



2012 / 2013
Annual Report



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Statement of Purpose

- Recognising the diverse nature and 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

Djerriwarrh Community House
Hillside Community Centre
Melton South Community Centre
Stevensons House
Taylors Hill Neighbourhood House

Brimbank City

123 kms²

Population 191,619

Cairnlea Community Hub
Community West
Delahey Community Centre
Derrimut Community Centre
Duke St Community House
St Albans Community Youth Club
St Albans Good Shepherd
Sydenham Community Centre
West Sunshine Community Centre
Westvale Community Centre

Moonee Valley City

44 kms²

Population 113,657

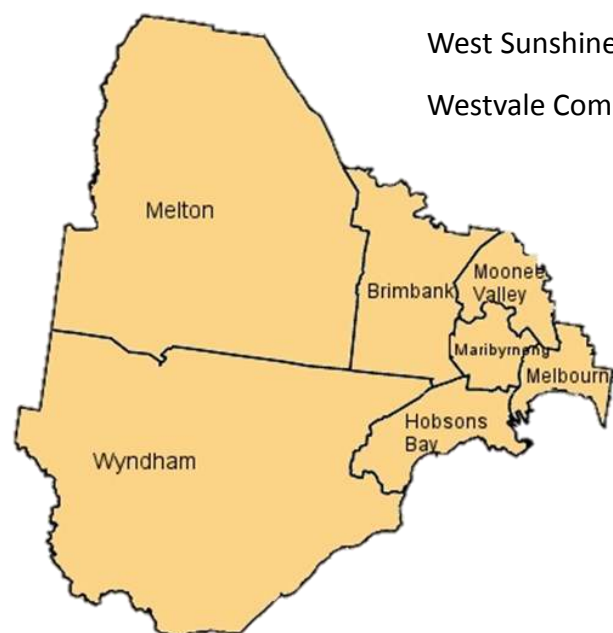
Bowes Avenue Community Centre
Chinese Social Centre
Farnham Street Neighbourhood Learning
Wingate Avenue Community Centre
Flemington Community Centre

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

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

Wyndham City

542 kms²

Population 168,552

Arndell Park Community Centre
Featherbrook 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
Yerambooe Community Centre

Network West Government and Staffing

The 2013 Network West Inc. comprises of seven members of the Committee of Governance and two employees, a Networker and an Project Officer.

The 2013 Committee of Governance and Networker is as follows:

Executive Members



Chairperson
Linda Beyerle
Iramoo Community



Secretary
Carolyn Webster
Kensington Neighbourhood House



Treasurer
Tracey Oliver,
Braybrook Community Centre



Jan Thorpe
Wingate Avenue



Marg Claringbold
Seabrook Community Centre



Daniella Kohut
Hillside Community Centre



Tricia Pighin
West Sunshine Community Centre

Networker, Michelle Chrimes - July 2010 to present

Communications and Administration, Cate Lawrence – Jan 2013 to present.

Chairperson's Report



What a year! I thought that last year was busy, but 2012/13 has been just the same, and even the Agenda for this meeting is a busy one, with Special Resolutions and delivery of a Project report.

So what have we been up to? First of all, the Network West 3-year Strategic Plan had to be developed. Preparation of the Plan included a great deal of individual and group consultation with Centres and members of the Network over an 18 month period, culminating in a facilitated strategic planning session at the 2012 AGM. The information gathered was then studied by the Committee and the goals for the Network developed and shaped. You should all have received a copy of the Plan so that you know where we are going between now and 2015 and how we intend to get there.

Secondly, there was the Governance Project which you will hear more about today. Funded by a grant from Department of Human Services, this has been a major project for your Network. Russell Jaffe and Liz Dimitriades have undertaken very comprehensive research of community development principles and practice, not just locally but internationally, to inform their discussions with neighbourhood houses and community centres throughout the Network West area. They have consulted with Coordinators, staff representatives, volunteer Committee members from within Network West, neighbourhood house networks across the state and western region Councils in both small and large groups and one-on-one. As a result the final paper is a document which will be useful, not only to Network West, but to other Networks and the Department looking to strengthen community governance throughout the sector.

On behalf of the Committee and members of Network West I would like to record our appreciation and sincere thanks to Russell and Liz for their very hard work, hours of reading and talking, drafting and seemingly endless redrafting, to come up with a document which will be most valuable for the Network in the coming years.

Thirdly, due to the introduction of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 we have had to review and update our Constitution, which will also be presented to you today.

These three items are additional to the regular tasks of the Network, namely providing support to the members. This support includes providing training sessions, induction tours for new Coordinators and Committee members, information and resources, answering queries on a myriad of topics from funding to employment issues, health and wellbeing to policy issues, all in 25 hours per week.

Chairperson's Report

Again this year we have had a change of government following the recent Federal election, and after a change of State government, transfer of responsibility for the sector from Department of Planning & Community Development to Department of Human Services and the restructuring of that Department. This of course has led to a level of uncertainty and insecurity within the sector. In these times it is imperative that the sector maintains its focus on professionalism and measurable community benefit outcomes. Committees of Management and Centre staff need to be united, working together to improve outcomes for communities and participating in those projects and programs designed to strengthen and build the sector and to demonstrate its strength and value to governments and funding bodies.

Fortunately our Networker, Michelle Chrimes, is a very hard worker, fully committed to her role and passionate about the sector. Otherwise, I am sure she would have buckled under the pressure this year. We have been fortunate to be able to employ Cate Lawrence to support Michelle with some of the administrative and communication tasks. Cate's abilities have made a big difference to the way we are able to communicate with members.

Lots of work with great outcomes. All credit goes to Michelle for getting us through. Of course, she doesn't get all the credit (however deserved) and so I express my sincerest appreciation to your Committee members. You have representatives with great skill, ability, knowledge, dedication and commitment to the community development sector. We all know how busy it is managing a centre, whether large or small, and the members perform their Committee roles on top of their regular workload. As Chairman I have received fantastic support from them all and I express my gratitude for that.

I look forward to being able to continue to serve the sector in the coming years.

Linda Beyerle

Chairperson

Treasurer's Report



Network West has experienced a transitional 12 months, both operationally and financially. Network West recorded a planned operating loss of \$5,783 for the year ending 2013 against net assets of \$42,257, to accommodate a new Communications/Administration Officer.

The Committee have forecasted and responded to the changing nature and expectation of Network West by an increasingly engaged sector. This has placed some tension upon the Network's finances as the competing needs were prioritised and implemented or discarded.

Some notable examples are:

- The Governance Project that was managed by the Network.
- The introduction of the Communication and Administration Officer

Retained earnings were utilised to enable this crucial support role to continue as its value to the Networker and member houses became more apparent.

