

Annual Report 2015 - 2016



Statement of Purposes

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

Network West Governance & Staff

Committee of Governance



Chairperson

Helen Rodd
West Footscray
Neighbourhood House



Secretary

Cathy Connop
Farnham Street Neighbourhood
Learning Centre



Treasurer

Daniela Kohut
Hillside Community Centre



Ellen Kessler
Delahey Community Centre



Loretta Asquini
North Melbourne Language and
Learning



Mark Brophy
Joan Kirner House and
Spotswood Community House

Network West Staff



Networker

Michelle Chrimes
July 2010—June 2016



Networker

Greg Ferrington
October 2015-December 2015



Administrator

Natalie Wloch
January 2014-March 2016

Chairperson's Report

Network West has had a very eventful year. We were successful in obtaining funding for an Innovations and Good Practice project through ACFE, in partnership with Kensington Neighbourhood House, to deliver a range of initiatives to our membership. There were three elements to this project:

1. The Innovations & Good Practice Expo, showcasing all of the great work undertaken by Neighbourhood Houses across our region and bringing our membership together for an amazing networking and learning opportunity;
2. The Innovations Orientation Tours - a travelling extravaganza showcasing good community development practice in a variety of Neighbourhood Houses, supporting newcomer's orientation to the work of Neighbourhood Houses and a way for participants to reflect on how community development principles emerge as practice on the ground;
3. Trialling the 'Community Governance Self-Assessment Tool', and testing how it works in practice at a range of diverse Neighbourhood Houses. This trial will allow us to make important changes that will ensure that the Tool is user-friendly, accessible and has broad application across the diverse governance models that appear in our region.

The Innovations project was an excellent example of how *partnerships* are essential in our work and can add value to what we do. The lead Learn Local organisation on this project was Kensington Neighbourhood House and I must acknowledge the outstanding work of Carolyn Webster and her team for their leadership and governance of the project. I'd also like to acknowledge all those who participated in the reference group for the project; we had representation from across the region and from people in diverse roles, both from Committees and workers. This diversity of perspectives enriched the project and ensured excellent participation. Partnerships work – we know that it's a part of our core principles of practice. Let's actively maintain this value—it's in that collective, collaborative work that innovation, creativity and new perspectives emerge.

Another very important endeavour of the Network has been the development of our 2016- 2019 Strategic Plan. The Committee have consulted with the membership in a variety of ways and have reviewed the current context that we operate in, as well as hearing the aspirations of the membership about where they want to go. At the core of the plan is our Mission:

**Strengthening Neighbourhood Houses in the Western region of Melbourne
using a community development framework**

The *means* to achieve our mission and strengthen Neighbourhood Houses is through a community development framework. Community development is an ethical, values-based approach; it's about "social good" and recognising that human beings and community are at the centre of our work. The motto "do no harm" is pertinent but so too is "do some good" – it's as much about actively creating a better world as it is about not adding to the ills. To do this we need to build strong and sustainable organisations; a skilled and professional workforce, collaborative and diverse partnerships and strong, respectful relationships with our communities. It is particularly important to work with those community leaders who can make a meaningful contribution to the governance of our organisations (in all its guises), as well as those who wish to contribute through program volunteering.

Chairperson's Report

The Strategic Plan is our attempt to fulfil this mission through five Strategic Priorities:

1. **Strengthen community development knowledge and practice of member organisations.**
2. **Enhance quality governance and organisational practice within Network West and member organisations.**
3. **Improve linkages, collaborations and partnerships to strengthen learning, ideas and innovative work within Network West and with its members.**
4. **Raise the profile of the members and Network West and articulate the value of the work undertaken.**
5. **Advocate for the priority issues of the members and lobby for change through local, sector and state wide campaigns.**

It is also very important to remember community development is an *educative practice*. Learning can happen in so many ways beyond formal institutional settings. When you hear the terms 'awareness raising', 'capacity building', 'mentoring', 'community leadership', 'social action', 'civic participation' or 'empowerment', they are the life-long learning practices that intersect with community development. Developing knowledge and skills that enable you to fully participate in society, make a contribution to your community and assist you to make informed decisions for your life and wellbeing, is part of the bigger picture of community development. The courses, classes and programs we run through our centres not only build direct skills but also provide further opportunities for social inclusion, participation and social justice. Our alignment with ACFE, (many Neighbourhood Houses being Learn Local organisations or Registered Training Organisations), is an important element of this community development work and an example of one of our key strategic partnerships.

