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This policy outlines the eligibility and benefits of Network West membership for different Neighbourhood Houses and Community Centres.

There are sixty¹ Neighbourhood Houses across seven Local Government Areas eligible for membership of Network West, 44 of which are funded by DHHS and 16 of which are not. As Network West is funded only for resourcing Neighbourhood House Coordination Program (NHCP) funded houses, the organisation offers three different levels of membership.

Eligibility and benefits of Membership

Network West offers three different types of memberships:

Full membership is available to Neighbourhood Houses that:

- Undertake Neighbourhood House activities
- Are funded by the Department of Human Services under NHCP for at least 15hrs per week
- Are located in the western region of metropolitan Melbourne
- Support the purpose of Network West Inc.

Affiliate Membership is available to Neighbourhood Houses that:

- Undertake Neighbourhood House activities
- Are *not* funded by the Department of Human Services under NHCP
- Are based in the western region of metropolitan Melbourne
- Support the purpose of Network West Inc.

LGA representative membership is available to the seven LGA's in the western region.

Membership services	LGA membership	Affiliate membership	Full membership
Newsletters	✓	✓	✓
Website access	✓	✓	✓
Social media access	✓	✓	✓
Individual support			✓
Innovation bus tour priority		✓	✓
Attend free Professional development		✓	✓
Individual support – Committee of Governance		✓	✓
Individual Support - Coordinator		✓	✓
Advocacy support	✓		✓
Network/cluster meeting support	✓		
Nominate for the Network West Committee		✓	✓
Vote at the Network West AGM		✓	✓

Membership Fees:

Network West applies a sliding scale to membership fees as below:

TOTAL INCOME	FULL MEMBERSHIP	AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP	LGA REPRESENTATIVES
less than \$100,000	110.00	55.00	
\$100,001 - \$200,000	165.00	82.50	
\$200,001 - \$500,000	220.00	110.00	
\$500,001 - 1 million	275.00	137.50	
1 million +	330.00	165.00	
LGA rep			550.00

Notes:

- Fees include GST
- NHs experiencing financial hardship can apply for an exemption of fees with CoG approval.
- Where a house is auspiced by another house, the fees will be combined and based on the combined gross income of both houses

Process for New Members

- New Members can complete the application form at the end of this document or apply on the Network West website at <https://networkwest.net/get-involved/membership/>
- Membership runs from 1 July to 30 June of the following year.
- The application and any relevant information is presented to the Network West Committee of Governance (CoG) for assessment at the next scheduled meeting.
- Applicants are notified within 5 working days after the CoG meeting on whether they meet the membership criteria.
- If the application is successful, an invoice will be sent for the membership amount. If the application is made after 1 July, membership fees will be calculated pro rata.

Altona Meadows Community Centre Inc., Angliss Neighbourhood House Inc., Braybrook and Maidstone Neighbourhood House Inc., Delahey Community Centre, Westvale Community Centre, Cairnlea Community Hub, West Sunshine Community Centre, Sydenham Community Centre, Hunt Club Community and Arts Centre, Comm Unity Plus Services, Djerriwarrh Employment & Education Services Inc., Duke Street Community House Association Inc., Chinese Social Centre of Nth Melbourne, Farnham Street Neighbourhood Learning Centre Inc., Good Shepherd Community House St Albans, Louis Joel Arts and Community Centre, Jamieson Way Community Centre Inc., Kensington Neighbourhood House Inc., Kirrip Aboriginal Corporation, Kororoit Creek Neighbourhood House Inc. Laverton Community Integrated Services Inc., Eynesbury Neighbourhood House, Stevenson House, Hillside Community House, Fraser Rise Neighbourhood House, Melton South Community Centre Inc., North Melbourne Language and Learning Inc., Outlets Co-operative Neighbourhood House Limited, Quantin Binnah Community Centre Inc., St Albans Community Youth Club Incorporated, The Centre: Connecting Community In North & West Melbourne Inc., The Grange Community Centre, The Iramoo Community Centre Inc., The South Kingsville Community Centre Inc., Walker Close & Brooklyn Hall Association Incorporated, West Footscray Neighbourhood House Association Inc., Spotswood Community House, Joan Kirner House, Wingate Avenue Community Centre Inc., Tarneit Community Learning, Wyndham Aboriginal Community Centre, Werribee Community Centre, Wyndham Park Community Centre Incorporated, Yarraville Community Centre Inc.

UNFUNDED NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSES AND COMMUNITY CENTRES (16 houses)

Seabrook Community Centre; Braybrook Community Centre; Maidstone Community Centre, Maribyrnong Community Centre, Taylors Hill Neighbourhood House, Bridge Rd Community Centre, Botanica Springs & Arnolds Creek, Kurunjang Community Hub, Springside Community Centre, Flemmington Community Centre, Arndell Park Community Centre, Featherbrook Community Centre, Manor Lakes Community Centre, Penrose Promenade Community Centre, Point Cook Community Learning Centre, Saltwater Community Centre.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS

Brimbank, Hobsons Bay, Maribyrnong, Melbourne, Melton, Moonee Valley, Wyndham