This role has enhanced the capacity of the Networker to continue engaging and working with member houses, local governments and the wider neighbourhood house sector.

Network West receives all its funding from DHS Neighbourhood House Coordination Program (NHCP). This funding stream only allows for restricted service delivery to member houses and so it is hoped a membership fee will be approved at the up and coming AGM and gain full support from members.

As you will note in the Networkers report, the scope of the role has grown significantly; its value to member houses, local government and the like increasing every year. The current NHCP funding cannot sustain such growth and so the funds generated by the Membership and Associate Membership fees will allow the Network greater scope to continue to be the valuable and relevant organisation that it is today.

I am confident that with the expertise and mindfulness of the Committee we will ensure Network West remains a sustainable and robust organisation into the future.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Committee of Management, Michelle and Cate – a wonderful group of dedicated and committed women who amaze me with their energy and wisdom.

A further heartfelt thank you to Jan Thorpe, who has been a brilliant and generous mentor to me.

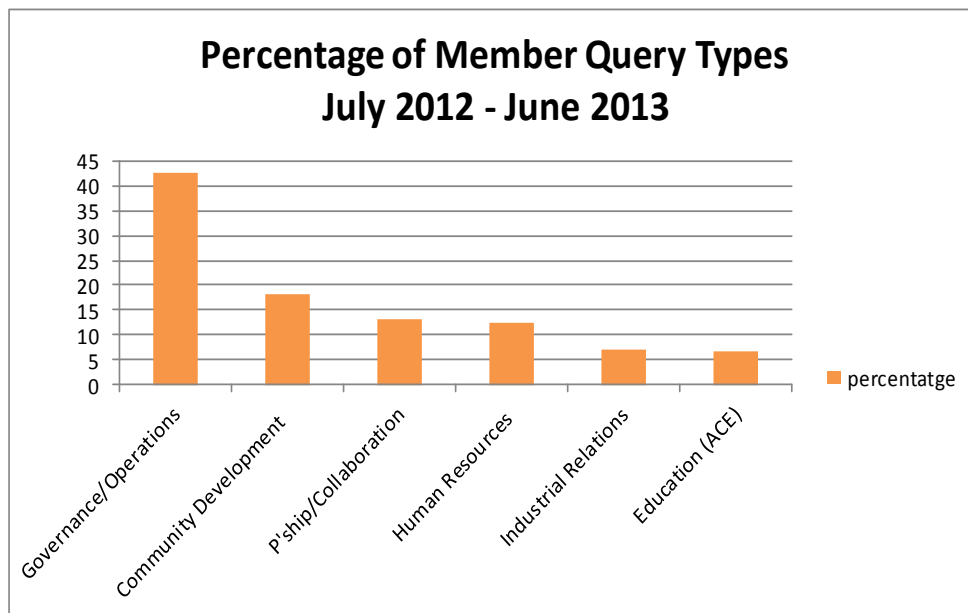
Tracey Oliver

Treasurer

Networker's Report

July 2012 - June 2013 has been an eventful year for Network West. We have maintained western region involvement in key strategic sector wide projects that benefit our members, and continued to offer core member support services (respond to queries, information and resource provision, referral, partnership linkages, advocacy and governance support).

In this financial year we received over 300 queries. The percentage of each query type can be viewed in the table below.



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

- Development of the 2013-2015 Strategic Plan;
- Successful submission for a \$30,000 Modernising Neighbourhood Houses Grant from DHS and completion of the Network West Community Governance Research Project;
- Improvements to the internal structure of Network West through increased staffing;
- Introduction of a biannual sector orientation event for member organisation senior staff, Committee members and Advisory Committees;
- Implementation of the Associations Incorporations Reform Act and the re-writing of the Network West constitution;

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- Participation in the state wide Neighbourhood House and Learning Centre (NH&LC) sector online web resources repository project;
- Success of the Deductible Gift Reciprocity (DGR) Working Group with DGR now being accessible to NH&LCs across the nation;
- Improved communications to members and marketing across the region through an e-newsletter, new Network website, photography/members marketing project, reinvigorated social media, community development student taken on, volunteers and a Volunteers Grant (See Communications Report page 16).

Network West Strategic Plan 2013-2015

The Network West three year strategic plan is now in operation. It was developed over an eighteen month period (2011-2012) using individual and group member consultations, online member surveys and culminated in a facilitated strategic planning workshop at our Annual General Meeting in October 2012. The participation and input of members has enabled us to get a community driven, resourceful document with clear, achievable goals and plan developed using the community development principles that underline the NH&LC sector.

Objectives	Tactics & Activities	Success Indicators	Responsibility	Time Frame	Resources
West will strive to enhance quality governance, organisational practices and community development network.					
1.1 - Tighten and strengthen governance structures as stipulated in the Associations Incorporations Act (AIA).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure Network West's constitution complies with AIA Reform Act 2012. • Support members with AIA changes transition. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Changes required for NW constitution identified and drafted - Network West constitution endorsed by members at AGM. - Templates and information regarding AIA changes provided to members - Training options and support provided as required 	Committee of Governance (CoG)/ constitutional working group Networker	2013 2013	CoG expertise and willingness to participate Networker time Network West members Pitch ANHLC
1.2 - Develop an online bank of model policies, procedures and governance resources.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in the combined networks online web repository project • Develop a suite of model policies and procedural documents. • Make available to all members online 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Working group meetings attended - New Suite of policy quality controlled documents developed - Made available to all members online 	Networker	2013 2014	Online website template, ANHLC, State wide networks, Network West members. CoG members sharing examples of good policy and procedure resources



Members are 2012 AGM determining focus of our strategic plan



Networker's Report



Priorities for the next three years include:

- Facilitating relationship building, peer support and collaborative partnerships within the Western region;
- Resourcing member governance, organisation and community development needs through in house training 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.

Increased staffing

We have expanded our current complement of staff to accommodate the governance project, implement further training initiatives identified in the strategic planning process and improve communication to membership organisations. The additional two day a week position has enabled us to expand and diversify our skill base to better serve our members. A 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 meet the needs of the Network.

Cate Lawrence started in January at Network West bringing a background in education and community work.



Networker's Report

Network Orientation Sessions

In May we began planning the introduction of a bi-annual Network Orientation program, in response to the need for in-house training on the NH&LC sector for senior staff, Committees of Governance and Advisory Committees members. The session was an opportunity for members to network and share ideas on innovative programming, community development and community governance, just to name a few.



