7446	enquiries@nmll.org.au	www.nmll.org.au

## Network West - The Houses

### WYDNHAM

Name	Address	Phone	Fax	Email	Website
The Grange Community Centre	260-280 Hogans Rd, Hoppers Crossing, 3029	8742 8000	8742 8099	grangecc@alphalink.com.au	www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/community/comcentres
Heathdale Community Centre	Cnr Kookaburra Ave & Nightingale Dve, Werribee, 3030	9741 2233	9742 6347	hcc@heathdalelecc.com.au	www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/community/comcentres
Iramoo Community Centre	84 Honour Ave, Wyndhamvale, 3030	8742 3688	8742 3506	admin@iramoooccm.au	www.iramoo.org
Jamieson Way Community Centre	59 Jamieson Way, Point Cook, 3030	9395 3777	9395 7791	admin@jamiesonwaycc.org.au	www.jamiesonwaycc.org.au
Quantin Binnah Community Centre	61 Thames Boulevard, Werribee, 3030	9742 5040	9731 2699	qb@qbcc.org.au	www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/community/comcentres
Tarneit Community Centre	150 Sunset Views Boulevard, Tarneit, 3029	9748 9822	8742 1641	tarneitclc@wyndham.vic.gov.au	www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/community/comcentres
Wyndham Community & Education Centre	3 Princess Hwy, Werribee, 3030	9742 4013	9742 8400	enquiries@werribeec.net	www.werribeec.net
Yerambooe Community Centre	55 Maple Cres, Hoppers Crossing, 3029	9748 9310	9748 0141	info@yerambooe.org.au	www.yerambooe.org.au
Point Cook Community Learning Centre	Cheetham Street, Point Cook VIC 3030	9395 6399	9394 7224	pointcookclc@wyndham.vic.gov.au	www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/community/comcentres
Arndell Park Community Centre	29-49 Federation Blvd, Truganina Vic 3029	8734 8911	8360 3058	arndellparkcc@wyndham.vic.gov.au	www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/community/comcentres
Wyndham Vale Community Learning Centre	86 Manor Lakes Blvd, Wyndham Vale	8734 8934		wyndhamvaleclc@wyndham.vic.gov.au	www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/community/comcentres

## Network West - The Houses

### MELTON

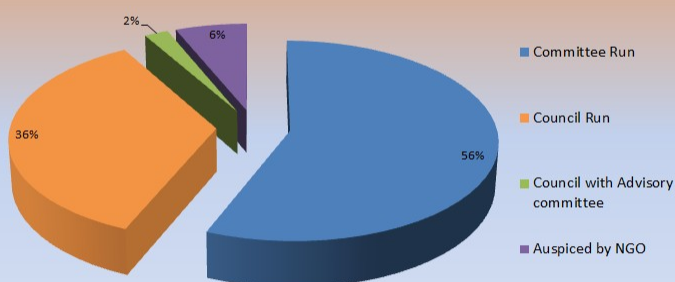
Name	Address	Phone	Fax	Email	Website
Djerriwarrh Community House	239 Station Rd, Melton, 3337	8746 1000	8746 1050	nicolec@djerriwarrh.org	<a href="http://www.djerriwarrh.org.au/communityhousenew.htm">www.djerriwarrh.org.au/communityhousenew.htm</a>
Hillside Community House	Royal Cres, Hillside, 3037	9449 8027	9449 7577	hillsidecommunitycentre@melton.vic.gov.au	<a href="http://www.melton.vic.gov.au/Page/page.asp?Page_Id=288&amp;h=0">www.melton.vic.gov.au/Page/page.asp?Page_Id=288&amp;h=0</a>
Melton South Community Centre	26 Exford Rd, Melton South, 3338	9747 8576	9747 0677	msccentr@bigpond.net.au	<a href="http://www.meltonsouth.org.au">www.meltonsouth.org.au</a>
Stevenson House	8-10 Stevenson Cres, Caroline Springs, 3023	9363 5127	9449 7577	stevensonhouse@melton.vic.gov.au	<a href="http://www.melton.vic.gov.au">www.melton.vic.gov.au</a>

