



Annual Report 2013 - 2014







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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 Region

Melton Shire 527 kms²

Population 112,981

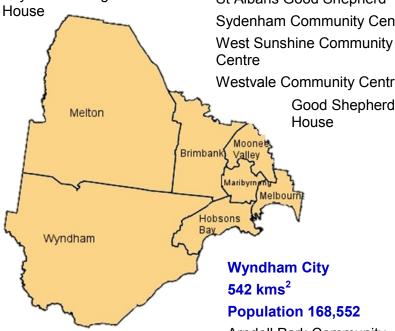
Dierriwarrh Community House

Hillside Community Centre Melton South Community

Centre

Stevensons House

Taylors Hill Neighbourhood



Hobsons Bay City 65kms

Population 81,459

Altona Meadows Community Centre

Laverton Community Centre

Louis Joel Arts & Community Centre

Outlets Co-operative Neighbourhood House

Seabrook Community Centre

South Kingsville Community Centre

Spotswood Community House

Walker Close Community Centre

Williamstown Community & **Education Centre**

Brimbank City 123 kms²

Population 191,619

Cairnlea Community Hub

Community West

Delahey Community Centre

Duke St Community House

The Tin Shed - St Albans Community Youth Club

St Albans Good Shepherd

Sydenham Community Centre

Westvale Community Centre

Good Shepherd

Arndell Park Community Centre

Feather Brook Community Centre

Iramoo Community Centre Jamieson Way Community

Centre

Point Cook Community Learning Centre

Quantum Binnah Community Centre

Tarneit Community Centre

The Grange

Wyndham Community & **Education Centre**

Wyndham Park Community Centre

Wyndhamvale Community Centre

Yerambooee Community Centre

Moonee Valley City 44 kms²

Population 113,657

Bowes Avenue Community Centre

Chinese Social Centre

Farnham Street

Neighbourhood Learning

Wingate Avenue Community Centre

Flemington Community Centre

Melbourne City 36 kms²

Population 98,859

Kensington Neighbourhood House

North Melbourne Language & Learning

The Centre

The Hub @ Docklands

Maribyrnong City 31 kms²

Population 74,005

Angliss Neighbourhood House

Braybrook Community Centre

Braybrook/Maidstone Neighbourhood House

Maidstone Community Centre

Maribyrnong Community Centre

West Footscray Neighbourhood House

Yarraville Community Centre

Network West Governance and Staff

The 2014 Network West Inc. comprises of seven members of the Committee of Governance and two employees — a Networker and an Administrator.

Management Committee Members

Chairperson
Linda Beyerle
Iramoo
Community Centre



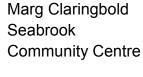
Secretary
Carolyn Webster
Kensington
Neighbourhood House



Treasurer
Tracey Oliver
Braybrook
Community Centre



Younes Benhim Wingate Avenue





Tricia Pighin West Sunshine Community Centre





Table Profession

Network West Staff

Networker
Michelle Chrimes
Commenced July 2010



Administrator
Natalie Wloch
Commenced January 2014



Chairperson's Report

I want to begin my report this year with a huge thank you to all the members of Network West Inc.

At the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in 2013 the decision was taken by the membership to approve the introduction of a membership fee for the Association. As a Committee of Governance, we were very pleased at the 86% of members who accepted and paid their membership. Similarly, we were gratified with the six out of the seven Councils who also supported the Network by joining.

This result provides evidence to the Committee that the work we are doing, the service being provided to members and the advocacy being undertaken is effective and valued. It tells us we are heading in the direction that you want us to go.

The support of this Network by Councils is extremely valuable and to have them affirm that support by joining the Association is also evidence of the value they place on the work we do with their communities. We are truly appreciative of the partnerships we have with Councils, which substantially enhances our capacity to support and serve members.

In my view, this has been the most rewarding outcome of the year for this Committee.

In 2014 we have been able to commence the implementation of recommendations from the Governance Report which was completed in 2013. Introduction of the membership fee was the first of these recommendations. The successful joint application with Kensington Neighbourhood House to the Adult, Community and Further Education (ACFE) Board for funding of the Innovations Project was the second recommendation to be achieved. The Innovations Project includes:

- Funding for the Orientation and Innovations Bus Tours, especially for new house staff and Committee members, but open also to existing members. The tours will take place twice each year to familiarise participants with other houses and the great work they are doing.
- Community Governance Self-Assessment Tool to be trialled by 4 centres. Centres
 will be invited to apply to participate in this trial and will receive funding to do so.
 The results of the trial will be presented at the Innovations Expo & Forum by
 representatives of the houses undertaking the trial.
- Innovations Expo & Forum to be held in the second half of 2015.

You should all be aware of the campaign in progress through Association of Neighbourhood Houses & Learning Centres (ANHLC), in preparation for the State Election in November. I would urge you to do everything you possibly can through your houses and centres to support the 'Show Your Love' campaign. If we want to have progress and support for our communities we need to get behind ANHLC and make our

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needs known to candidates, new and returning. Use the services and networks or your membership, your volunteers and user groups to raise awareness with candidates of the work that you do in the local community and the value that it provides. Get as many people as you can to talk with them about what you do and what the sector does. If you don't have the information contact ANHLC to find out about the Pledge, how it works, get some postcards to hand out and support the campaign - www.anhlc.asn.net

It is easy to use the 'royal "we" when preparing this report, when in actual fact the hands-on work we are talking about is being done by the Networker, Michelle Chrimes. Although having very limited work hours due to funding restraints, Michelle manages to complete a huge task load every week. Thank you Mich, we wouldn't be having the success we are without your commitment and dedication to the organisation. Thank you to Natalie who has taken the role of Administrator since January and to Jan Thorpe who continues to serve the Committee and Network in the background as Finance Officer.

My term of office has come to an end and I am sad to not be standing for another. After a total of 6 years on the Committee I would suggest to anyone that if you want to learn and grow as a community development worker, gain a greater insight into the workings of the community sector, develop a better appreciation for your colleagues and the communities in which we live, then seriously consider volunteering on the Committee of Governance when the opportunity arises. It is truly rewarding and a great way to gain skills and knowledge which you can use in your house and any other leadership role you wish to take on.

