

Network West Update



Should we should reclaim the term 'liberation'? How can community development workers navigate the challenges and use the strengths and resources available to them?

Community of Practice 30th April

Have you got a great example of community development that you can't wait to share with your colleagues?

Are you keen to facilitate the next meeting?

Contact [Sandy Joffe](#) to discuss.

Next meeting:

Tuesday 25th June at 9:30am.

Wyndham Council, 45 Princes Hwy, Werribee VIC 3030

Make your vote in the Federal election count!

[Click here](#) to send an email to your local candidate before the election, asking them to address the housing crisis.

- Support for first home-buyers, by setting the tax system to make it fairer for ordinary Australians wanting to buy a home.
- Develop a National Housing strategy to meet Australia's identified shortfall of 500,000 social and affordable rental homes.
- A better deal for renters, by changing the tenancy laws to protect tenants against evictions, unfair rent rises, discrimination and landlords who refuse to maintain properties.
- Immediate relief for Australians in chronic rental stress, by increasing Commonwealth Rent Assistance.
- A plan to end homelessness, to halve homelessness in five years and end it in 10.

Job Opportunities

Melton has a number of employment opportunities currently advertised in their newly formed Community Activation and Learning Team.

Amongst the opportunities are positions for two fulltime community development officers for their Neighbourhood Houses at Stevenson House (Caroline Springs) and Fraser Riser Rise Neighbourhood House (newly funded), a part time (20 hours) community development officer for Banchory Community Centre (Hillside). They are also seeking a fulltime Team Leader position for one of the Community Activation and Learning Teams

For more details about these and other positions available please refer to the Melton Council Website

<https://meltoncity.recruitment.com.au/Vacancies/>

For further information please contact Lyn Harding 9747 5470 or 0400 189 043 or Sally Edwards 9747 5262 or 0438 928 356

The Scanlon Foundation is seeking a Foundation Support Officer who will be responsible for tracking and communications with Foundation grant recipients.

[Click here](#) for the full ad and position description.

Funding Opportunities

A new funding round for Men's Sheds has just opened. See the media

release [here](#)

Member-only grant opportunity is here!

Submissions are now open for Active Neighbourhoods for Older Australians Grants

The Active Neighbourhoods for Older Australians (ANOA) project enables Centres around Australia to apply for funding to start or enhance the physical activity programs they offer to members of their community who are 65 years and over.

This is a wonderful opportunity that is only open to members of ANHCA members (in WA, this means Linkwest members!)

Submissions close **midnight 12 May 2019 (AEST)**

For more information, and to apply, [click here](#)



**Active Neighbourhoods
for Older Australians**

Social Investment Grants

The 2019 round focuses on building the capacity of not-for-profit organisations.

Eligibility:

Amount available: \$25,000 - \$50,000

Submissions close 31 May 5:00 pm

:Phone: 1300 304 541

Email: foundation@bendigobank.com.au

Grants for Gambling Research Program

For this funding round, researchers are invited to submit proposals under the theme “Understanding and Addressing Gambling Harm”. Applications will be accepted for both investigative grants (up to \$200,000 over three years) and early career researcher grants (up to \$50,000 over 18 months).

Closing Date: 17th May

Contact: Kate Scalzo

- **Phone:** (03) 9452 2622
- **Email:** Kate.Scalzo@responsiblegambling.vic.gov.au

Thrive Grants - The Lord Mayors Fund

Available to organisations in Greater Melbourne, this grant offers up to \$40,000 for projects that

address one of the following key areas:

- * Education & Employment
- * Supporting young and older people to access work Environment & Sustainability
- * Protecting aquatic eco-systems Healthy & Resilient Communities
- * Homelessness & Affordable Housing

[Click here](#) for more information

Go to our [grants website](#) to see additional grant opportunities.