Local governments across the region are another key strategic partner. Local governments achieve their social outcomes, as identified in their council plans and strategies, through the partnerships they have with Neighbourhood Houses. The resourcing and support they provide through various mechanisms allows a vital foundation for our work. Given the onset of rate capping and the resourcing dilemmas that might pose, the importance of our sector articulating the value of our work is critical. In a sense, this will be an educative process, for the sector and with Council decision-makers.

I always say that Community Development is like a gas – it will expand to fill whatever space you find it in! The reality is we can't do everything and there are always constraints. We have to prioritise our actions. Each of the objectives outlined in the Strategic Plan provide a focus for Network West's actions over the next three years and recognise the strengths within our membership and uses those strengths as a launching pad for action.

We hope this plan will steer us through some of the challenges facing our sector but also build on the considerable strengths that exist. The government of the day talks about being "nimble" and "innovative" – I contend that our sector has always been that! I therefore have great optimism in the capacity of our sector to emerge, renewed and stronger than ever to meet these challenges, and indeed, lead the way for others. I commend the Strategic Plan to the membership.

Chairperson's Report

This report would not be complete without mention of another momentous event occurring for Network West. Our Networker of six years, Michelle Chrimes, decided that it was time to move on to new work. Michelle has been a dedicated and passionate Networker. She has made a great contribution to the development and cohesion of Network West during her 6 year stint in the role. Her attention to building positive relationships and commitment to inclusion have strengthened the membership and our identity. It's been a huge effort bringing the 50 plus (and growing) membership together and focussing our collective attention on this idea of "community development". At the Innovations & Good Practice Expo I spoke about the idea that Neighbourhood Houses are one of the last spaces left for community to have a sense of ownership and agency and have a real say, where you are not a label but a "neighbour". Michelle has sought to protect and strengthen this notion. She has been a true champion for the sector and for community development. She has kept us all informed, assisted us with dilemmas, campaigned with us and delighted us with her enthusiasm for our diverse expressions of good community development practice. Michelle's energy and enthusiasm will be missed, but so too will her talents for advocacy and her sense of humanity and commitment to social justice, and always, speaking from the heart.

On behalf of the Committee and the membership, I'd also like to say a special thank you to Greg Ferrington who stepped into the Networker role in late 2015. Greg did a sterling job at keeping the network ticking over and we thank him for his contribution. He, of course, is still part of the Network membership through his work with Wyndham City Council in their Neighbourhood Hubs team.

As our name suggests, Network West is about the people and the relationships we form through the work we do together and the possibilities that emerge from these collaborations. My final acknowledgement is for my fellow colleagues who I have worked with on the Committee of Governance. It has been an absolute privilege to work with this group over the past two years, in particular the core group, Cathy Connop, Daniela Kohut, Ellen Kessler and Loretta Asquini - extraordinarily talented community development practitioners and wonderful human beings. Thanks also to others who have served on the committee over the past two years and offered their expertise, Wendy Vine, Mark Brophy, Rachna Muddagouni. We all know how demanding Neighbourhood House work is, so to add committee duties on top is a testimony to everyone's commitment to our Network, to our sector and ultimately to our communities.

Finally, the flip side of a farewell is a WELCOME... It is with great pleasure that I welcome Sandra DiGiantomasso to Network West. Sandra comes to us with exceptional experience across the youth, education, community and private sectors, as well as strong networks across the West. Over the next few months we encourage our membership to contact Sandra and invite her "for a cuppa" - she needs to build relationships and get a deeper sense of who the membership are - share your pride, your successes, your frustrations and your vision.

And so here we are in 2016, with a Strategic Plan in hand and a new Networker. I think Network West has exciting days ahead!