### MOONEE VALLEY

Chinese Social Centre	Ground Floor, 76 Canning Street, North Melbourne, 3051	9329 5608	9329 5601	info@fsnlc.org	<a href="http://www.fsnlc.org">www.fsnlc.org</a>
Farnham St Neighbourhood Learning Centre	28 Farnham St, Flemington, 3031	9376 9088	9376 7739	info@fsnlc.org	<a href="http://www.fsnlc.org">www.fsnlc.org</a>
Wingate Avenue Community Centre	13a Wingate Ave, Ascot Vale, 3032	9376 5244	9376 2676	wingateave@wingateave.com.au	<a href="http://www.wingateave.com.au">www.wingateave.com.au</a>
Bowes Avenue Community Centre	31 Bowes Ave, Airport West, 3042	9243 8888	9377 2100	council@mvcc.vic.gov.au	<a href="http://www.mvcc.vic.gov.au/experience-moonee-vlley">http://www.mvcc.vic.gov.au/experience-moonee-vlley</a>

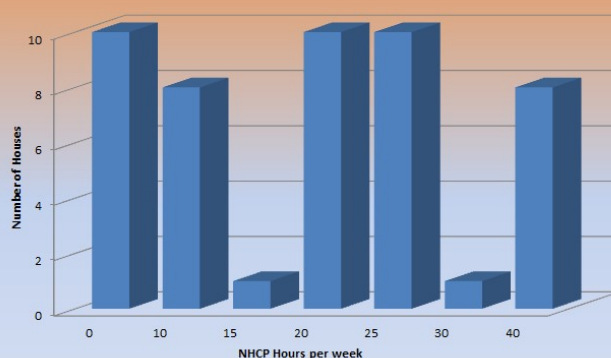
## Appendix

### Governance Models



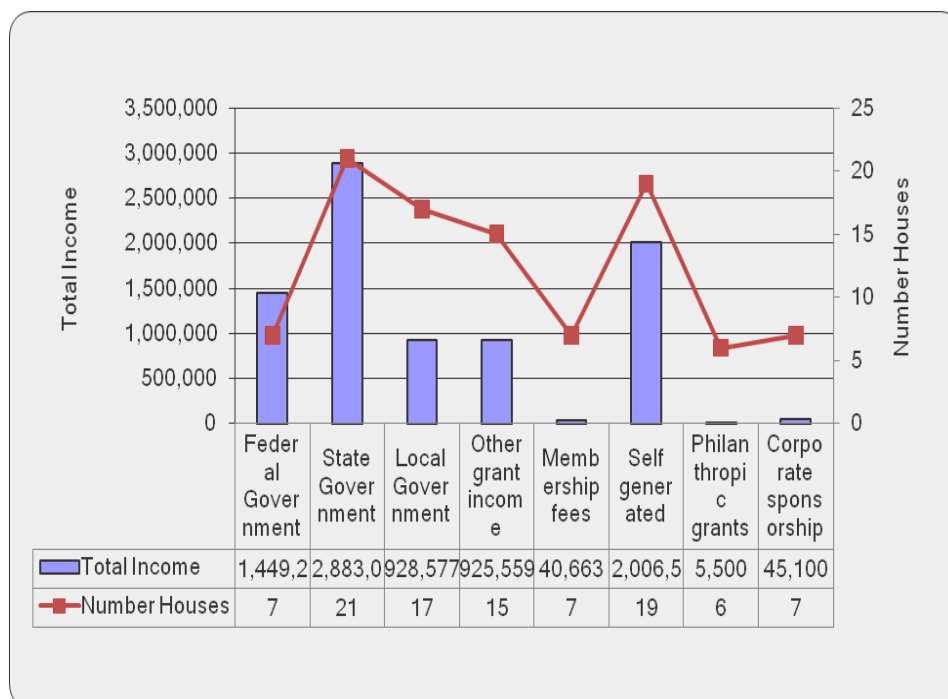
*Governance Models of the 48 Neighbourhood Houses and Learning Centres (NH&LC) in the Western Region.*

