



# 2018/2019 Annual Report

North East Neighbourhood House Network



#### **Our Vision**

The North East Neighbourhood House Network (NENHN) is a strong network of vibrant neighbourhood houses that share resources and work collaboratively on common priorities.

#### **Our Aims**

- To provide professional development for coordinators and committees
- To facilitate support and information sharing
- To promote and advocate on behalf of houses, in general and individually
- To develop projects addressing common issues

### **Our Principles**

NENHN operates within a social justice framework underpinned by 10 Community Development principles which are:

- Community Ownership
- Community Participation
- Empowerment
- Access and Equity
- Life Long Learning
- Inclusion
- Networking
- Advocacy
- Self help
- Social Action

### The Network's Principles and Values Are:

# Work in partnership openly sharing ideas and resources

- Communicate with all other network workers
- · Facilitate opportunities to learn from each other
- Provide opportunities to build the capacity of individual houses
- Facilitate sharing of ideas and lessons

### Provide advocacy on behalf of all members to our peak body and other organisations

- · Advocate for all houses
- Inform and support NHVic's advocacy role
- Promote the NH sector

# Support and promote social justice, ethical and environmental sustainability principles in all our activities

- · Work towards environmental sustainability
- Support and promote social justice principles in all our activities
- Respect confidentiality
- Work ethically
- Encourage healthy debate

#### Work to achieve valuable outcomes

- Use strength based approaches
- Work with each other to achieve things



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### **Committee of Governance**

Chairperson: Jeff Percy Olympic Adult Education

Treasurer: Lynne Harris Mill Park Community House

Secretary: Gina Wittingslow Jika Jika Community Centre

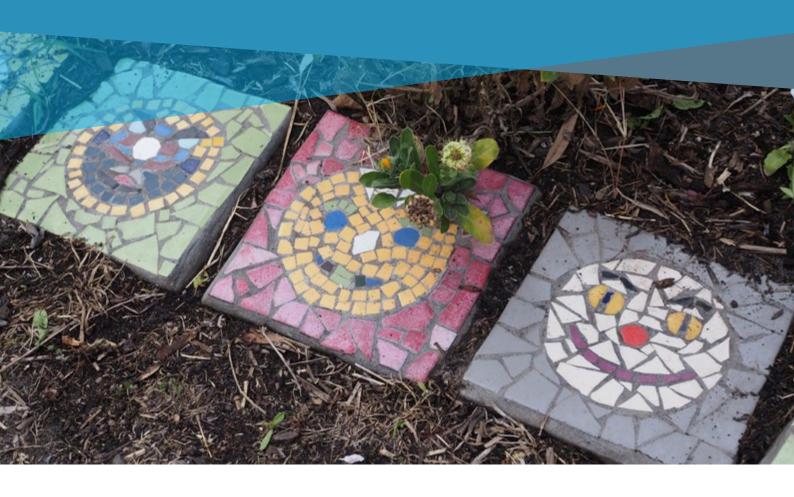
Ordinary Members: Sue Kent Belgium Avenue Neighbourhood House

Lucie Holden Watsonia Neighbourhood House

Cobie Vermeulen Living & Learning Nillumbik

Maggie Clarke resigned as Chairperson in January 2019





### **NENHN Chairperson's Report**

It is with great pleasure that I offer the 2018 -2019 Report. Maggie Clarke was the Chairperson for the network for the first half of the year but unfortunately for us she left at the beginning of 2019. Maggie has contributed enormously to the Neighbourhood House sector for over 20 years. This experience, knowledge, advice and generosity is very difficult to lose from our Network and across the sector as whole. We wish her well in her new position in the Wyndham City Council.

2018 brought all of the Neighbourhood Houses together in our successful election campaign: WE DELIVER! WILL YOU? This included the distribution of 2,000 posters and 80,000 postcards across the sector for signing and delivering to local MPs, as well as a social media campaign. 'We Deliver! Will You?' was a massive success in terms of mobilising the sector, and resulted in the State Government pledging \$21.8 million across four years – the biggest investment in coordination hours by any Victorian Government. Since announcing the pledge, the State Government has funded 189 houses to deliver at least 25 coordination hours per week, including the establishment of 16 brand new houses and funding for 11 previously unfunded houses.