Helen Rodd

Chairperson, Network West

October 2016

Treasurer's Report

In this financial year, Network West has continued to establish and maintain collaborative partnerships and has been involved in key projects across the Western Region. As always, our work is driven by innovative practice and community development.

Another important achievement for the committee is the development of the Network West Strategic Plan for the next three years.

We acknowledge the hard work and relationships built by Michelle Chrimes during her six years with Network West. We also acknowledge the work and support of Jan Thorpe and Greg Ferrington throughout the 2015-2016 year.

Prior to recruiting a new Networker, the Committee restructured the current staffing arrangement of Network West and implemented changes we believe will benefit all Neighbourhood Houses in the future. The Administration role and Networker role have been consolidated, increasing the weekly working hours of the Networker.

We welcome Sandra Di Giantomasso to Network West as the new Networker and look forward to working with her.

The Neighbourhood House Coordination Program Funding (NHCP) is the main source of income for the Network. Combined with the collection of membership fees, the Network has increased capacity to support the needs of its members. The Network has also been able to continue to provide information, support and advocacy to a significant number of Houses and Centres that do not receive NHCP funding.

Network West recorded an operating surplus of \$11,427 with an overall combined Net Asset of \$76,912.

Network West is in a strong financial position moving forward, allowing us to continue to support the region.

Daniela Kohut

Treasurer

Networker's Report

A message from Michelle Chrimes: Networker 2010—2016



C'est la vie and fare thee well, friends and esteemed colleagues. It's been a wonderful 6 years. Thanks for all the laughs, lessons and hugs. It's been real. A special thanks to all those who made this little lone worker feel special in the 7 weeks ramp up to my leaving. Your kindness has warmed my heart. A special call out to all the people who made the effort to support the region wide strategy and network by doing a stint on the committee, especially Helen Rodd, Cathy Connop, Daniela Kohut, Jan Thorpe, Linda Beyerle, Tracey Oliver, Marg Claringbold, Ellen Kessler, Gary Gromb, Liz du Toit, Wendy Vine, Tricia Pighin, Younes Benhim, Mark Brophy, Rachna Muddagouni, Joanne Goodman just to name a few. And Greg Ferrington and Cate Lawrence for their help, support and advice as co workers. You are all stars to me.

And to all the 51 members, DHHS staff, NHVic staff, awesome councils and fellow networkers who participated in the Innovations Expo, ICT project, tours and community governance research and campaigns. Thank you all so much for your generous spirit and willingness to share.

Best of luck in all you do!

Michelle Chrimes

A message from Sandra Di Giantomasso: New Networker October 2016-

I'm looking forward to working with such a dynamic, committed and passionate sector. I have worked in the community, education, local government and youth sectors for over 25 years in diverse roles primarily across the western region including School Focused Youth Service Coordinator with Melbourne City Mission, Coordinator of Good Shepherd House in St Albans, EAL teacher with AMES, and most recently Team Leader with Maribyrnong Council Youth Services.

2016-2017 is shaping up to be a big year for Network West. We will introduce our new Strategic Plan for 2016-2019, continue to deliver the successful Innovations Tours and continue to support the sector by:

- disseminating information
- strengthening community development knowledge and practice
- raising the profile of Neighbourhood Houses in the western region and
- supporting Committees of Management.

I look forward to working with you!



Highlights 2015-2016

Innovations Project

The Innovations Project, a joint initiative between Network West and Kensington Neighbourhood House, identified and showcased areas of innovation, best practice and successful partnerships across the network.

Funded by an ACFE Capacity and Innovation Fund grant, the project:

- Delivered two Orientation and Innovation tours for staff and committees of Network West member organisations. The tours showcased good practice and innovation across the network.
- Trialled the 'Community Governance Self Assessment Tool' which was developed in 2013 in response to the variety of governance arrangements and associated challenges identified within Network West membership.
- Delivered the Innovations and Good Practice Expo, an opportunity for staff, coordinators and Committees of Management to share innovative practice, build partnerships and received targeted training.

Innovations and Orientation Tours: 12 November 2015 & 23 June 2016

The Innovation and Orientation Tours provided an introduction to the sector for new staff and committee members, as well as professional development for those that may have been in the sector for a while and were looking for inspiration and ideas. Participants experienced the diversity of locations and were inspired by the breadth of work and innovation taking place across the Network. The tours were also an excellent networking opportunity.