Sector News & Updates

It is always worth showcasing your good work by nominating your organisation for an award. If your organisation has been involved in an initiative to build community in the face of disaster, here is an opportunity. [Click here to nominate your initiative](#)

ACOSS Policy Tracker

With the federal election pending, ACOSS have developed the 2019 Policy Tracker. This covers a range of policy 'themes' which are key advocacy points for ACOSS and include income support and employment. To access the ACOSS policy tracker, [click here](#)

Inaugural Multicultural Matters Conversation series

A panel discussion to celebrate multicultural diversity at Melbourne Town Hall
16th May [click here](#) for more information

Better Ageing Activity programs for CALD seniors

Australian Multicultural Community Services Inc. (AMCS) is very proud to be the recipient of 1.8M in federal funding provided through the Sport Australia Move It AUS – Better Ageing grant program. For more information on this program, and to find out how your centre could participate in this initiative [click here](#).

Neighbourhood House Week 10-17 May - 'Bringing People Together'

Resources for NH Week are available [here](#)

NHVIC Principles of Community Development - FREE online training

This is a great opportunity for NHVIC Members to undertake training on the principles that underpin community development practice. This micro-credential course allows you to go at your own pace. [Apply here](#)

NHVIC Resource Library now available on line

Resources for the NH sector are available online. The first category available is on governance. More resources to follow. [To access click here](#)

Melbourne's West in top 20 youth unemployment hotspots

The new Brotherhood of St Laurence report 'Smashing the Avocado Debate' places Melbourne's West in top 20 youth unemployment hotspots in Australia. [More info](#)

Are you a community services organisation interested in establishing or expanding your presence in Wyndham?

Caz Van Dort can assist with brokering accommodation opportunities locally, or possible co-location opportunities. Wyndham is one of Australia's fastest growing municipalities and Council is keen to expand offerings in the community services space to ensure a wide range of diverse agencies and services are available to meet the needs of an ever growing community.

More info: Caz Van Dort | t: 8734 4539 ext 1039 | caz.vandort@wyndham.vic.gov.au

NGOs - insurance against child abuse

Recently the Victorian Government communicated that from 1 July 2019, non-government organisations who deliver services to children and receive Victorian Government funding will be required to be: incorporated separate legal entities that can be sued in their own right in child abuse proceedings, and appropriately insured against child abuse.

If your organisation holds insurance with VMIA under the Community Service Organisation Program, you have insurance in place for child abuse claims.

For more info: VMIA | contact@vmia.vic.gov.au | 9270 6900.

Need help with community development projects?

Student Placements available from Victoria University Polytechnic

More info: Glenys Adams, Field Education Coordinator

P: 9919.1173 | M: 0401 675 337 | glenys.adams@vu.edu.au

Industrial Relations Update

NHACE Pay Tables - Jobs Australia

Neighbourhood Houses and Adult Community Education Centres Agreement 2016

[1 December 2018 Pay Table](#)

For info on other Awards and Agreements: [NHVic website](#)

For more info on Industrial Relations support [Click Here](#)

Long Service Leave Changes - Apply 1 November 2018

Victoria's Long Service Leave Act 2018 applies from 1 November 2018. The new portable system will mean new rights and responsibilities for employers and employees. See [here](#) for additional resources on the new act.

[More info on the NHVic website](#)

Training & Events

Innovation: Initiatives to Alleviate Loneliness Symposium

DATE: Monday 13th May 2019

TIME 1.00pm – 4.30pm

COST: \$80

For more information [click here](#)

Gender Equity in Action: applying a gender lens to your work

Date: Thursday 23rd May 2019

Time: 10:00AM-4:00PM

Cost: \$225 pp General (Incl. GST) | \$155 pp Concession (Incl. GST)

[Click here](#) for more information

Upcoming NHVic training

Awards and Agreements: 14th May [register here](#)

Finances and Orientation to the Sector: 28th May [register here](#)

Facebook for Neighbourhood Houses: 30th May [register here](#)

Do you want VMIA training?