### NHCP Funding

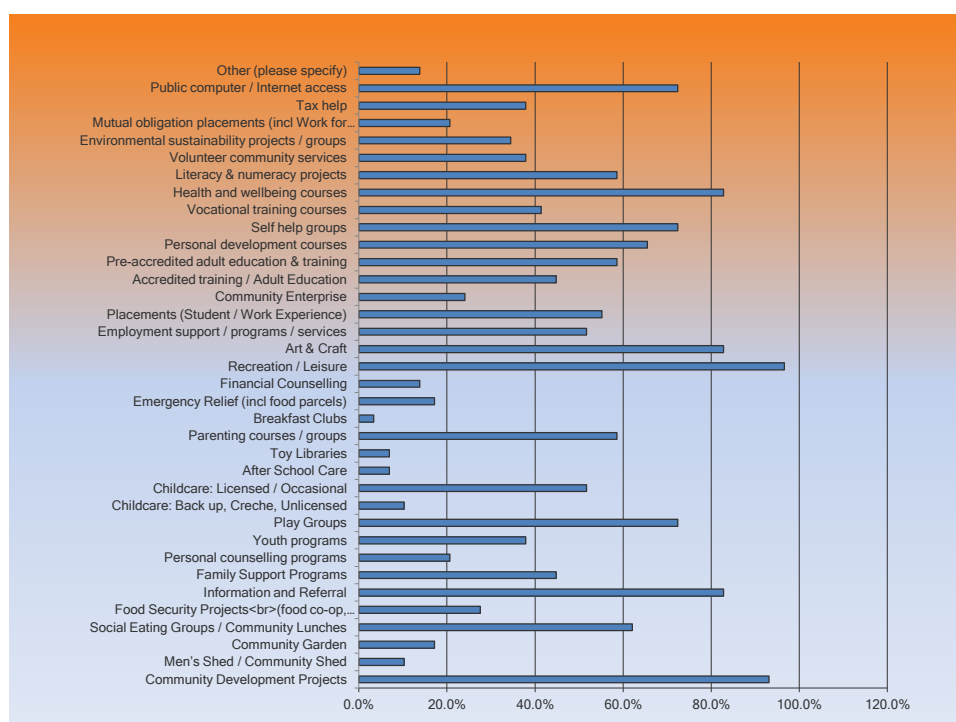


*Neighbourhood House Coordination Program funding (NHCP) for the 48 NH&LC In the Western Region of Melbourne.*

## Appendix



Funding bodies and funding dollars, graphed against number of houses who access that funding stream. This data was gathered from the 2010 ANHLC Membership Survey, 21 of the 32 NH&LC who completed the survey, responded to this question.

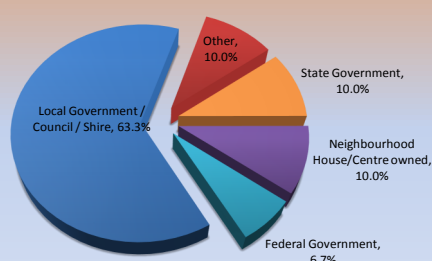


Percentage of NH&LC offering program types. This data was gathered from the 2010 ANHLC Membership Survey. 30 of the 32 NH&LC who completed the survey, responded to this question.