The session was fully booked and included a tour of four NH&LCs; Wingate Avenue Community Centre, Louis Joel Arts and Community Centre, Maidstone Community Centre and Kensington Neighbourhood House. Attendees were provided with a sector information session from Network West and ANHLC and a kit of resources.

A wine and cheese evening session was held for Committee members unable to attend the day tour due to work commitments. It was a great day that 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.

"Each house had so much going on, and offers so much to the community. The whole team at Delahey staff and volunteers got so much out of the day, we came back with so many new ideas. The administration staff have almost completed their Cert IV in community development and felt the tour did more for them than the entire course, they learnt so much being able to physically visit different styles of houses, talk to staff and see programs in action".

-Delahey Neighbourhood House

Networker's Report

Changes to the Associations Incorporations Act

The introduction of the Associations Incorporations Reform Act in 2012 has meant the need for incorporated NH&LC's and Neighbourhood House Networks to amend their constitutions and rules, a process that can be complex at the best of times, particularly when managed by those without legal training. In addition to answering queries and providing information and resources to assist, in August, Network West collaborated with ANHLC, North West and North East Neighbourhood House Networks to provide a day of practical relevant training and information for members.

Website Repository Project

With funding by DHS, the website repository provides a library of resources, samples and templates for the Neighbourhood House Sector. Resource provision is based on the structure of the Neighbourhood House Good Practice Guide, the Networks Good Practice Guide and the Risk Management Matrix. It is a central point where quality assured material, endorsed by the sector is readily available. The resources are specifically tailored to NH&LCs and have been assessed for relevance, currency and quality. The website can be accessed by all, provides consistent training and documents to the sector and reduces the time NH&LCs and networks will need to spend on sourcing relevant documents.

This project has been a collaborative project across the state wide networks, and is a testament to the strengths of cross-organisational work within our sector. It enables organisations to gather and review sector specific community governance resources including orientation and induction kits, policies and procedures and training modules. Its' roll out enables members to access 'best practice' documentation on a broad range of issues.

The website aims to promote collaboration and a culture where the material developed within neighbourhood houses and networks is shared more broadly across the sector through a coordinated approach to source and filter material. In addition, it includes an innovation section with links to successful sector projects and social enterprises which can be used for inspiration or as a place to research possible collaboration.

Deductible Gift Reciprocity (DGR)

After seven years of persistent advocacy initiated by the Victorian peak body, Association of Neighbourhood Houses and Learning Centres (ANHLC), and two years by our national peak body Australian Neighbourhood Houses and Centres Association Inc. (ANHCA), the Australian Government has passed legislation that establishes a national tax deductible fund for Neighbourhood Houses. This will provide all houses with an avenue for receiving tax deductible gifts/donations and accessing grants from philanthropic bodies and businesses which have been inaccessible for most organisations to date.

Networker's Report

ANHCA are currently establishing processes and administration for members to access this funding. This contributes considerably to the NH&LC sectors' sustainability.

Network West's participation on this working group was prioritised by the Network Committee of Governance in the 2009-2012 strategic plan. We are extremely excited about this positive result which will provide a much needed and previously denied avenue and opportunity for fundraising.

On The Move

Laverton Community Hub opened in March and Sydenham Community Hub in June; big developments in two of our growth corridors. We congratulate Michael Pernar and Kim Garlick on surviving the move!

As with any new year, it means a change of staffing in our midst. We say goodbye to Joanne Richards from Brimbank City Council and Linda Beyerle who retired from Iramoo Community Centre after seven years of service.

We welcome Amy Lees to the City of Melbourne and Network West Councils Partnership Group (NWCPG), Rebecca Gardiner to the City of Moonee Valley and NWCPG, Lillian Santoro-Woolmer to the City of Brimbank and NWCPG, Marie Murfet to Community West, Mark Brophy to Williamstown Community and Education Centre, Dean O'Loughlin to Braybrook Community Centre, Alex Robb to Wyndham Park, Renae Paul to Iramoo Community Centre and Inderdeep Thapar to Derrimut Community Centre.

Also a big welcome to new member organisations; Wyndham Park Community Centre, Taylors Hill Community Centre, Flemington Community Centre and Derrimut Community Centre.

Communications Report

I started work in January at Network West and wanted to take the time to tell you about some of the things I have been working on in my Communications role. After all, my role is about spreading the word about what we do and can do, and what you do for the wider community.

Starting a role at a relatively young organisation is interesting. It has a level of energy and possibility which when matched with the passion and commitment of my colleague, networker Michelle, means that much is possible. I found myself jumping in feet first into a sector where collaboration is celebrated, innovation is welcomed and work is made enjoyable by people who share your workspace. I realised early on that there was much to be done and only 15 hours a week to do it in. So I needed to be creative and think beyond what I was capable of in my role alone. Luckily I enjoy a challenge.

A new website for Network West

We now have a shiny new website thanks to Grindstone Media. It's a space where members and the wider community can access resources, our training and events calendar and find information easily. It still needs a few tweaks so bear with me.

Monthly E Newsletter

I developed a monthly newsletter to keep members abreast of training and professional development opportunities, upcoming events, sector wide news and projects. Where possible I love to share the successes within our sector with our readers. Many of us are drowning in emails and mailing lists and our short, concise newsletter is a great way to get access to all the information you need to know quickly and easily. Not receiving a copy? Email cate.l@networkwest.net to be added to the list.



Communications Report

The Network West Photography Project

With the development of our new website I realised a desperate need for quality, high resolution images, something which Network West has been sorely lacking. I enlisted a Community Development student, Holly Alexander, on placement from Victoria University to manage a photography project. Holly recruited volunteer professional photographer, Filomena La Torre, to visit Centres throughout spring to capture and produce



professional photographs that are representative of our sector. The benefits are two fold; members had access to a professional photographer for their venue and events and Network West has a repository of quality images for marketing and training purposes. Win-win really.

Volunteer funding grant

With the desire to create the photography project, it occurred to me that we needed funding to reimburse our students and volunteers. On behalf of Network West, I applied and was a successful recipient of a FASCHIA 2013 volunteer grant. The funding enables us to reimburse volunteers' travel costs, and purchase a laptop and software for their use on our projects amongst other things.

Reinvigoration of our social media

Social media is a vital tool for a not for profit organisation. It enables us to get information quickly and easily out to our members and supports. Network West has its own Facebook, Twitter and Pinterest accounts. Perhaps you'd be so kind as to follow us, if you haven't already?



Communications Report

Other work

As with most jobs in small organisations there comes a point where work not strictly in your position description is required, otherwise there's simply not enough staffing to get it done. Various things have kept me busy including;

- changing the Network West Constitution in line the AIR Act,
- development of a risk management policy and plan and a suite of other policies to complement our work,
- establishment and use of social media,
- Supervising student placement and volunteers,
- event organisation such as our Network West Orientation Program.