The first tour on 12 November 2015 visited:

- The Centre
- Williamstown Community Education Centre
- Iramoo Community Centre
- Sydenham Community Centre
- Yarraville Community Centre

The second tour on 23 June 2016, visited:

- Wingate Ave Community Centre
- Farnham Street Neighbourhood Learning Centre
- West Footscray NH
- Wyndham Community & Education Centre
- Laverton Integrated Services
- Tarneit Community Centre

Topics covered on the tours included:

- Volunteers
- Business engagement
- Fundraising
- Long lasting partnerships with businesses, key stakeholders, industry, funding bodies and sponsors
- Community development
- Education, training and support programs



Highlights

Innovation and Good Practice Expo

The inaugural Innovation and Good Practice Expo was held on 13 August 2015. It was a jam packed day with a great turn out. Feedback from the event was overwhelmingly positive with participants finding it informative and interesting.

There were a number of individual presentations and 10 Neighbourhood Houses presented case studies in the themes of innovative programs in adult education, innovative programs in community development and innovative partnerships.

The key note presentation was delivered by Helen Rodd, the Chairperson of Network West. She talked about the uniqueness of Neighbourhood Houses as places of collaboration, inclusion and equality and how through community development and participatory democracy people find their way and transform lives.

Marie Delaney one of the founders of 'My Marketing Coach' presented an informative and succinct 101 on how to grow your community through social media. The majority of Neighbourhood Houses work with disengaged learners, and Sally Brennan explained why learners become disengaged and how to work with them at all levels to increase their participation and success. Penny Jordan from the Moonee Valley Council, presented on how to engage your community and the model used by the Moonee Valley Council.

The Barwon Region was the Victorian trial site for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). The Barwon Networker, Christine Brooks, took the group through the basics of the NDIS and what it means for Neighbourhood Houses. Kathryn Jenkins from Volunteer West, shared effective ways to attract, recruit and support volunteers based on the latest research and standards.



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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 2016.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

Cathy Connop
Ellen Kessler
Daniella Kohut
Helen Rodd
Loretta Asquini
Mark Brophy

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 : **\$11,427**

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

 (Treasurer)

 (Chairperson)

Dated this 20 day of 10 2016

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STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

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

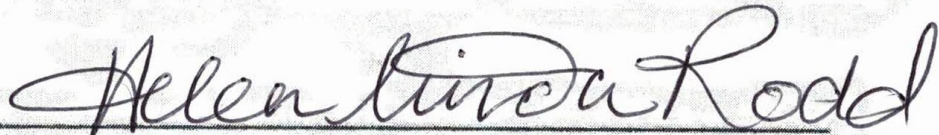
The Committee have determined that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the accounts.

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 2016 and the results of the association for the period ended 30 June 2016 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

20

day of

10

2016

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INCOME STATEMENT

for the period ending 30th June 2016

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
REVENUE		
State Government grants	91,282	86,780
Memberships	9,455	11,066
Donations		2,340
Interest	1,929	1,912
Miscellaneous income	505	302
Total revenue	103,170	102,400
EXPENDITURE		
Salary and wages	68,318	63,488
Consultants and contractors	7,073	5,500
Workcover	1,426	1,025
Annual leave	(4,126)	(3,681)
Long service leave provision	3,599	3,811
Superannuation	5,923	5,903
Recruitment	110	-
Travel	292	188
Professional development	632	574
Minor equipment	-	-
Resources/consumables	159	172
Stationery	333	865
Postage	14	23
Projects	23	-
Advertising	-	-
Computer supplies	-	-
Events and meeting expenses	799	599
Subscriptions	1,163	1,341
Telephone	1,027	1,119
Internet	41	
Rent	4,732	4,891
Bank Charges	24	15
Audit fees	182	150
Sundry expenses		1,087
Total expenditure	91,743	87,070
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR PERIOD	11,427	15,330

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BALANCE SHEET as at 30th June 2016