I am honoured to have been able to work with Network West over the past several years. I have met some wonderful, passionate, committed, dedicated people and feel privileged to know them. I thank all the Committee members with whom I have served and value highly the contribution they have made. The Network has been well-served by the Committee of Governance, the Networker and staff. I feel that I have grown along with the Network.

I am pleased to be able to leave the Network in a strong position. We have had some big challenges and no doubt will have more, but we are in a good financial position, have good governance procedures, effective policies and a strategic plan to continue to guide us into the future. It is a challenging but exciting sector with so much capacity to build strong communities.

During the year the Committee lost the participation of Younes Benhim who left to take up a position with "Save the Children". Patricia Pighin and I are at the end of our 2-year term and are not standing for re-election. Due to a change in her circumstances, Margaret Claringbold is unable to continue her role. Daniela Kohut is continuing as a Committee member. Both Carolyn Webster and Tracey Oliver are at the end of their

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2-year term and have renominated. There will be an election for the six vacant places on the Committee of Governance.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time serving with professional and talented people who are committed and dedicated to the community sector. I offer a warm welcome to the incoming Committee.

I wish the Network and the membership much success in the future.

Linda Beyerle

Chairperson

Treasurer's Report

2013 / 14 saw Network West consolidate its position as a leader in the neighbourhood house sector for its innovative practice and service delivery. This year also saw a committee dedicated to setting up practices and policy to ensure long term sustainability for the Network

The introduction of a membership fee was instrumental in creating an environment for the Networker to fully utilise her expertise and experience to manage the needs of the member houses and centres of the Network whilst forging ahead with projects, partnerships and innovation.

The Department of Human Services - Neighbourhood House Coordination Program (NHCP) is the main source of income for the Network and provides for service delivery to member houses. The membership fee has changed this capacity considerably allowing for increased communication and administration support giving more contact to the houses.

Network West has a significant number of houses and centres that do not receive NHCP funding and still rely on Network West to provide information, support and advocacy.

Network West recorded a small operating profit of \$7,897.00 with an overall combined net asset of \$50,154. This small surplus was due largely to the income generated from the membership fee of just over \$9,000.

This is a marked improvement from the deficit of \$5,783 the previous year and a testament to the vision and performance of the committee and staff of the Network.

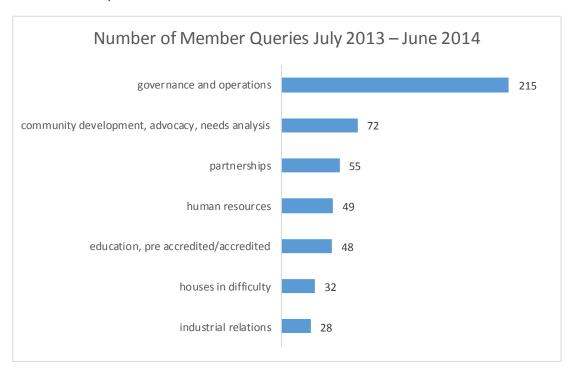
Network West is in a strong financial position moving into the 2014-2015 year.

Tracey Oliver

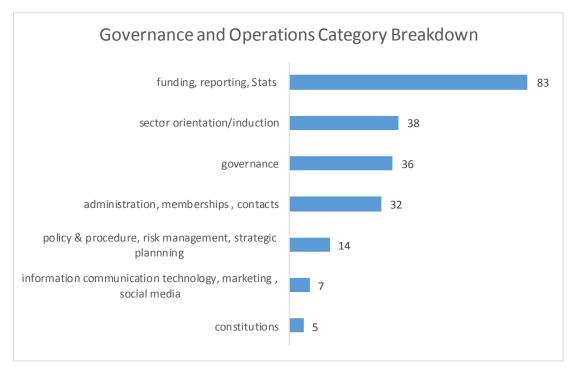
Treasurer

July 2013 - June 2014 has been another eventful year for Network West. We have maintained western region involvement in key strategic sector wide projects that benefit Network West member neighbourhood house and learning centres (NH&LC). Whilst continuing to offer core member support services; responding to queries, information and resource provision, referral, partnership linkages, advocacy and governance support.

In this financial year we received over 499 queries. The largest category was again governance and operations with 215.



At members suggestion, this year we have provided a breakdown of queries listed in the governance/operations category.



In addition to core services the following developments are also notable for this financial year:

- Development of the 3 year business plan to monitor the strategic goals as identified in the 2013-2015 Strategic Plan.
- Implementation of the new membership fee as voted on by members at the 2013 annual general meeting.
- An organisational restructure. The two day per week communications and project officer contract role ended and a one day a week administration officer role was implemented.
- Biannual sector orientation event for member organisation senior staff, Committee members and Advisory Committees, with a shift to piloting innovative programming features during the tours.
- Submission in partnership with the Kensington Neighbourhood House for a \$35,000
 Capacity and innovation funding grant (ACFE) to undertake the Network West Neighbourhood Houses and Community Learning Centres Communities of Quality.
- Participation and regional coordination of the ANHLC election campaign.
- Communication, skills development and marketing across the region through an e-newsletter, and the new Network website.

Network West Strategic Plan (2013-2015) and annual business plan review

The Network West three year strategic plan was developed using the community development principles that underline the NH&LC sector. We used individual and group member consultations and online member surveys which culminated in a facilitated strategic planning workshop at the 2012 Annual General Meeting. In May 2014 a review of the strategic plan was undertaken and a detailed business plan developed, to ensure collective Network strategic goals remain on target and achievable.

The following strategic goals have been achieved:

- Facilitating relationship building, peer support and collaborative partnerships within the Western region;
- Resourcing member governance, organisation and community development needs through training opportunities and induction;
- Measurement of member needs and network effectiveness;
- Increasing methods of communication to members, to cater for diverse preference.