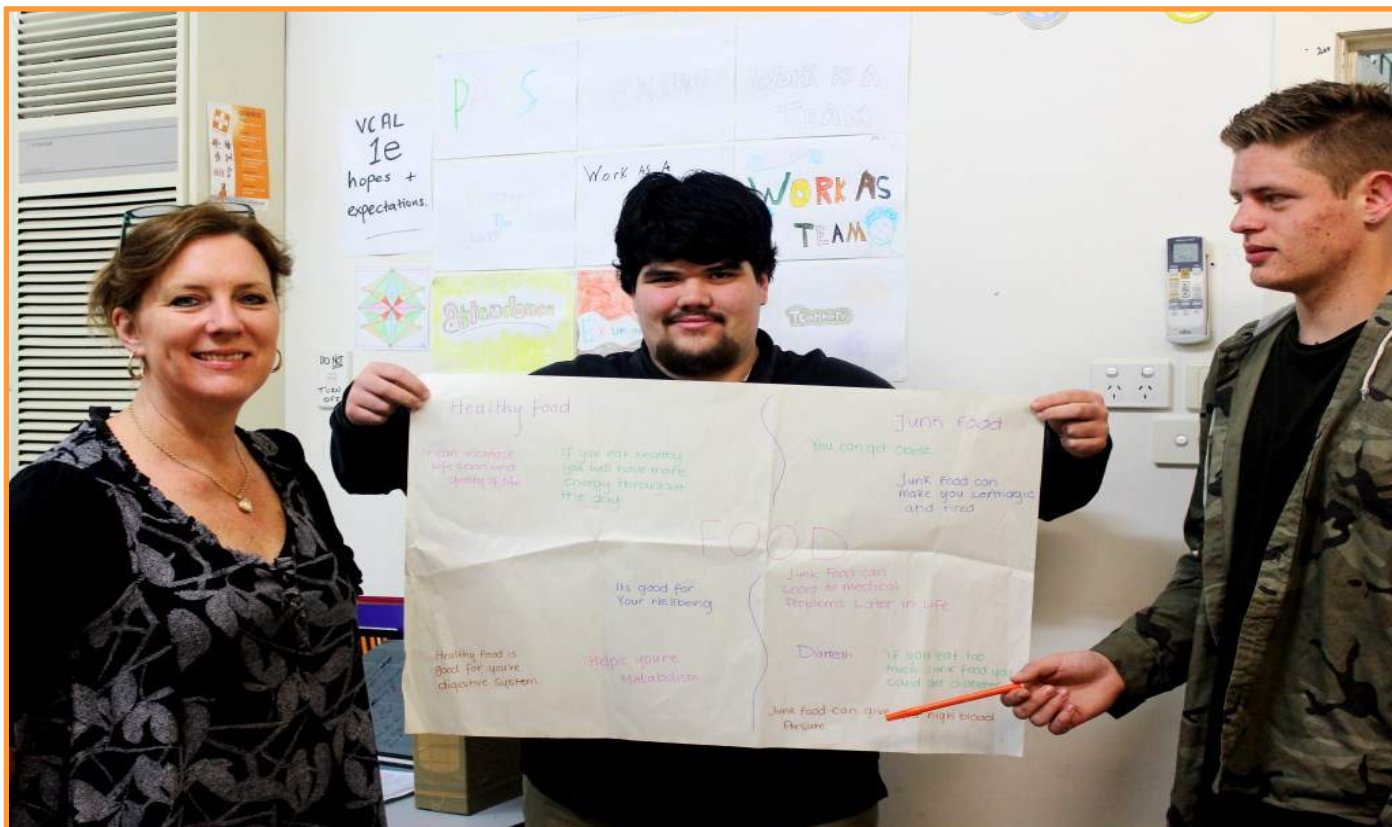
It has been a pleasure working at Network West and I continue to be inspired by the energy, dedication and innovation I see present in the work and people across our Network.

Cate Lawrence



Participants at Seabrook Community Centre

Communications Report



Images from Network West photography project, Wyndham Community Education Centre

Good news 2013

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 the work of within our network.

June 2012

Yarraville Community Centre holds Refugee Week in recognition of the 63 languages other than English spoken at their Centre, celebrating who the students are, and where they have come from. The event opens dialogue with students and the local community through collaborating with local schools and organisations and is a fantastic initiative.

July 2012

Wingate Avenue Community Centre and Moonee Valley City Council collaborated on the Ascot Vale Housing Estate Household Recycling Project. The Project defied the many failed attempts to introduce recycling and established a successful and ground-breaking replicable model using targeted and broad ranging education and community engagement of CALD and SES groups. The project is a finalist in 2013 in the Banksia sustainability awards.



Residents in Ascot Vale

August 2012

After a year of intensive planning and fundraising, staff from Louis Joel Arts and Community Centre travelled to the Bwindi Impenetrable Rain Forest in Uganda. They travelled there to assist a group of women to create a social enterprise. They taught the women sewing and design skills to enable them to create products for the local tourist market using stunning African fabrics.

Iramoo Community Centre holds their third annual Show Us Your Arts day featuring an artist market, master classes in painting and mosaic, a community collage and free creative activities.

Good news 2013

August at North Melbourne Language and Learning (NMLL) saw the completion of an extraordinary collaboration between international Melbourne artist Rosa Tato and North Melbourne residents. The “Embracing Distance” art project began with workshops where participants from over 16 different countries reflected on their thoughts and feelings on leaving their homeland and settling in Australia. Participants also brought in their precious items, patterned fabrics, clothing and jewellery that reflected their family and cultural heritage.

The artist then worked these personal stories, patterns and motifs into the design for a 30 metre long decorative sculptural installation.

Joanne Goodman, Manager of NMLL, is a finalist in the Melbourne Awards for her contribution to the Culturally and Linguistically Diverse community. Joanne was nominated in the category of ‘contribution to community by an individual.’

September 2012

The Grange Community Centre initiates a community photography competition, inviting people to photograph their idea of ‘community’.

October 2012

At a time when occasional childcare is becoming limited, Duke Street Community Centre, The Grange Community Centre and Wingate Avenue Community Centre are recipients of Commonwealth funding for their occasional childcare programs.

The Centre in North Melbourne celebrates Spring Fling, an annual community event bringing together the whole of North and West Melbourne and celebrating the richness and diversity of the local community. Spring Fling is one of the last true community festivals in inner city Melbourne and includes stalls, performances, kid’s activities and food from local groups and businesses.

Sue Kenny, Community development author, international researcher and guru inspires Network West members at the 2012 AGM.



