

NETWORK WEST

STRATEGIC PLAN 2022-2025



VISION

Thriving, cohesive and empowered Neighbourhood Houses in the West

WE

- Connect
- Build Capacity
- Support
- Lead
- Advocate

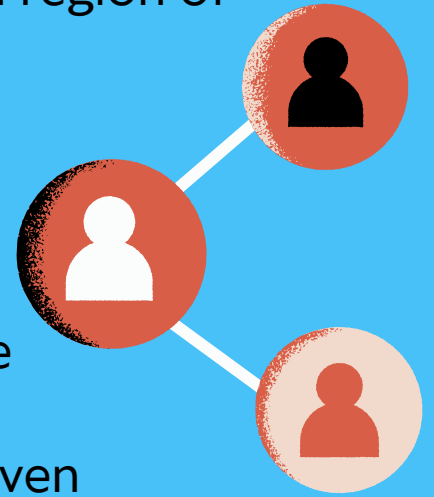
MISSION

Using a Community Development framework, Network West supports, strengthens and advocates for Neighbourhood Houses in the western region of Melbourne.

OUR VALUES

WE ARE:

- Accountable
- Member led
- Evidence driven
- Driven by Social justice
- Innovative and responsive
- Collaborative



STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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 and Community Centres which are members of the Association
- To provide and 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 Committee of Governance
- 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.



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STRATEGY 1.

BUILD CAPACITY

- Strengthen understanding and practice of strengths-based community development.
- Provide regular Professional Development opportunities and Community of Practice.
- Invest in the monitoring and evaluation of all activities and ensure multiple mechanisms for feedback.

STRATEGY 2.

ADVOCATE AND RAISE PROFILE

- Respond to issues as they arise.
- Demonstrate and celebrate the diversity of our sector through the capturing of case studies, member impact and stories.
- Advocate for funding by demonstrating the value of our member's work.
- Increase visibility of Network West.

STRATEGY 3.

PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL HOUSES

- Work with individual members as required.
- Provide advice and support around developing policies and procedures.
- Support staff recruitment and retention.
- Respond to new legislative, funding or other compliance requirements.

STRATEGY 4.

FACILITATE A COLLECTIVE APPROACH

- Source funding for complementary projects that align with NW's purpose and vision, and that include our network.
- Link NHs with wider issues in the community around social justice
- Bring members together for opportunities to share their experiences, form support networks and identify new initiatives.
- Support Neighbourhood House Victoria in statewide advocacy.
- Facilitate cluster meetings or other peer support meetings.
- Promote good Governance.