	2016 \$	2015 \$
MEMBERS' FUNDS		
Accumulated funds	76,912	65,484
Total members' funds	<u>76,912</u>	<u>65,484</u>
Represented by -		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Petty cash	200	200
Cash at bank	86,054	74,338
Cash at bank		
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>86,254</u>	<u>74,538</u>
NON CURRENT ASSETS		
Furniture & Fixture	2,738	2,738
TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS	<u>2,738</u>	<u>2,738</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>88,992</u>	<u>77,276</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
GST payable	1,926	1,987
PAYG withholding payable	2,744	1,868
Union fees		
Grants in advance		
Superannuation liability		358
Long service leave liability	7,410	3,811
Leave liability		3,768
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>12,080</u>	<u>11,792</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>76,912</u>	<u>65,484</u>

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

for the year ended 30th June 2016

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
Total members funds at the beginning of the financial year		
Member contribution	20	20
Accumulated funds at 1 July	65,464	50,134
Operating result for the year	11,427	15,330
Accumulated funds at 30 June	<u>76,892</u>	<u>65,464</u>
Total members funds at the end of the financial year	<u><u>76,912</u></u>	<u><u>65,484</u></u>

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CASH FLOWS STATEMENT

for the year ended 30 June 2016

	2016 \$	2015 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
State Government grants	91,282	84,440
Interest	1,929	1,912
Other income	9,959	13,708
Payments to employees	(68,318)	(63,488)
Payments to supplies	(23,137)	(24,224)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>11,715</u>	<u>12,348</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Payments for Plant & Equipment	0	0
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Net increase in cash held	<u>11,716</u>	<u>12,348</u>
Cash at beginning of the financial period	74,538	62,190
Cash at end of the financial period	<u><u>86,254</u></u>	<u><u>74,538</u></u>

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Notes to and forming part of the financial statements
year ended 30th June 2016

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.

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year ended 30th June 2016

	2016 \$	2015 \$
2 Cash Flow Information		
(a) Reconciliation of Cash		
Petty cash advance	200	200
Cash at bank	<u>86,054</u>	<u>74,338</u>
	<u>86,254</u>	<u>74,538</u>
(b) Reconciliation of net cash provided by operating activities to operating surplus/(Deficit)		
Operating Profit/(Loss) for the year	11,427	15,330
Add back non-cash flows in operating statement		
Changes in asset and liabilities		
Increase/(decrease) in creditors and accruals	289	(642)
Increase/(decrease) in Grants in Advance	0	(2,340)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>11,716</u>	<u>12,348</u>
Plus cash at beginning of year	74,538	62,190
Cash at end of year	<u>86,254</u>	<u>74,538</u>
(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 2016		

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S. E. OBLIUBEK
Chartered Accountant

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INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF NETWORK WEST ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

Scope

I have audited the attached financial statements being the Income Statement, Balance Sheet, Statement of Changes in Equity and Cashflows Statement for the year ended 30 June 2016 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' 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 201 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