Network West members listening to Sue Kenny

Good news 2013

December 2012

Staff, Committee and Volunteers from Neighbourhood Houses and Community Centres enjoy a well-earned break with the festive holidays. Many in-house Christmas festivities precede this.

Melton South Community Centre is in the news for its 8-week floristry course that equips participants with the skills and knowledge to get work as florists.

Vivienne Conn, Coordinator, and Joan Grieg, Chairperson, of Braybrook & Maidstone Neighbourhood House received the Australian Parliamentarian Volunteers Award for Gellibrand, 2013. The awards were presented by the Honorable Nicola Roxon MP.

The new home of Sydenham Neighbourhood House, Sydenham Community Hub, is launched. The Hub also houses the Sydenham Library, Customer Service and Maternal & Child Health Services.

January 2013

Jeff Banfield of Braybrook & Maidstone Neighbourhood House wins a Community Service award as part of the Australia Day civic awards in recognition of his hours of commitment to the Neighbourhood house sector.

Louis Joel Arts and Community Centre holds an exhibition of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex and Queer (GLBTIQ) art. The exhibition featured part of an historic AIDS memorial quilt, a quilt created by the family and friends of people who have died from HIV AIDS as a celebration of their lives through textiles. The event was part of the annual Midsumma festival that celebrates queer culture in Melbourne each summer.



AIDS Memorial Quilt at Louis Joel Arts and Community Centre

March 2013

International Women's Day (March 8) and Harmony Day (March 21) are celebrated across the Network in many member houses and centres.

Hobson's Bay celebrates International Women's Day with its Inspirational Women Awards. The Awards celebrate women making a difference to the community who often go unnoticed.

Good news 2013

Two women from the Network West family were recognised for their efforts; Cathy Paleologoudias and Kim Reily. Cathy runs the three year old Pelicans Kindergarten Program at the Williamstown Community and Education Centre. She established Pelicans at the centre over eight years ago and has built it up to the exceptional program that it is today.

Kim Reily is employed at the Louis Joel Arts and Community Centre and is active in the local community, creating a number of programs including the Seabreeze Quilters at Louis Joel.

Perhaps one of the biggest celebrations of Harmony Day is at Maidstone Community Centre, a Centre that has celebrated Harmony Day for a number of years and seen it grow from a small celebration to a massive cultural feast. It includes a range of community groups, diverse cuisines and dazzling entertainment.

Wingate Avenue Community Centre rolls out a monthly free fresh food market, providing fresh fruit and vegetables to local residents on low-incomes. The event included a tasty barbecue and a visit from the Easter bunny to the delight of local children.



Free fresh food at Wingate Avenue Community Centre

April 2013

Wyndham Community Education Centre establishes a free breakfast program for its VCAL students. This initiative is made possible by the generosity of the Sikh Community of Western Victoria who supply bread, cereal and milk weekly for the students. It is a fantastic example of community groups and centres working together.

Fostin Nshimiriman, teacher of Youth Rap and Dance Group at Delahey Community Centre is Young Citizen of the Year. As a young African person, he has demonstrated to other young people that with hard work and sticking to your goals, great things can be achieved.

Good news 2013

May 2013

Duke St Community House celebrates its' 40th birthday with a morning tea, the re-signing of the Brimbank partnership agreement and launch of a wonderful new outdoor area which includes a veggie and herb garden.

Neighbourhood House Week is celebrated across the Network with an exciting range of activities. From cubby houses, tai chi, cupcake decorating and antique appraisals to cooking class and art exhibitions, throughout the western suburbs thousands of people gathered this week to participate in activities in their local Community Centre or Neighbourhood House.



Duke St Community House birthday celebrations

May also includes National Volunteer Week, a very important opportunity for our sector to recognise the fantastic work done by our volunteers. Many Houses and Centres ran events to thank their volunteers for their hard work and sharing of their time and skills. Delahey Community Centre held an autumn dinner in celebration of their volunteers. The event also included the launch of a cookbook that was created out of the recipes from their weekly multicultural lunches.

The annual ANHLC conference was held in Ballarat. Themed 'Power Houses: Be it, know it, show it', it was a fantastic showcase of the innovation within our sector and across our communities. Highlights included a keynote address from community activist Peter Kenyon, the first information release of the new ANHLC/DHS statistics and the opportunity to hear about projects and programs across Victoria. It was informative, entertaining and inspiring and it's simply mind-blowing what we achieve as a sector!

Good news 2013

June 2013

A range of our Network members are awarded ACFE grants for their innovative learning programs:

Djerriwarrh Community and Education Services Inc: *Djerriwarrh SharePoint On-line Platform*

Kensington Neighbourhood House : *Sowing the Seeds of Learning*

North Melbourne Language and Learning: *Community Learning Champions*

The Centre: *Leading Learn Locals – For a Solid and Sustainable Future (The LLL Project)*

Williamstown Community and Education Centre Inc: *New Programs - New Learners*

Wingate Avenue Community Centre: *Low Literacy Teaching Resources*

Yarraville Community Centre: *Getting it done*

Williamstown Community Education Centre is featured on Channel 31 'House Around the Corner' for their sailing program for people with disabilities. House Around the Corner is a 13-week program which showcases the range of events and programs at Neighbourhood Houses and Community Centres across Victoria.



Williamstown Community and Education Centre

Wingate Avenue's *Fellas on Friday* cooking group is also featured, a fantastic example of using community development principles to respond to both health and social issues faced by men in the Ascot Vale community.



Wingate Avenue Community Centre

Good news 2013



Celebrations for National Harmony Day, Maidstone Community Centre

Audited Financial Statements

NETWORK WEST ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

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

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

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

1. Present fairly the financial transactions of Network West Association Incorporated as at 30 June 2013 and the results of the association for the period ended 30 June 2013 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 26 day of September 2013

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NETWORK WEST ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

INCOME STATEMENT

for the period ending 30th June 2013

	2013 \$	2012 \$
REVENUE		
State Government grants	91,937	74,529
Donations	3,000	-
Interest	2,782	2,596
Miscellaneous income	2	1
Total revenue	<u>97,721</u>	<u>77,126</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Salary and wages	62,377	51,072
Consultants and contractors	20,250	6,215
Workcover	892	599
Annual leave	3,257	-
Superannuation	5,548	4,040
Travel	292	162
Professional development	1,420	382
Minor equipment	-	1,148
Resources/consumables	733	428
Stationery	265	803
Postage	6	156
Printing	150	-
Advertising	324	225
Computer supplies	90	-
Events and meeting expenses	161	1,030
Subscriptions	1,153	2,241
Telephone	1,533	1,525
Internet	82	-
Insurance	-	745
Rent	4,627	4,655
Bank Charges	20	7
Audit fees	150	136
Sundry expenses	174	-
Total expenditure	<u>103,504</u>	<u>75,569</u>
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR PERIOD	<u>(5,783)</u>	<u>1,557</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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NETWORK WEST ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