Additional funding sources to enable Network West to meet the needs of its ever expanding and uniquely diverse network. Priorities for the final half of the strategic planning period include:

Good Community Governance Self-assessment Tool implementation

- Innovations in partnership/collaboration and programming
- Start developing engagement and feedback process to develop the next 3 year strategic planning cycle.

Network Orientation Sessions

Based on positive member feedback to sector orientation tours, in November 2013 and May 2014 the Network piloted bi-annual innovations tours. These were well attended by senior staff and Committees of Governance with each tour sporting extensive waiting lists. These sessions were an opportunity for members to network and share ideas on innovative programming, community development and community governance, just to name a few.

The tours showcased innovative responses to community need at Wingate Avenue Community Centre, Farnham Street Neighbourhood House, Kensington Neighbourhood House, Wyndham Community and Education Centre, Louis Joel Community Arts Centre, West Vale Community Centre and Sydenham Community Centre. Attendees were provided with a sector information session, the good community governance self-assessment tool, ANHLC information and a kit of resources.



Managers and Coordinators at Network West's Orientation and Innovation Bus Tour on 20th May 2014

The tours provided an opportunity for members to visit NH&LC's outside their own local government area and get exposure to a variety of management models and programming as well as share ideas and network. In addition attendees were provided with an opportunity to develop mentoring relationships with high achievers across the network, providing a further future resource.

The advantage of this approach was evident, consistent with governance research project recommendations and thus the basis for the network committee of governance decision to develop a plan to extend and target the provision of this model of member training and support service.

During the 2013-2014 financial year, Network West in partnership with Kensington Neighbourhood House, applied for additional funding to allow continuation of the innovations tours, trial the governance framework assessment tool and to introduce a forum to showcase and share good practice across the region.

Staffing June 2013-2014

The Communications and Administration project worker role was developed to support the Networker, along with developing and managing projects and maintaining information systems, resources and communication channels to best meet the needs of the Network. From June through to December 2013, with the input of the Communications Administration and Project positions, Network West completed:

- the community governance research project
- photography/marketing project
- piloted innovation sharing component to the member sector tours, and
- continued to develop the website and e-newsletter.

Following the research project completion, in December 2013, the two day a week Communications and Project position came to an end and was replaced with one day a week administration position. Natalie Wloch started in January at Network West bringing a strong background in administration.

Additional Neighbourhood House Coordination Program (NHCP) Hours

The 2013-2014 financial year welcomed additional NHCP hours for the eight Network West member organisations receiving less than twenty hours of funding. During his time we also witnessed tough federal budget cuts impacting across the community sector.

To receive an injection of funds during this time is fortifying and is in part due to hard persistent work and strong advocacy by all components of the sector, and the improved

data reporting and sector marketing, made possible by the ANHLC sector survey.

NH&LC State Election Campaign

This financial year Network West members and NH&LC across the state have been



My community needs your help!

Please support neighbourhood houses like mine campaign for appropriate funding. They provide opportunities for: community connections, improved health, volunteering, referrals to other services...and so much more

For more information go to www.anhlc.asn.au

ramping up for the 2014 election which is set to be a closely run race. The perfect environment for local action! As a part of the 'Show vour love Neighbourhood Houses' state campaign, we have participated in the campaign steering group and begun the call on major and political parties minor independents to commit to adopting three funding reforms for NHs:

- More funding that is better aligned with community demand and need
- Establish a growth component in funding for NH&LC not yet receiving funds (up to five new and emerging NH&LC annually)
- Invest new funding strengthening community governance through provision of additional support the existing sixteen neighbourhood house Networks across the state. **Networks** provide invaluable support for individual NH&LC's and their governance — well functioning networks that receive appropriate funding are both cost efficient and effective.

In support of the campaign,

Network West members have been busily sending post cards with the three asks to their

members of parliament and asking members of parliament and candidates to show their love by signing a 'Pledge of Support' for the Campaign. 2014 is a real opportunity to make sure the voices of Neighbourhood Houses and communities are heard loud and clear. With the strength of our collective action every candidate in every electorate in Victoria will know their neighbourhood house and the value behind the three reforms we are seeking. I look forward to reporting on the outcome of this sector wide initiative in the coming financial year report.

On The Move: July 2013 - June 2014

Melton South Community Centre, with the support of Melton City Council, confirmed plans to move to a new facility in 2014. Congratulations to Pam, Danielle and the team at Melton South and strong support from council officers such as Lyn Harding. Laverton Integrated Service, formerly known as Laverton Community Centre moved to the new hub and survived to tell the tale. Congratulations to all parties who worked tirelessly to make that happen.

We welcome new Wyndham City Council community centre staff Greg Ferrington, Tallia Gilarry, Pat Rayner and Dave Hamra and look forward to exciting new things from Wyndham in the future.

Michelle Chrimes Networker

We work in a sector where there are many success stories. Success can be measured in many ways from individual thanks to peer recognition. There are many successes across the West, both on a daily and ongoing basis.

We want to showcase some of the great work that is happening at Neighbourhood Houses and Community Learning Centres in the west. To offer a complete compendium of achievements would require a document as big as the Yellow Pages, so we have collated a small snapshot of some of the achievements and stories of the last year to inspire and encourage you and to celebrate your work within the network.

AUGUST 2013

Wyndham Community Education Centre: Winners of the Learn Local Awards

Congratulations to Wyndham Community Education Centre (WCEC) for their award winning project with Vertech Pty Ltd Hume, in the Learn Local Awards Business category. Funded by the 'skills for growth initiative', WCEC provided English as a second language (ESL) and literacy training for migrant employees of Vertech Hume, with teachers visiting the factory floor each Saturday morning to provide tuition. According to Judy Brown of WCEC, it was fantastic to work with an organisation so supportive of their staff "we couldn't have asked for a better business. The manager came into work every Saturday to open up the factory for the classes on his day off". WCEC are now working alongside another Registered Training Organisation (RTO) who is providing a Certificate III in manufacturing to Vertech Hume staff. A fantastic example of responding to a community need, taking classes out of the house and into the community and working successfully in collaboration with business!