12 October 2016

Western Metro Region

Melton City Council

527 kms²

Population 112,981

Djerriwarrh Community & Education Services

Hillside Community Centre

Melton South Community Centre

Stevenson House

Taylor's Hill Neighbourhood House

Melbourne City Council

36 kms²

Population 98,859

The Centre

Kensington Neighbourhood House

North Melbourne Language & Learning

Wyndham City Council

542 kms²

Population 168,552

Arndell Park Community Centre

Feather Brook Community Centre

Iramoo Community Centre

Jamieson Way Community Centre

Point Cook Community Learning Centre

Quantin Binnah Community Centre

Tarneit Community Centre

Wyndham Community & Education Centre

Wyndham Park Community Centre

Wyndham Vale Community Learning Centre

Yeramba Community Centre

Saltwater Community Centre

Moonee Valley City Council

44 kms²

Population 113,657

Bowes Avenue Community Centre

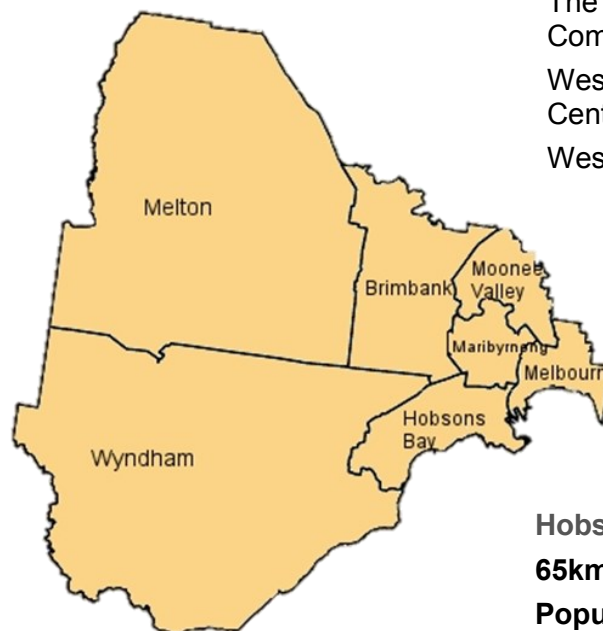
Chinese Social Centre

Farnham Street

Neighbourhood Learning Centre

Wingate Avenue Community Centre

Flemington Community Centre



Maribyrnong City Council

31 kms²

Population 74,005

Angliss Neighbourhood House

Braybrook Community Hub

Braybrook & Maidstone Neighbourhood House

Maidstone Community Centre

Maribyrnong Community Centre

West Footscray Neighbourhood House

Yarraville Community Centre

Brimbank City Council

123 kms²

Population 191,619

Cairnlea Community Hub

Community West

Delahey Community Centre

Derrimut Community Centre (YMCA)

Duke St Community House

Good Shepherd Youth and Family Service

Sydenham Community Centre

The Tin Shed - St Albans Community Youth Club

West Sunshine Community Centre

Westvale Community Centre

Hobsons Bay City

65kms

Population 81,459

Altona Meadows Community Centre

Laverton Community Integrated Services Inc.

Louis Joel Arts & Community Centre

Outlets Co-operative Neighbourhood House

Seabrook Community Centre

South Kingsville Community Centre

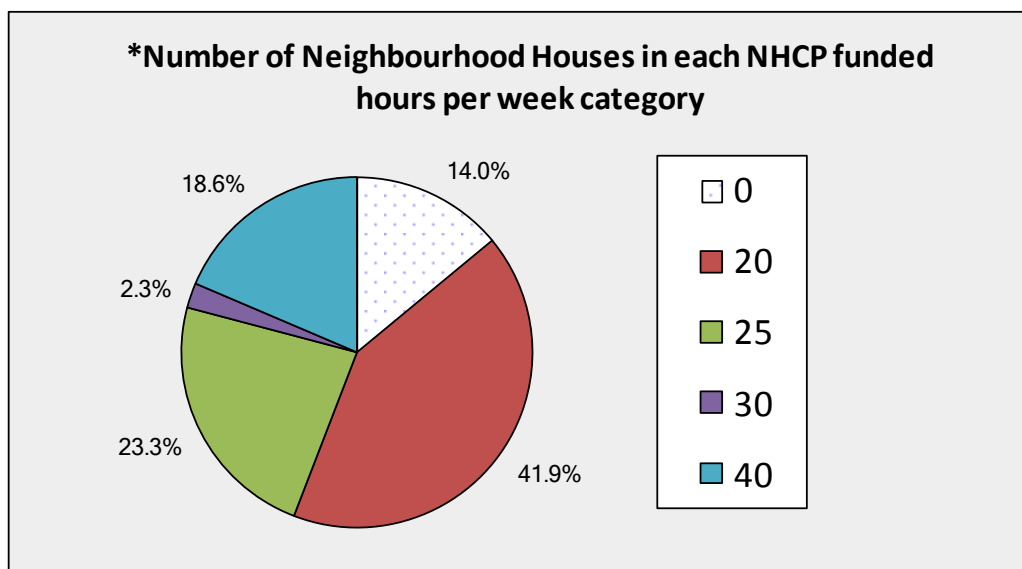
Spotswood Community House

Walker Close and Brooklyn Hall Association

Williamstown Community & Education Centre

Snapshot from Neighbourhood Houses Survey 2015*

* This data is based on selected questions from the Neighbourhood Houses Survey 2015 administered by Neighbourhood Houses Victoria. These results are based on the 43 Neighbourhood Houses in the western region that responded to the survey.