Julie Johnston, Gina Wittingslow, Colleen Duggan and Kim Le Cerf from our network on the Neighbourhood Houses Victoria Board certainly moved the sector forward and ensured that our voices were heard. What was heard loudly was a need for our sector to be recognised which led to the 2019 Adult Community Education

(ACE) Summit. A series of recommendations, developed in partnership with ACEVic, Adult Learning Australia and Community Colleges Australia, and informed by a consultation process across the Learn Local sector (with responses from 143 providers, representing an impressive response rate of 79 percent) was presented to the Minister.

The second NENHN Awards Night was held at St Georges Restaurant at Melbourne Polytechnic's Preston Campus. What a fantastic night to showcase all the wonderful activities undertaken by the Houses in our network. Well done to all who nominated and those who won awards.

I would like to thank Julie Johnston for her tireless work as Manager of the NENHN. Julie not only supports the Houses in our Network but is also active across the sector and in the combined networks group.

I would also like to thank the current Committee of Governance for their support and guidance. Thanks Maggie Clarke - Chair, Lynne Harris - Treasurer, Gina Wittingslow – Secretary, Sue Kent, Lucie Holden. We welcome Cobie Vermeulen, Manager, Living & Learning Nillumbik to the Network and to the NENHN Board.

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Jeff Percy — Chairperson

### Manager's Report

In the last 12 months we have continued to work on the objectives of the strategic plan. We celebrated funding campaign successes at a statewide level and locally with the funding increase for each of the Whittlesea Neighbourhood Houses as well as new funding from City of Whittlesea for Mernda Community House and Greenbrook Community House. We welcomed Mernda Community House (auspiced by Whittlesea Community Connections) as a new member to our network. It is great to see this little building that was once a maternal child health service come to life again. Well done Paras and team!

Adult Community Education continues to be challenging and this year another member wound up their Registered Training Organisation business, leaving only six RTOs in our network down from ten only four years ago.

Our Darebin Neighbourhood Houses have broadened their reach by further building on the Friends of Baucau Partnership that started in 2001. Managers from five of the Darebin houses travelled to Timor-Leste to share knowledge and resources with grass roots community organisations. It was a valuable learning exchange for all involved. The Darebin Network's commitment to the women of Baucau continues on with two events funded that has bought the women of Baucau together again to plan and coordinate for the future. Laptops, computers toys and other items are now being collected to send to the women's organisations, schools and villages.

The Adult Community and Further Education project: Stronger Together was a focus for our Network this year. Living & Learning Nillumbik and Lalor Living and Learning were the lead agencies for this project. The purpose of the project was to develop a collaborative framework for Neighbourhood Houses and Learn Local Organisations to work more closely with family violence services. Through training and information sessions from Women's Health in the North and Women's Information and Referral Exchange, we developed a greater understanding the drivers of gender based violence, the impacts on women and families and how to respond. We explored the role of neighbourhood houses in prevention, response and recovery. Banyule and Nillumbik members participated in the Clothesline Project in the Week Without Violence and in the 16 Days of Activism. Through the project we developed relationships with specialist family violence agencies and developed referral resources. The project

has highlighted the urgent need to put in place better support for our staff and volunteers. While some members have access to counselling and Employee Assistance Programs, most do not. This will be a focus of the coming year. A Neighbourhood House Family Violence community of practice has started to enable members to continue to share resources, training and help each other developing gender equity strategies.

The Yarra Neighbourhood Houses did a great job of raising the profile of Neighbourhood Houses in the community at their annual "From the Heart" combined event. It showcased Neighbourhood House activities with a particular focus on sustainability, arts and culture and well-being.

It was satisfying to be part of the many changes that are happening at a statewide level through our peak body, Neighbourhood Houses Victoria. Many members participated in consultations to develop the NHVic strategic plan and it is pleasing to see progress of the objectives of this plan. NHVic is playing an important role in advocating for members on a variety of issues at state and federal levels. Members are also making the most of the Professional Development program and opportunity to do community development micro-credentials.

Sally O'Meara started work with NENHN as the Lead Digital Metor for the Be Connected Capacity Building project to improve digital literacy levels of older Australians. Sally is doing a great job of connecting with all the members across our Network.