Above: Outdoors at Wyndham Community Education Centre

Left: Vertech Hume Manufacturing Plant

OCTOBER 2013

Taylors Hill Neighbourhood House: Free Scooter Clinic in Taylor's Hill



Taylors Hill Skate Park

During their community scan, the staff of Taylors Hills Community Centre observed escalating tension between primary aged school children and the more experienced teenagers. In response to observed community need, the Taylors Hill Neighbourhood House hosted a free Scooter Clinic for 7-10 year olds at the Taylors Hill Skate

Park. The clinic was facilitated by YMCA skate services and attracted 28 children and focussed on building confidence by teaching the skills required to safely participate in action sports and encourage injury prevention, skate park etiquette and scooter maintenance. The children had the opportunity to improve their coordination and balance by developing skills such as pushing, turning, stopping and tricks. The Scooter Clinic was just one of the many Community Safety Month activities held across the Neighbourhood Houses in Melton.

Wingate Avenue Community Centre: Sustainability, Household Recycling Project

The Ascot Vale Housing Estate Household Recycling Project defied the many failed attempts to introduce recycling on public housing estates and established a ground—



Ascot Vale Housing Estate Household Recycling Project Launch

breaking and successful replicable model using targeted and broad ranging education and community engagement of culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) and socio-economic status (SES) groups. It delivered recycling to over 1,500 residents on the estate, 55% who were born overseas. Previously feeling excluded from the wider community, residents enthusiastically embraced recycling saying

they felt it was long overdue and they now felt just like the other Moonee Valley residents. The key to success was face-to-face education by a door knocking team drawn from residents to explain the service. In its first 6 months, nearly fifty tonnes of recyclables were recovered, good work for the period with potential to increase recovery by reducing contamination over time. Three out of eleven people secured full time jobs as a direct result of their new skills from the project. Congratulations on winning the Premiers Recognition Award at the Sustainability Awards 2013, for this outstanding community development and sustainability project.

FEBRUARY 2014

Taylors Hill Neighbourhood House: Jumping Through Hoops



Jumping Through Hoops Graduation Ceremony

The six week Jumping Through Hoops program was developed in partnership between the Taylors Hill Neighbourhood House, Melton City Council Youth Services, Westside Circus and three local primary schools (Parkwood Green Primary School, Taylors Hill Primary School and Springside College). The program was targeted at Grade 6 students transitioning to high school, with the intention of developing skills and confidence at a time of uncertainty and doubt. The program

offered a unique experience for the young people involved giving them an opportunity to develop skills and strengths in a variety of areas. Whilst developing knowledge around community supports and programs available to them.

The program was designed to challenge and take young people out of their comfort zones in order to reinforce to them a very crucial message. "They are strong, they are resilient, they are confident and capable young people. They can do, they can accomplish and they will succeed."

A graduation ceremony was held at the end of the program, to recognise each young person and how wonderfully unique they are. The Mayor of Melton, Bob Turner, along with the Principals of each of the local schools came along to congratulate each of the young people.

Kensington Neighbourhood House: Helping Asylum Seekers Learn English

Like many Neighbourhood Kensington Houses, the Neighbourhood House was inundated last vear with requests from asylum seekers community detention to learn English. As government funding was not an option they decided that the only way to meet this increasing need in their community was to raise the funds for these classes themselves.



Asylum Seekers Learning English at Kensington Neighbourhood House

Firstly they set up a donations portal through 'Our Community's' Give Now site. Then they spread the word out using as many different forms of free media, including community newspapers, internet, Facebook, flyers, e-newsletter, email signatures and more. Their goal was to raise sufficient funds to allow for provision of twice weekly, two-hour classes for asylum seekers in 2014.

Kensington successful attracted some donations and financial assistance from Christ Church Kensington and Hotham Mission. Christ Church Kensington donated the proceeds from a fundraising concert to Kensington's asylum seeker appeal. And Hotham Mission set up their own 'Give Now' site that had the additional appeal of being tax deduction due to their charitable status. Hotham also provides information on the appeal to their three congregations via notices in pew sheets each Sunday. A great example of Kensington Neighbourhood House using strong local partnerships to spread the word.

MARCH 2014

West Footscray Neighbourhood House and Yarraville Community Centre: 'Head On' is a Human Library

The 'Head On' Human Library project aimed to challenge negative perceptions, myths and racial judgements, about refugees and migrants within the City of Maribyrnong. Breaking down barriers, creating empathy and understanding between project participants and the broader community contributed to greater community harmony.

The 'Human Library' was auspiced by West Footscray Neighbourhood House,

documented by Yarraville Community Centre and funded by City of Maribyrnong and the Victorian Multicultural Commission Community Grants programs, The Bank of Melbourne and the Seddon Bendigo Bank.

It was staged at the harmony day feast community event and instead of borrowing a 'normal book' community members were able to borrow a person as a 'living book' for a twenty minute conversation. The group of 'Living Books' who offer themselves for 'loan' at a 'Human Library' event are individually titled and briefly profiled in the human library catalogue, to help people decide who they would like to have a conversation with.

People from the community had the opportunity and courage to walk in another person's shoes with 'living books' from Vietnam, India, Ethiopia, Zimbabwe a n d Mozambique. and learn about their life in Maribyrnong, as newly arrived and settled refugees and migrants. The living books had up to three people sit with them for each individual twenty minute reading time and spoke about their journey to Australia and their challenges and triumphs of being of part our community.

~ AYANTU ~

LIVING BOOK TITLE

Our blood is red



BLURB

Growing up in Ethiopia, Ayantu and her three younger siblings fled to Egypt with their mother to seek asylum. Arriving in Launceston at the tender age of seventeen, she stood on the outside looking in. Moving to Melbourne turned her life around. She found love, steered her brothers on the straight and narrow and continues to make the most of starting again.

STEREOTYPES YOU MIGHT LIKE TO REFLECT ON

- Refugees are draining our economy and financially burdening Australia
- · Refugees don't contribute to society
- African countries are poor, dusty and wild

It was a huge success

with every single reading session booked by interested adults and children. Overall thirty seven separate conversations took place between the eight living books and approximately eighty community members! Inspirational on so many levels. Partnership, collaboration, responding to community needs, community development and breaking down barriers.