If you would like us to organise this training, or if you have ideas for other training you would like, please let me know. info@networkwest.net

Free training opportunities for tutors

My Education offers free training for Neighbourhood Houses running homework clubs, including

Culturally responsive tutoring

Volunteer recruitment and retention

Tutor strategies to support EAL Mathematics

[Click here](#) to find out more

Adult Learning Australia- Sector Events Calendar

A comprehensive calendar of sector events [Click Here](#)

Four week Facebook Masterclass Webinars

Date: 23 May - 13 June

Cost: \$175

Delivered by: Connecting Up

More information: [Click here](#)

Marketing for Community Groups

Date: 13 June 2019

Cost: Cost \$104 with VCOSS member discount (usually \$130)

[Click here](#) for more information.

Power to the People Conference: Building Citizen Driven Communities, 15-16 August, 2019

The theme of the Power to the People Conference this year is 'social capital'. The dates are **15-16 August, 2019** and the location is Canberra.

[Explore more](#)

Melton Groups Training - FREE

(for residents, volunteers and community organisations in Melton)

14 May: **Mentoring and Networking**

15 May: **Grants Information Sessions**

22 May: **Community Events Planning**

More info: [Click Here](#)

Wyndham Community Group Training - FREE

(for residents, volunteers and community organisations in Wyndham)

20 May: **Applying for Community Grants**

30 May: **Starting a Community Organisation**

More info: [Click Here](#)

Brimbank Community Governance Training - FREE

(for community groups and small community organisations active in Brimbank)

7 May: **Governing a community organisation**

17 and 27 May: **Grant writing**

22 May: **Recruiting, retaining and supporting volunteers**

More info: [Click Here](#)

Not for Profit Law - Webinar Series

All webinars take place 12.45pm-2pm

7 May: **Screening Checks for NFPs – the What, When, How and Why! Webinar**

For more information, [Click Here](#)

Communities in Control Conference. Get Angry. Then Get Organised

Date: May 20 & May 21

Venue: Moonee Valley Racecourse, McPherson Street, Moonee Ponds [Click here](#)

[Everybody Matters](#): Inclusion and Equity Statement is a valuable read about family violence and diversity using the theoretical framework of intersectionality.

Resources / Reports

The Ian Potter Foundation has compiled a document outlining the key learnings from their many years of grant provision. Useful tips and ideas for when you write your next grant in:

[Grantee learnings](#), and

[Budgeting for Evaluation](#).

Reading Writing Hotline

This is a free, anonymous referral service for adults who would like to improve their literacy or numeracy skills. Contact the hotline on 1 300 6555 06

Communicating social progress

Theory of change, logic model's and explaining the link between your work and it's impacts. [See this useful article by Mike Davis](#).

Australia Post has developed a collection of open source resources and events to support individuals, groups and organisations gain skills and build capability in the area of human-centred design. There are some excellent tools for community engagement and co-design, so do check it out [here](#).

NDIS demand map by postcode

For those houses and centres that are interested in finding out estimates of participant, workforce and spend numbers by postcode, please see the NDIS Demand Map [click here](#)

Learning Across the Lifespan:

Lifelong Learning in Neighbourhood Houses in Australia

Deakin University: November 2018

By Tracey Ollis, Karen Starr, Cheryl Ryan, Ursula Harrison - Deakin University

This empirical research of learners' experiences in Neighbourhood Houses reveals the complex and varying reasons for participating in ACE that are beyond the realms of formal adult education and include reasons such as decreasing social isolation, fostering friendships and new networks, increased wellbeing, raising income capacity and further learning to improve employment prospects. [Click Here to download paper](#)

Data on IMA BVE Holders - December 2018

Compiled by Greater Dandenong, this data breaks down the numbers of asylum seekers on BVE visas within LGAs, by age, gender, birthplace and suburb. [To download excel file click here](#)

Self Advocacy Resource Unit (SARU) - New website and resources for self advocacy

A new website for self advocacy groups, the government and the wider community to connect, work together and share information and knowledge. [More info](#)

Deductible gift recipients (DGR) - What you need to know (Webinar recording)

This free webinar from ATO gives an overview of DGR - what it is, eligibility and endorsements. [More here](#)

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