

# NETWORK WEST STRATEGIC PLAN

2019 — 2021

## Our vision

Thriving, cohesive and empowered communities in the West

## Our purpose

Using a community development framework, Network West will support, strengthen and advocate for the Neighbour Houses in the Western region of Melbourne

### The Challenge:

To establish a resilient, sustainable network supporting neighbourhood houses to achieve their purpose through timely targeted advice, governance, support, advocacy and sector promotion.

If we	by	this will result in	and eventually lead to
Advocate for regional sector concerns to critical stakeholders	Using data to effectively inform public perception and government policy	A single, strong voice for Western region Neighbourhood Houses on social policy and service resourcing decisions	Network West being the preferred point of contact for regional sector and policy advice
Understand the needs of the NH sector	Listening, engaging and researching the houses in our region	Clear guidelines prioritising Network West's focus for supporting neighbourhood houses.	Effective targeting of support and resources directed toward Neighbourhood Houses in the Western region.
Build our sector's community development (CD) capacity	by supporting effective CD initiatives and aligning CD theory and practice	Stronger CD practice in the region and a shared understanding of CD as core business of neighbourhood houses.	Neighbourhood Houses delivering high quality CD initiatives that foster cohesive and empowered communities.
Promote and support effective governance practices within the network	Identifying, modelling and sharing effective governance practices to and with our members	Greater sector capability to build robust, viable organisations	Increased community confidence in the representativeness, quality and ethical standards of their local Neighbourhood House.

### And contribute to:

Recognition of Network West as a significant contributor to achieving social cohesion in the western Melbourne metropolitan region.