Williamstown Community Education Centre: 'Growing Together' Yarn Art Installation

Joan Kirner House, AKA Williamstown Community and Education Centre (WCEC) undertook a community art installation project. The project called "Growing Together" was undertaken by diverse and varied groups across the community, fostering inclusion, giving

community members an opportunity to connect with others and break down barriers.

The project was a part of the centre's anniversary celebrations and entailed using recycled and forgotten yarns brought together to create a cocoon for the 120-year-old elm tree located in the grounds of the centre. Bringing all the threads of their community together.



The cocoon for the 120-year-old elm tree at WCEC

Farnham Street Neighbourhood Learning Centre: Improving English Skills Through Volunteers

Community volunteers are engaged in a one-on-one partnership with a student from the English program to improve their English language skills. Matches are made based on personality, interests and needs. There are more than twenty partnerships in place and each one is unique. The volunteers make a real difference to the lives and learning experiences of our students. Some activities include exploring Melbourne, literacy skills,



Students Learning English at Farnham Street Neighbourhood House

preparing to sit for the Learner Driver's permit, getting to know about computers and other types of information technology, negotiating the minefield of gas, water and phone bills and talking about life, the universe and everything else. Sharing that is rewarding to all involved on so many levels.

We would also like to offer warm congratulations to the Farnham Street Neighbourhood Learning Centre on their

35th Anniversary. Congratulations to staff members for more than 20 years of service. Rita Benson - Return to Study and Adult VCE Co-ordinator for 30 years; Cathy Connop - Centre Manager for 25 years; Adriana Nelli - Bookeeper for 25 years; Robbie Cottrill - English Teacher for 23 years; Kay McCrindle - English Teacher for 22 years. The combined years of service for Farnham Street staff is over 190 years! A place where the value of relationships is paramount, and the basis of great success.

JUNE 2014

Delahey Community Centre: A Stitch in Time, A Journey from Reconciliation to NAIDOC

In June, the Delahey Community Centre provided four knitting and crochet workshops. All groups using the centre and the community at large were engaged in free workshops, including stories shared by an indigenous elder who provided a history of the Wurundjeri people in Brimbank Park, the stolen generation and reconciliation.

The community produced many pieces of art including a crocheted Aboriginal flag with the project ending in a 'Yarn Bombing' celebration at the centre. This was a great community building strategy, connecting the centres groups, engaging new community members and breaking down barriers by providing an opportunity for connection with our indigenous history and culture. A fantastic community development initiative!



Indigenous flag yarn bomb for NAIDOC week completed by the 'Stitch in Time' community project

Maidstone Community Centre: Something's Cooking at Harmony Feast

Maidstone Community Centre supports community volunteers from diverse cultural backgrounds to break down barriers by sharing food, colour and expressions of culture. The harmony day feast was born out of community safety issues and the need to break down cross cultural barriers and develop opportunities for groups to come together and share food, music, art and stories.



Harmony Day Feast at Maidstone Community Centre

Melton Neighbourhood Houses Join Together

Neighbourhood Houses across Melton celebrated Neighbourhood House Week with a myriad of free activities and events for the community. These events were co-ordinated across council run and community run centres and advertised to best showcase all the courses, classes, groups and activities available across all centre in the municipality.

Activities included children building their own herb gardens, henna art, tai chi and



Sparkles entertaining the community at Neighbourhood House Week in Melton

meditation. personal safety for seniors, sing alongs, morning teas, healthy cooking demonstrations, expos and ended with a come and meet the NH staff Caroline **Springs** Square on Friday and Saturday. Great team work benefiting everyone!

Yarraville Community Centre: Grow Sell Cook Eat

The 'Grow Sell Cook Eat' program at Yarraville Community Centre (YCC) has been specifically designed to suit people with a disability who have left school and wish to continue their education. The program develops participant's skills in horticulture, cooking, producing and selling herb pots and seedlings at markets, on-line and through the community centre.

In addition, participants also gain employment related skills in resume writing, job search, computer skills, literacy and numeracy and practical skills in hospitality, horticulture, computers and retail. Further outcomes include goal setting, leadership, and knowledge about community linkages.

This project was initially piloted with support from The Department of Human Services 'Modernising Neighbourhood Houses' Grant. To allow this project to be sustainable beyond the pilot and into the future, YCC has accessed ongoing pre accredited funding through Adult, Community and Further Education (ACFE). Walking the walk when it comes to inclusion and intelligent inroad to improved sustainability via National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).



Grow Sell Cook Eat Program in Action

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

- Present fairly the financial transactions of Network West Association Incorporated as at 30 June 2014 and the results of the association for the period ended 30 June 2014 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:		\$5
Treasurer	(2 Onds
Dated this	6	day of OCTOBER 2014

NETWORK WEST ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

INCOME STATEMENT for the period ending 30th June 2014

	2014 \$	2013 \$
REVENUE		
State Government grants	94,953	91,937
Memberships	9,091	-
Donations	7,300	3,000
Interest	1,887	2,782
Miscellaneous income	211	2,702
Total revenue	113,442	97,721
EXPENDITURE		
Salary and wages	65,964	62,377
Consultants and contractors	20,181	20,250
Workcover	1,732	892
Annual leave	789	3,257
Superannuation	6,042	5,548
Travel	266	292
Professional development	197	1,420
Minor equipment	63	-
Resources/consumables	268	733
Stationery	436	265
Postage	11	6
Printing	406	150
Advertising	-	324
Computer supplies	-	90
Events and meeting expenses	848	161
Subscriptions	1,040	1,153
Telephone	1,065	1,533
Internet	709	82
Rent	5,350	4,627
Bank Charges	28	20
Audit fees	150	150
Sundry expenses		174
Total expenditure	105,545	103,504
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR PERIOD	7,897	(5,783)