Types of services NHs requested from Network West	Response Percent
Governance and management support	48.8%
Training and Resources	69.8%
Capacity building and links with and between the House/Centre and other	88.4%
None of the above	2.3%

739 volunteers help out every week at NHs across the western region—
an estimated 2555 hours

41,887 people use NHs every week with over half participating in programs

982 hours were spent by committee members every month on governing Neighbourhood Houses

Types of Governance Structure	Response percent
Incorporated Association with Committee of Governance/Board of Management	60.5%
Council managed with Advisory committee/Steering group (e.g. Friends of...)	11.6%
Council managed and operated	18.6%
Auspecting arrangement with other organisation with Advisory committee/Steering	2.3%
Auspecting arrangement with other organisation (NGO, health organisation, Network,	2.3%
Co-operative	4.7%

Snapshot from Neighbourhood Houses Survey 2015

41.9% of survey respondents were ACFE registered providers

52,213 people attended events and/or Festivals

865 hours of outreach provided every week

416 partnerships with organisations every month

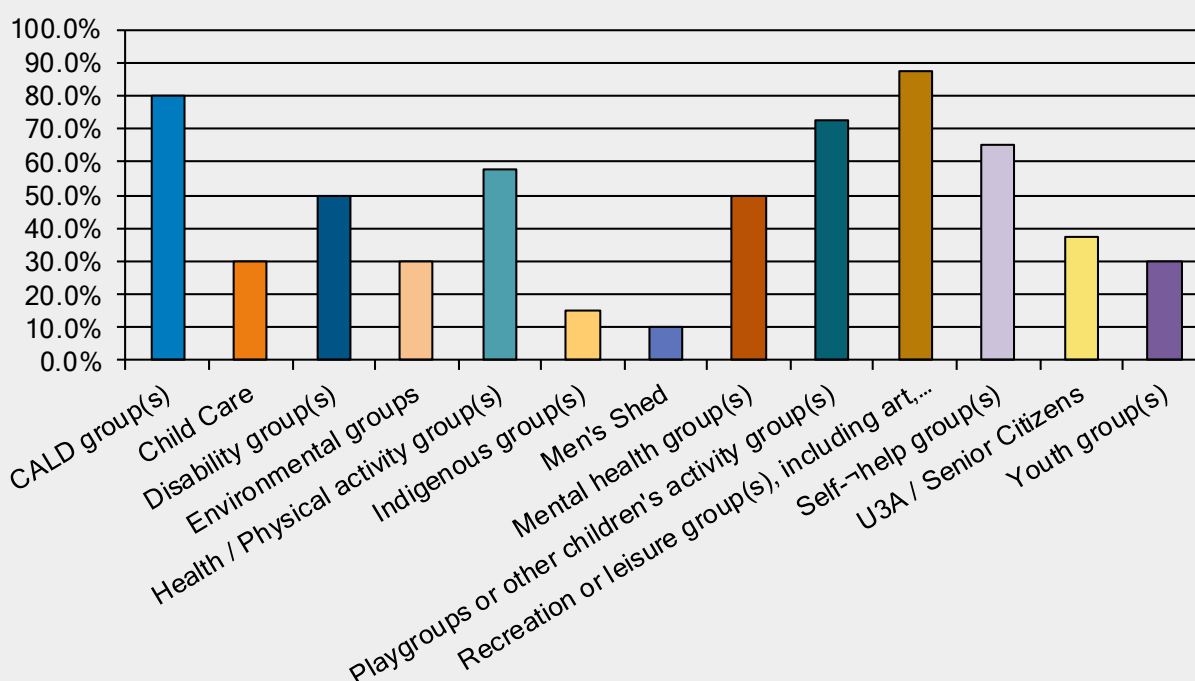
253 current committee of management members

343 community events were held over the year

Top 3 services offered	Response percent
Room Hire	95.3%
Referral	88.4%
Public computer / internet access	76.7%