## Appendix

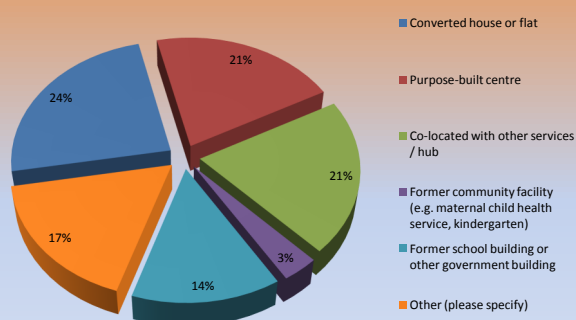
### Ownership of Neighbourhood Houses Facilities



**63 % of Western Region NHs are in Council Owned facilities**

*Neighbourhood Houses Facility ownership. This data was gathered from the 2010 ANHLC Membership Survey . 30 of the 32 NH&LC who completed the survey, responded to this question.*

### Types of premises



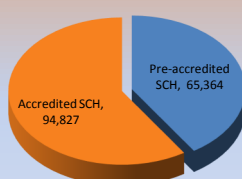
**Neighbourhood Houses operate in a variety of building types. Categories with the highest percentages are converted house, purpose built centres or collocated with other services in hubs**

*Types of premises Neighbourhood Houses are operating from as reported in the 2010 ANHLC Membership Survey . 30 of the 32 NH&LC who completed the survey, responded to this question.*

## Appendix

### Adult Community Further Education Funded Delivery

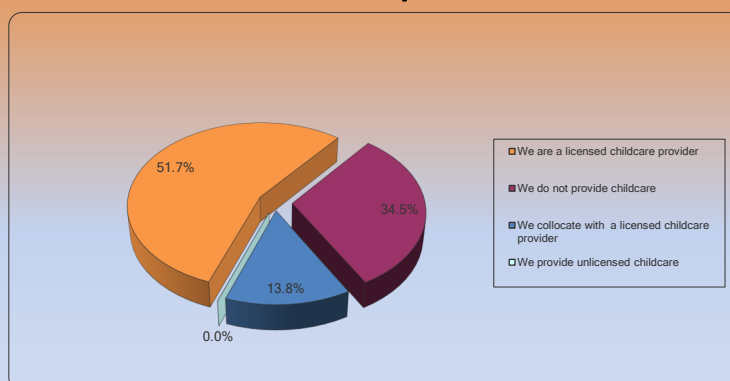
Current Funded Student Contact  
Hours



- 13 of the 32 NHs are ACFE providers
- 9 are Registered Training Organisations
- 160,000+ hours of ACFE funded adult education delivered
- 1477 students transitioned to further education
- 586 Students transitioned to paid work

Accredited and pre-accredited student contact hours reported by NH&LC in the 2010 ANHLC Membership Survey.

### Childcare provision



- 51.7% of NHs in the west are registered childcare providers. They provide occasional childcare enabling parents to participate at their NH or in their community
- Approximately 13.8% of those surveyed co-locate with a licenced childcare provider

Childcare provision as reported by NH&LC in the 2010 ANHLC Membership Survey. 29 of the 33 NH&LC who completed the survey, responded to this question.

## *The Last Word*

Did you know?

Under the NHCP guidelines Houses need to 'participate' in their networks. While the word 'participate' has not been defined by DHS as yet, the Network West CoM brainstormed the following suggestions.

### **Ways to interact with your Network:**

- Nominate for the Network West committee
- Invite the networker to your AGM as a guest or a speaker
- Attend LGA cluster meetings
- Send in photos, stories and case studies of interesting work you are doing
- Be the Network West rep on ANHLC working groups or board
- Attend the Network West AGM
- List your partners. Send details in for compiling – then we can work out how far we reach
- CC the network when you are reporting – we love to know how you are travelling
- Participate in a forum or conversation on the website
- Send in your membership form
- Send your Annual report and brochures
- CC the Network on communications to funding bodies and/or request assistance on funding submissions
- Email to upload your brochure to the website
- Send through articles for publication on the web or in the newsletter
- Invite the networker to speak to one of your networks
- More ideas? Let us know.....