NETWORK WEST ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

BALANCE SHEET as at 30th June 2014

	2014	2013 \$
MEMBERS' FUNDS		
Accumulated funds	50,154	42,257
Total members' funds	50,154	42,257
Represented by -		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Petty cash	200	229
Cash at bank	61,882	66,334
Cash at bank	108	349
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	62,190	66,912
NON CURRENT ASSETS		
Furniture & Fixture	2,738	1,290
TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS	2,738	1,290
TOTAL ASSETS	64,928	68,202
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
GST payable	1,947	1,049
PAYG withholding payable	2,680	2,128
Grants in advance	2,340	15,750
Leave liability	7,807	7,018
TOTAL LIABILITIES	14,774	25,945
NET ASSETS	50,154	42,257

NETWORK WEST ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

for the year ended 30th June 2014

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
Total members funds at the beginning of the financial year		
Member contribution	20	20
Accumulated funds at 1 July	42,237	48,020
Operating result for the year	7,897	(5,783)
Accumulated funds at 30 June	50,134	42,237
Total members funds at the end of the financial year	50,154	42,257

NETWORK WEST ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

CASH FLOWS STATEMENT for the year ended 30 June 2014

	2014 \$	2013 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
State Government grants	81,543	104,687
Interest	1,887	2,782
Other income	16,602	3,002
Payments to employees	(65,964)	(62,377)
Payments to supplies	(37,342)	(37,948)
Net cash provided by operating activities	(3,274)	10,146
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES: Payments for Plant & Equipment	(1,448)	
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	(1,448)	-
Net increase in cash held	(4,722)	10,146
Cash at beginning of the finacial period	66,912	56,766
Cash at end of the finacial period	62,190	66,912

NETWORK WEST ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

Notes to and forming part of the financial statements year ended 30th June 2014

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 advise 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.

(e) 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.

NETWORK WEST ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

Notes to and forming part of the financial statements year ended 30th June 2014

	2014	2013
Cash Flow Information (a) Reconciliation of Cash		
Petty cash advance Cash at bank	200 61,990 62,190	229 66,683 66,912
(b) Reconciliation of net cash provided by operating activities to operating surplus/(Deficit)		
Operating Profit/(Loss) for the year	7,897	(5,783)
Add back non-cash flows in operating statement		
Changes in asset and liabilities Increase/(decrease) in creditors and accruals Increase/(decrease) in Grants in Advance	2,239 (13,410)	3,179 12,750
Net cash provided by operating activities	(3,274)	10,146

- (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 2014

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 2014, the Balance Sheet at 30 June 2014, Statement of Changes in Equity and Cashflows Statement for the year ended 30 June 2014 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 Associations'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 2014 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

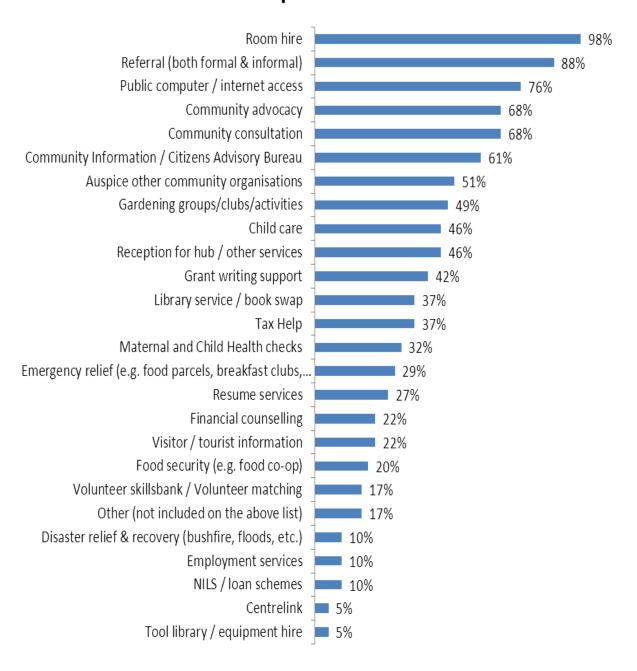
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25 September 2014

Our Network

Percentage of Network West Houses/Centres offering services in 2013

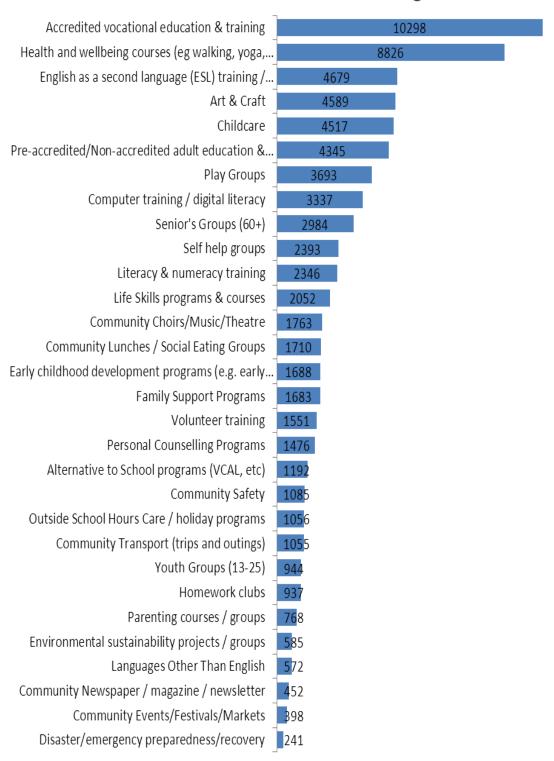
Response Percent



27,944 (N = 41) community members use our Centres in an average week.