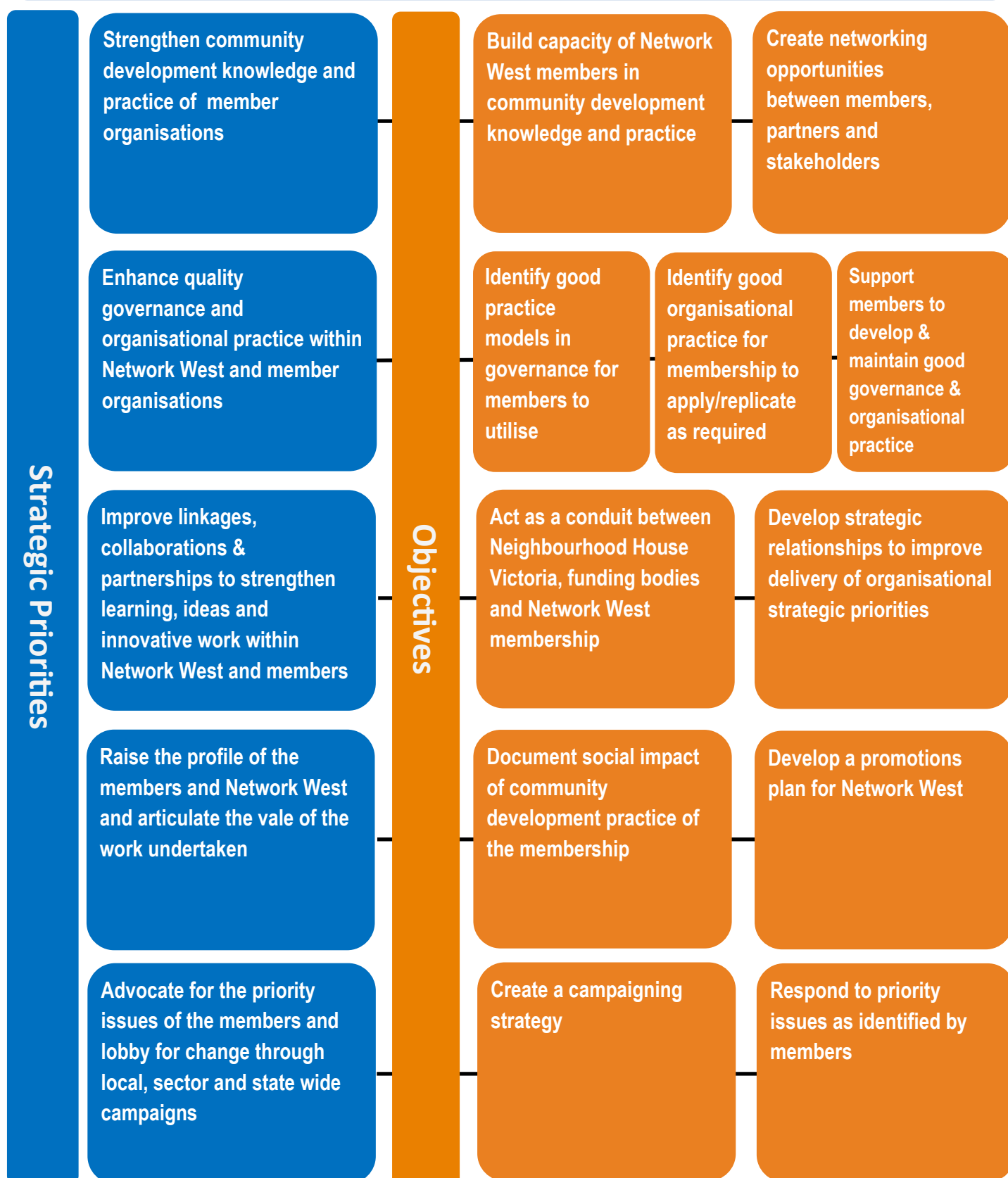
Top 3 programs / activities run	Number of sessions
Health & Wellbeing Courses	8173
Accredited vocational education & training	7086
Pre-accredited / non-accredited education & training	5598

Types of groups supported by Houses/Centres



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