BALANCE SHEET as at 30th June 2013

	2013 \$	2012 \$
MEMBERS' FUNDS		
Accumulated funds	42,257	48,040
Total members' funds	<u>42,257</u>	<u>48,040</u>
Represented by -		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Petty cash	229	402
Cash at bank	66,334	54,372
Cash at bank	349	1,992
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>66,912</u>	<u>56,766</u>
NON CURRENT ASSETS		
Furniture & Fixture	1,290	1,290
TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS	<u>1,290</u>	<u>1,290</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>68,202</u>	<u>58,056</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
GST payable	1,049	1,291
PAYG withholding payable	2,128	1,956
Union fees		8
SGC Super Guarantee	0	0
Grants in advance	15,750	3,000
Leave liability	7,018	3,761
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>25,945</u>	<u>10,016</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>42,257</u>	<u>48,040</u>

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NETWORK WEST ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

for the year ended 30th June 2013

	2013	2012
	\$	\$
Total members funds at the beginning of the financial year	20	20
Member contribution		
Accumulated funds at 1 July	48,020	46,463
Operating result for the year	(5,783)	1,557
Accumulated funds at 30 June	<u>42,237</u>	<u>48,020</u>
Total members funds at the end of the financial year	<u>42,257</u>	<u>48,040</u>

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NETWORK WEST ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

CASH FLOWS STATEMENT

for the year ended 30 June 2013

	2013 \$	2012 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
State Government grants	104,687	74,529
Interest	2,782	2,596
Miscellaneous income	3,002	1
Payments to employees	(62,377)	(51,072)
Payments to supplies	(37,948)	(18,013)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>10,146</u>	<u>8,041</u>
Cash at beginning of the financial period	56,766	48,726
Cash at end of the financial period	<u><u>66,912</u></u>	<u><u>56,766</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.



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NETWORK WEST ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

Notes to and forming part of the financial statements
year ended 30th June 2013

1 Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

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

Basis of Preparation of the Financial Report

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

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

Historical cost convention

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

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

(a) Revenue recognition

Grants

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

(b) Cash

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

(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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NETWORK WEST ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

Notes to and forming part of the financial statements
year ended 30th June 2013

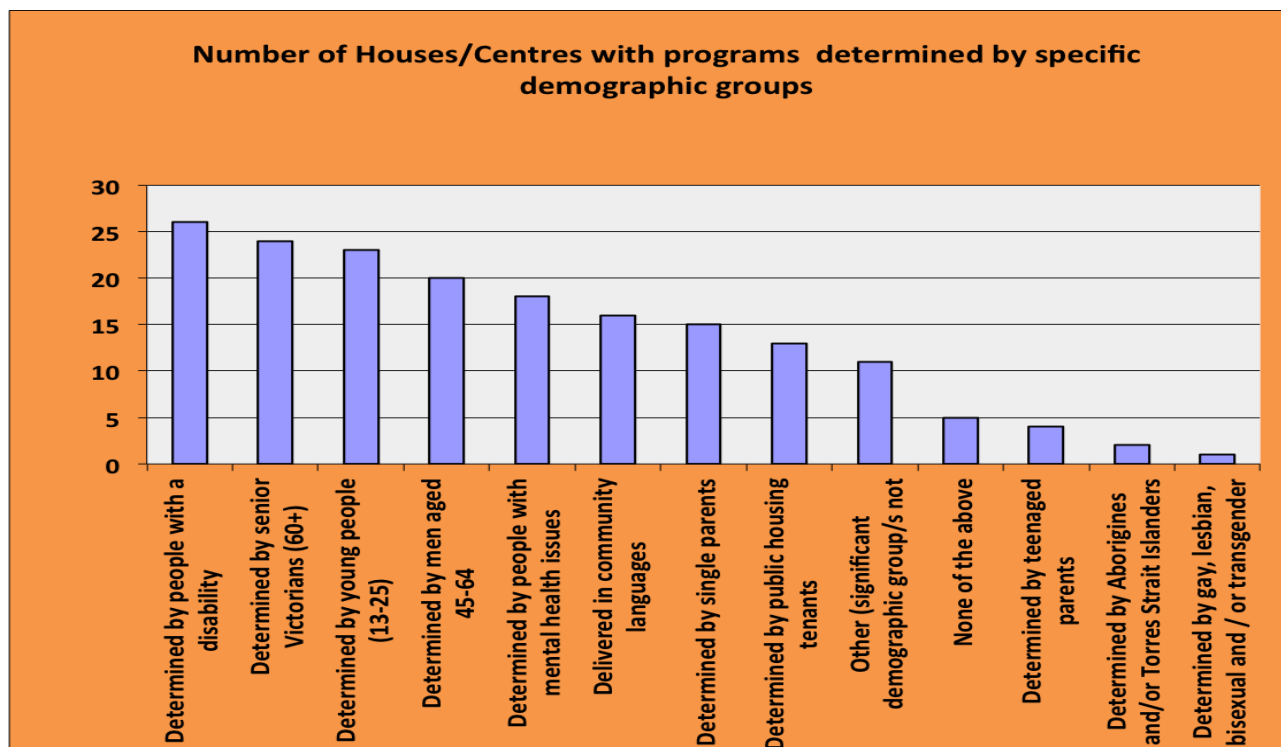
	2013 \$	2012 \$
2 Cash Flow Information		
(a) Reconciliation of Cash		
Petty cash advance	229	402
Cash at bank	<u>66,683</u>	<u>56,364</u>
	<u>66,912</u>	<u>56,766</u>
(b) Reconciliation of net cash provided by operating activities to operating surplus/(Deficit)		
Operating Profit/(Loss) for the year	(5,783)	1,557
Add back non-cash flows in operating statement		
Changes in asset and liabilities		
Increase/(decrease) in creditors and accruals	3,179	6,485
Increase/(decrease) in Grants in Advance	<u>12,750</u>	
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>10,146</u>	<u>8,042</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 2013