Our Network

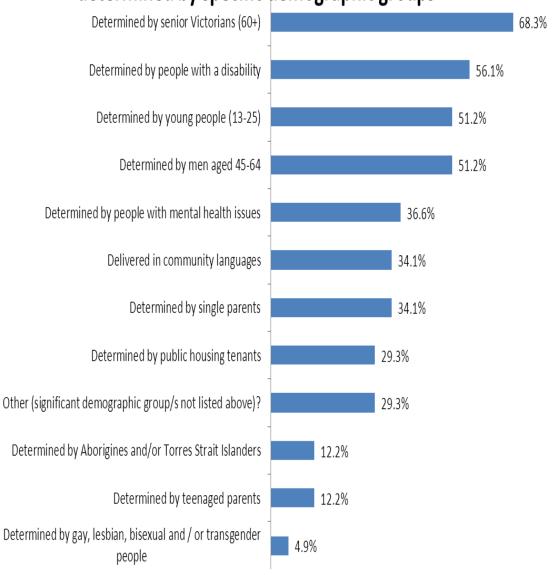
Sessions Provided Throughout 2013



18,678 (N = 41) participate in a programed activity in a Neighbourhood House each week.

Our Network





Our Houses and Community Centres include 1,791 (N = 41) volunteer hours per week.

BRIMBANK

House/Centre	Address	Phone	Email	Website
Cairnlea Community Hub	80 Carmody Drive, Cairnlea Vic 3023	9249 4800	cairnleacommuni- tyhub@brimbank. vic.gov.au	www.cairnleacom munityhub.org.au
Community West	822 Ballarat Road, Deer Park Vic 3023	9363 9911	info@community west.org.au	www.community west.org.au
Delahey Community Centre	80 Copperfield Drive, Delahey Vic 3037	9249 4937	info@delahey.org. au	www.delahey.org. au
Duke St Community House	27 Duke Street, Sunshine Vic 3020	9311 9973	dukest@vicnet.ne t.au	www.dsch.org.au
Good Shepherd House	354 Main Road West, St Albans Vic 3021	8312 8800	stalbans@goodsh epvic.org.au	www.goodshepvic .org.au
The Tin Shed - St Albans Community Youth Club	309A Main Road East, St Albans Vic 3021 (PO Box 763)	9366 4302	tinshed@tsis.com. au	www.vicnet.net.a u/tinshed
Sydenham Neighbourhood House	Level 1/1 Station St, Taylors Lakes Vic 3038	9249 4224	sydnh@brimbank. vic.gov.au	www.sydenhamne ighbourhoodhous e.org.au
West Sunshine Community Centre	25 Kermeen Street, West Sunshine Vic 3020	9249 4555	wscc@brimbank.vi c.gov.au	www.westsunshin ecc.org.au
Westvale Community Centre	45 Kings Road, St Albans Vic 3021	9249 4665	westvale@brimba nk.vic.gov.au	www.brimbank.vic .gov.au
Derrimutt Community Centre	30 Lennon Parkway, Derrimut Vic 3030	9307 4700	communitydevel- opment@ymca.or g.au	www.childrensser vices.ymca.org.au

HOBSONS BAY

House/Centre	Address	Phone	Email	Website
Altona Meadows Community Centre	28 Trafalgar Avenue, Altona Meadows Vic 3028	9315 8244	amcc@pacific. net.au	www.altonam eadowscc.co m.au
Laverton Community Centre	12 Crown Street, Laverton Vic 3028	8368 0177	community @lcis.org.au	www.lcis.org. au
Louis Joel Arts & Community Centre	5 Sargood Street, Altona Vic 3018	9398 2511	louisjl@bigpo nd.net.au	www.hobsons bay.vic.gov.au
Outlets Coop Neighbourhood House Ltd.	43 Mason Street, Newport Vic 3015	9391 8504	outlets@outle tscoop.com.a u	www.outletsc o-op.com.au
Seabrook Community Centre	15 Truganina Ave, Seabrook Vic 3028	9932 3010	seabrook@ho bsonsbay.vic.g ov.au	www.seabroo kcc.com.au
South Kingsville Community Centre	43 Paxton Street, South Kingsville Vic 3015	9399 3000	admin @southkings- villecc.com.au	www.southkin gsvillecc.com. au
Walker Close and Brooklyn Hall Association	180 Millers Road, Altona North Vic 3025	9318 0521	admin @Walkerbroo klyn.com.au	www.walkerb rooklyn.com.a u
Spotswood Community House	598 Melbourne Road, Spotswood Vic 3015	9391 2613	admin @spotswood. com.au	www.williams town- spotswood cc.org.au
Williamstown Community and Education Centre	Joan Kirner House, 14 Thompson Street, Williamstown Vic 3016	9397 6168	manager@wc ec.com.au	www.williams town- spotswood cc.org.au

MARIBYRNONG

House/Centre	Address	Phone	Email	Website
Angliss Neighbourhood House	2/11 Vipont Street, Footscray Vic 3011	9687 9908	angnh@anglis snh.net.au	www.anglissnh .net.au
Braybrook Community Centre	107-139 Churchill Ave, Braybrook Vic 3019	9334 6600	braycomm@ maribyr- nong.vic.gov.a u	www.maribyrn ong.vic.gov.au/ braycomm
Braybrook Maidstone Neighbourhood House	113 Melon Street, Braybrook Vic 3019 (PO Box 30)	9317 5610	of- fice@bmnh.or g.au	www.bmnh.or g.au
Maidstone Community Centre	21 Yardley Street, Maidstone Vic 3012	9688 0543	maidcomm@ maribyr- nong.vic.gov.a u	www.maribyrn ong.vic.gov.au/ maidcomm
Maribyrnong Community Centre	9 Randall Street, Maribyrnong Vic 3032	9032 4305	maricomm@ maribyr- nong.vic.gov.a u	www.maribyrn ong.vic.gov.au/ maricomm
West Footscray Neighbourhood House	Level 1, 539 Barkley Street, West Footscray Vic 3012	9687 3345	admin@wfnh. com.au	www.wfnh.co m.au
Yarraville Community Centre	59 Francis Street, Yarraville Vic 3013 (PO Box 215)	9687 1560	yarracc@ycc.n et.au	www.ycc.net.a u
Footscray Community Arts Centre	45 Moreland Street, Footscray Vic 3011	9362 8888	reception@ foot- scrayarts.com	www.footscray arts.com

MELBOURNE

House/Centre	Address	Phone	Email	Website
The Centre	58 Errol Street, North Melbourne Vic 3051	9328 1126	admin@centre .org.au	www.centre.org.
The Hub @ Docklands	80 Harbour Esplanade, Docklands Vic 3008	8622 4822	docklands- hub@melbour	www.melbourne .vic.gov.au/
Kensington Neighbourhood House	89 McCracken Street, Kensington Vic 3031	9376 6366	kwgp@vicnet. net.au	www.kensington neighbourhoodo use.com
North Melbourne Language & Learning	Ground Floor, 33 Alfred Street, North Melbourne Vic 3051	9326 7447	enquiries@nml l.org.au	www.nmll.org.a u

MELTON

House/Centre	Address	Phone	Email	Website
Djerriwarrh Services	239 Station Road, Melton Vic 3337	8746 1000	info@djerriwarrh. org	www.djerriwarr h.org
Stevenson House	10 Stevenson Cresent, Caroline Springs Vic 3032	9363 5137	stevensonhouse @melton.vic.gov.a u	www.melton.vi c.gov.au
Melton South Community Centre	26 Exford Rd, Melton South Vic 3338 (PO Box 2010)	9747 8576	msccentr@bigpon d.net.au	www.meltonso uth.org.au
Hillside Community Centre	Recreation Reserve Royal Cres Hillside 3037 (PO Box 21, Melton Vic 3337)	9449 8027	hillside communitycentre @melton.vic.gov.a u	www.melton.vi c.gov.au
Taylors Hill Neighbourhood House	121 Calder Park Drive, Taylors Hill Vic 3037	9747 5424	taylorshillhouse@ melton.vic. gov.au	www.melton.vi c.gov.au

MOONEE VALLEY

House/Centre	Address	Phone	Email	Website
Chinese Social Centre	Room 1, Ground Floor, 76 Canning St, North Melbourne Vic 3051	9329 5608	cvnc@vicnet.n et.au	www.fsnlc.net
Farnham Street Neighbourhood Learning Centre	28 Farnham Street, Flemington Vic 3031	9376 9088	info@fsnlc.net	www.fsnlc.net
Wingate Avenue Community Centre	13a Wingate Avenue, Ascot Vale Vic 3032	9376 5244	wingateave @wingateave. com.au	www.wingateave.c om.au
Bowes Avenue Community Centre	27-31 Bowes Avenue, Airport West Vic 3042	8325 1890	bowesavcc@m vcc.vic.gov.au	www.mvcc.vic.gov. au/experience- moonee-valley/ community-centres -and-halls/bowes- ave-community- centre
Flemington Community Centre	25 Mount Alexander Road, Flemington Vic 3031	8325 1800	fcc@mvcc.vic.g ov.au	www.mvcc.vic.gov. au/experience- moonee-valley/ community-centres -and-halls/ flemington- community-centre

WYNDHAM

House/Centre	Address	Phone	Email	Website
The Grange Community Centre	260-280 Hogans Road, Hoppers Crossing Vic 3029	8742 8000	enquiries@grange community.org.au	www.grangeco mmunity.org.a u
Wyndham Park Community Centre	55-57 Kookaburra Ave, Werribee Vic 3030	8742 3975	admin@wyndham parkcc.com.au	www. wynd- hamparkcc.co m.au
Iramoo Community Centre	84 Honour Avenue, Wyndham Vale Vic 3024	8742 3688	admin@iramoocc. com.au	www.iramoocc .org,au
Jamieson Way Community Centre	59 Jamieson Way, Point Cook Vic 3030	9395 3777	admin@jamieson waycc.org.au	www.jamieson waycc.org.au
Quantin Binnah Community Centre	61 Thames Boulevard, Werribee Vic 3030	9742 5040	qb@qbcc.org.au	www.wyndha m.vic.gov.au
Tarneit Community Centre	150 Sunset Views Blvd, Tarniet Vic 3029	9748 9822	tarneitclc @wyndham.vic.go v.au	www.wyndha m.vic.gov.au
Wyndham Community & Education Centre	3 Princess Highway, Werribee Vic 3030	9742 4013	enquiries@wyndh amcec.org.au	www.wyndha mcec.org.au
Wyndham Vale Community Learning Centre	86 Manor Lakes Boulevard, Wyndham Vale Vic 3024	9742 0777	wyndhamvaleclc@ wyndham. vic.gov.au	www.wyndha m.vic.gov.au
Featherbrook Community Centre	33-35 Windorah Drive, Point Cook Vic 3030	8353 4000	featherbrookcc@ wyndham. vic.gov.au	www.wyndha m.vic.gov.au
Point Cook Community Learning Centre	1-21 Cheetham Street, Point Cook Vic 3030	9395 6399	pointcookclc@wyn dham.vic.gov.au	www.wyndha m.vic.gov.au
Arndell Park Community Centre	29-49 Federation Blvd, Truganina Vic 3029	8734 8911	arndellparkcc@wy ndham.vic.gov.au	www.wyndha m.vic.gov.au

Opportunities to Network

Ways that you can interact with Network West:

- Subscribe to Network West News, our regular e-newsletter, and keep up to date with all the latest developments
- Be featured in the "Innovations Across the Network" section of our Newsletter by emailing us your good news stories, articles and high quality photos
- Attend the Network West Annual General Meeting
- Renew your membership and fill in your membership form with your updated details
- Nominate a suitable candidate for Network West's Management Committee
- Visit our website regularly for all the latest network information
- Invite the Networker to your Annual General Meeting as a guest or a speaker
- Attend Local Government Area (LGA) cluster meetings
- Email us your Job Opportunities and we will add these to our website
- Be the Network West representative on ANHLC working groups or board
- Participate in one of our bi-annual Innovation and Orientation Bus Tours and find out more about your network
- Copy us into your emails when you are reporting we love to know how you are travelling
- Copy us into your emails to funding bodies and/or request assistance on funding submissions
- Send us your Annual Report and brochures
- Invite the Networker to speak to one of your networks
- Participate in the Strategic Planning Process
- Participate in campaign surveys, consultations and forums
- Call us anytime during business hours and let us know how we can assist you



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