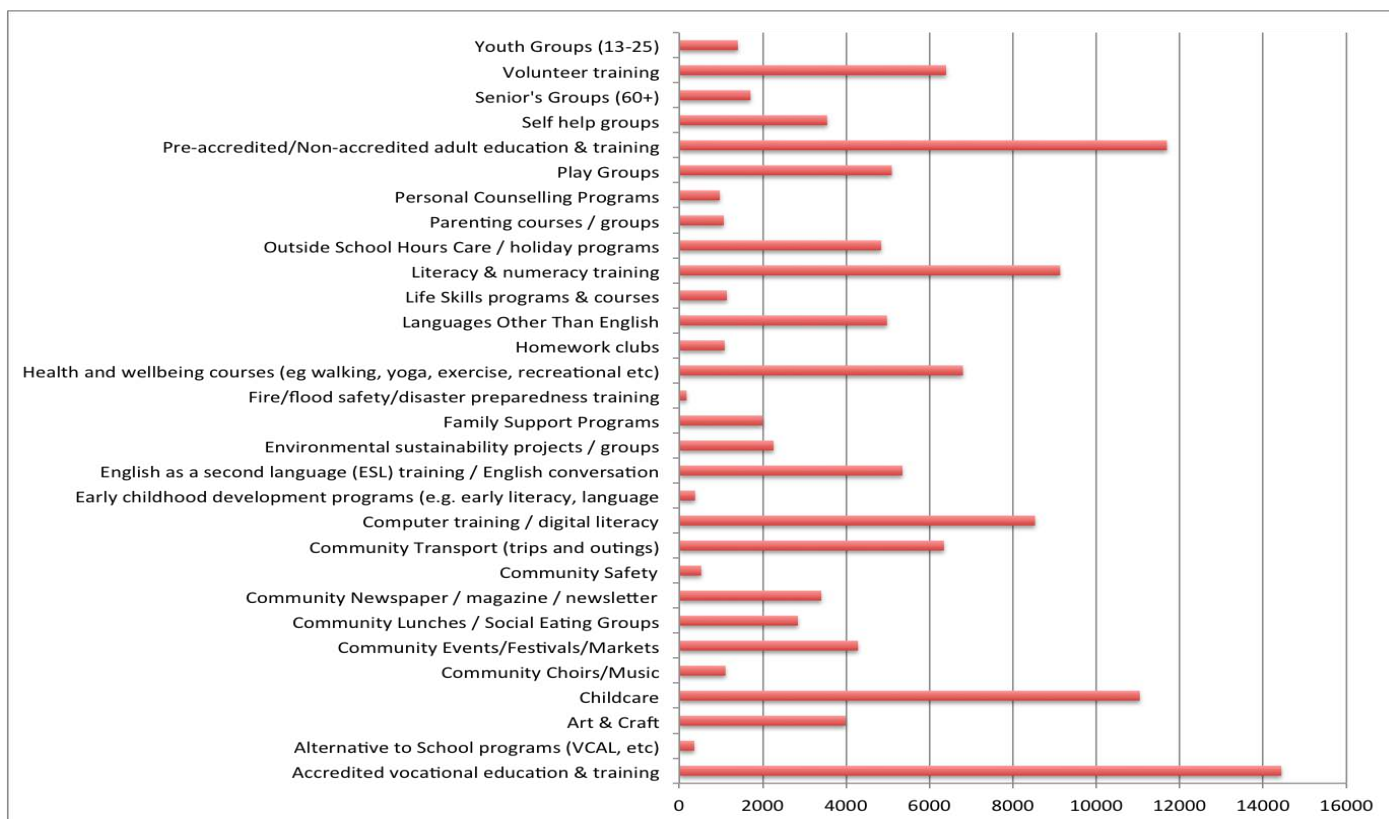
Our Network



Participants at Williamstown Community Education Centre

Our Network

Types of programs offered by Houses/Centres



**28,987 community members use our
Centres in an average week.**

Our Network



Our Houses and Community Centres include 1816 volunteer hours per week. That's the equivalent of 48 full time jobs a week.



**VOLUNTEERS
DO NOT
NECESSARILY
HAVE THE TIME;
THEY HAVE
THE HEART**

Network West—The Houses and Centres

BRIMBANK					
Name	Address	Phone	Fax	Email	Website
Cairnlea Community Hub	80 Carmody Dve, Cairnlea, 3023	9363 4800	9363 7355	cairnleacommunityhub@brimbank.vic.gov.au	www.brimbank.vic.gov.au
Community West	822 Ballarat Rd, Deer Park, 3023	9363 1811	9360 4851	info@communitywest.org.au	www.communitywest.org.au
Delahey Community Centre	80 Copperfield Dve, Delahey, 3037	9307 0358	9307 0712	info@delahay.org.au	www.brimbank.vic.gov.au
Duke St Community House	27 Duke St, Sunshine, 3020	9311 9973	9310 1622	dukest@vicnet.net.au	www.dsche.org.au
Good Shepherd House	168 Main Rd East, St Albans, 3021	9364 1496	9364 3733	stalbands@goodshelpvic.org.au	www.goodshelpvic.org.au
The Tin Shed -St Albans Community Youth Club	309A Main Rd East, St Albans, 3021	9366 4302	9366 4302	tinshed@tsis.com.au	www.vicnet.net.au/~tinshed/
Sydenham Community Centre	7 Community Hub, Sydenham, 3037	9390 3977	9390 4133	sydcc@brimbank.vic.gov.au	www.brimbank.vic.gov.au
West Sunshine Community Centre	25 Kermeen Street, West Sunshine, 3020	9249 4555	9311 6271	wsc@brimbank.vic.gov.au	www.brimbank.vic.gov.au
Westvale Community Centre	45 Kings Rd, St Albans, 3021	9249 4665	9367 4560	westvale@brimbank.vic.gov.au	www.brimbank.vic.gov.au

Network West—The Houses and Centres

HOBSONS BAY

Name	Address	Phone	Fax	Email	Website
Altona Meadows Community Centre	28 Trafalgar Ave, Altona Meadows, 3028	9315 8244	9315 8266	amcc@pacific.net.au	www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au
Laverton Community Centre	Merton Street Altona Meadows, 3028	9369 4866	9369 5611	enquiries@lavertoncommunitycentre.com	www.lavertoncommunitycentre.com
Louis Joel Arts & Community Centre	5 Sargood St, Altona, 3018	9398 2511	9398 2522	louisjl@bigpond.net.au	www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au
Outlets Co-Operative Neighbourhood House	43 Mason St, Newport, 3015	9391 8504		outlets@outletscoop.com.au	Www.outletscoop.com.au
Seabrook Community Centre	15 Truganina Ave, Seabrook, 3028	9395 3010	9395 3010	seabrook@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au	www.seabrookcc.com.au
South Kingsville Community Centre	43 Paxton St, South Kingsville, 3015	9399 3000	9399 2282	jimwood@southkingsvillecc.com.au	www.southkingsvillecc.com.au
Spotswood Community House	598 Melbourne Rd, Spotswood, 3015	9391 2613	9391 1898	admin@spotswood.com.au	www.williamstown-spotswoodcc.org.au
Walker Close Community Centre	180 Millers Road, Altona North, 3025	9318 0521	9318 0607	admin@walkerbrooklyn.com.au	www.walkerbrooklyn.com.au
Williamstown Community and Education Centre	14 Thompson St, Williamstown, 3016	9397 6168	9397 6837	admin@wcec.com.au	www.williamstown-spotswoodcc.org.au

Network West—The Houses and Centres

MARIBYRNONG

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

MELBOURNE

Kensington Neighbourhood House	89 Mc Cracken St, Kensington, 3031	9376 6366	9376 8444	kwgp@vicnet.net.au	www.kensingtonneig hbourhoodhouse.co m
North Melbourne Language & Learning	Gnd Floor, 33 Alfred St, North Melbourne, 3051	9326 7447	9329 7446	enquiries@nmll.org.au	www.nmll.org.au
The Centre	58 Errol St, North Melbourne, 3051	9328 1126	9328 4812	theab@centre.org.au	www.centre.org.au
The Hub @ Docklands	80 Harbour Esplanade, Docklands, 3000	8622 4822		docklandshub@melb ourne.vic.gov.au	www.melbourne.vic. gov.au/docklands

Network West—The Houses and Centres

WYNDHAM					
Name	Address	Phone	Fax	Email	Website
Arndell Park Community Centre	29-49 Federation Blvd, Truganina Vic 3029	8734 8911	8360 3058	arndellparkccc@wyndham.vic.gov.au	www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/community/comcentres
Iramoo Community Centre	84 Honour Ave, Wyndham Vale, 3030	8742 3688	8742 3506	admin@iramooocc.com.au	www.iramoo.org
Featherbrook Community Centre	33-35 Windorah Dr Point Cook VIC 3030	8353 4000		featherbrookccc@wyndham.vic.gov.au	www.wyndham.vic.gov.au
Jamieson Way Community Centre	59 Jamieson Way, Point Cook, 3030	9395 3777	9395 7791	admin@jamiesonwaycc.org.au	www.jamiesonwayccc.org.au
Point Cook Community Learning Centre	1-21 Cheetham Street, Point Cook VIC 3030	9395 6399	9394 7224	pointcookclc@wyndham.vic.gov.au	www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/community/comcentres
Quantin Binnah Community Centre	61 Thames Boulevard, Werribee, 3030	9742 5040	9731 2699	qb@qbcc.org.au	www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/community/comcentres
Tarneit Community Centre	150 Sunset Views Boulevard, Tarneit, 3029	9748 9822	8742 1641	tarneitclc@wyndham.vic.gov.au	www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/community/comcentres
The Grange Community Centre	260-280 Hogans Rd, Hoppers Crossing, 3029	8742 8000	8742 8099	enquiries@grangecommunity.org.au	www.grangecommunity.org.au
Wyndham Park Community Centre	Cnr Kookaburra Ave & Nightingale Dve, Werribee, 3030	8742 3975	8742 3461	admin@wyndhamparkccc.com.au	www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/community/comcentres
Wyndham Vale Community Learning Centre	86 Manor Lakes Blvd, Wyndham Vale	8734 8934	9731 7108	wyndhamvaleclc@wyndham.vic.gov.au	www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/community/comcentres
Wyndham Community & Education Centre	3 Princess Hwy, Werribee, 3030	9742 4013	9742 8400	enquiries@werribeec.net	www.werribeec.net
Yerambooe Community Centre	55 Maple Cres, Hoppers Crossing, 3029	9748 9310	9748 5842	info@yerambooe.org.au	www.yerambooe.org.au

Network West—The Houses and Centres

MELTON

Name	Address	Phone	Fax	Email	Website
Djerriwarrh Community House	239 Station Rd, Melton, 3337	8746 1000	8746 1050	nicolec@djerriwarrh.org	www.djerriwarrh.org.au/communityhousenew
Hillside Community House	Royal Cres, Hillside, 3037	9449 8027	9449 7577	hillsidecommunitycentre@melton.vic.gov.au	www.melton.vic.gov.au/Page/page.asp?Page_Id=288&h=0
Melton South Community Centre	26 Exford Rd, Melton South, 3338	9747 8576	9747 0677	msccentr@bigpond.net.au	www.meltonsouth.org.au
Stevenson House	8-10 Stevenson Cres, Caroline Springs, 3023	9363 5127	9449 7577	stevensonhouse@melton.vic.gov.au	www.melton.vic.gov.au
Taylors Hill Neighbourhood House	20-60 Omarama Way, Taylors Hill, 3037	9747 5424	9743 9970	Melissa@melton.vic.gov.au	www.melton.vic.gov.au

MOONEE VALLEY

Bowes Avenue Community Centre	27-31 Bowes Ave, Airport West, 3042	8325 1890		bowesavcc@mvcc.vic.gov.au.	mvcc.vic.gov.au/experience-moonee-valley/community-centres-and-halls/bowes-ave-community-centre
Chinese Social Centre	33 Alfred Street, North Melbourne, 3051	9329 5608	9329 5601	cvnc@vicnet.net.au	
Flemington Community Centre	25 Mount Alexander Rd, Flemington, 3031	83251800		pjordan@mvcc.vic.gov.au	www.mvcc.vic.gov.au
Farnham St Neighbourhood Learning Centre	28 Farnham St, Flemington, 3031	9376 9088	9376 7739	info@fsnlc.org	www.fsnlc.org
Wingate Avenue Community Centre	13a Wingate Ave, Ascot Vale, 3032	9376 5244	9376 2676	wingateave@wingateave.com.au	www.wingateave.com.au

Opportunities to Network...

- Ways to interact with your Network:
- Nominate for the Network West committee
- Invite the networker to your AGM as a guest or a speaker
- Attend LGA cluster meetings
- Send in photos, stories and case studies of interesting work you are doing
- Share with us those stories that make you know its worth while
- Be the Network West representative on ANHLC working groups or board
- Attend the Network West AGM
- List your partners. Send details in for compiling – then we can work out how far we reach
- CC the network when you are reporting – we love to know how you are travelling
- Send in your membership form
- Send your Annual report and brochures
- CC the Network on communications to funding bodies and/or request assistance on funding submissions
- Email to upload your brochure to the website
- Send through articles for publication on the web or in the newsletter
- Invite the networker to speak to one of your networks
- Participate in Strategic Planning process
- Participate in campaign surveys, consultation and forums
- Don't hesitate to give us a call and tell us what you need
- More ideas? Let us know.....