In 2019 we said goodbye to quite a few managers and coordinators: Susan Stafford, Sam Agelis, Sunshine Cross, Anna Lee, Kevin Vivian, Liz Buijs and Maggie Clarke. We welcomed Benne Harrison, Paras Christou, Cobie Vermeulen and Natalie Bucknell.

Thank you to Lucie and the team at Watsonia Neighbourhood House for providing space for NENHN and support for events. And a big thank you to the committee for your support and encouragement through the year.

Julie Johnston - Manager





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### **Annual Financial Statement**

### Treasurer's Report

- The North East Neighbourhood House Network Inc completed the 2018-2019 in a positive position.
- Our expenses continue to be reduced due to a co-location with Watsonia Neighbourhood House.
- Provision for future expenses are strong and continue to grow.
- · Annual budgets were prepared for the period. All areas remain under or at budget projection.
- All Statutory employee provisions continue to be accrued and allocated.
- Membership fees collected by the Network are used to provide quality training and workshops through the year.

My thanks go to Julie for her ongoing commitment to the Network and to Peter for the provision of quality financial statements.

We believe that this is an accurate financial summary of the transactions undertaken in the 2018-2019 period by the North East Neighbourhood House Network Inc

Lynne Harris — Treasurer

### **Balance Sheet**

AS AT 30 JUNE 2019

	2019	2018
	<b>\$</b>	\$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Bendigo Bank — Operating	80,378	52,299
Bendigo Bank — Term Deposit	53,938	52,469
Petty Cash	0	0
Accounts Receivable	33,337	195
Prepaid Expenses	890	988
	168,543	105,951
NON CURRENT ASSETS		
Motor Vehicle at cost	5,918	5,918
Less Provision for Depreciation	-5,918	-5,918
Propery Plant & Equipment at cost	7,882	7,882
Less Provision for Depreciation	-4,898	-3,679
	2,984	4,203
TOTAL ASSETS	171,527	110,154
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade & Other Creditors	14,621	5,941
Provision for Annual Leave & Time in Lieu	9,838	11,506
Provision for Long Service Leave	8,626	5,797
Provision for Equipment & Services	22,500	22,500
Provision for Future Fund	10,000	10,000
Provision for Policy Development	5,000	5,000
Grants Received in Advance	30,914	1,372
Accrued Expenses	1,901	1,213
TOTAL LIABILITIES	103,400	63,329
NET ASSETS	68,127	46,825
Represented by MEMBERS EQUITY		
Opening Balance 1 July	46,825	36,798
Add Net Income For the Year	21,302	10,027
TOTAL EQUITY	68,127	46,825

### **Income Statement**

FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
INCOME		
Grants	94,958	83,700
Membership	7,191	6,723
Consultancy	37,922	3,400
Sundry Income	2,655	3,421
Interest	2,718	878
TOTAL INCOME	145,444	98,122
Less		
EXPENDITURE		
Advertising	<b>505</b>	224
Bank Charges	227	258
Boardroom & Governance	792	733
Bookkeeping	3,330	2,710
Consulting Fees	3,115	617
Depreciation	1,219	1,687
Insurance	<b>555</b>	435
IT support	603	750
Motor Vehicle Expenses	1,859	1,118
Program Costs	7,438	4,407
Postage	0	10
Printing & Stationery	47	29
Rent	1,058	1,026
Repairs & Maintenance	<b>50</b>	32
Salaries	89,408	64,623
Staff Training	9	694
Subscriptions & Registrations	1,673	1,014
Sundry Expenses	1,111	196
Superannuation	8,174	5,374
Telephone & Internet	1,418	1,144
Travel	575	397
Volunteer Training & Expenses	100	79
Workcover	875	538
TOTAL EXPENSES	124,142	88,095
NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR	21,302	10,027

### **Cash Flow Statement**

FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
INCOME		
Grants Received	141,205	91,507
Other Income	15,909	14,887
Interest Income	1,816	878
	158,930	107,272
EXPENDITURE		
Payments To Suppliers & Employees	129,382	88,944
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	129,382	88,944
NET CASH INFLOWS FROM OPERATIONS	20 549	10 220
less	29,548	18,328
NET CASH INFLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchases Of Fixed Assets	0	0
NET CASH INFLOWS	29,548	18,328
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RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING SURPLUS WITH CASH FLOW FROM OPERATIONS		
Operating Surplus/-Deficit For Year	21,302	10,027
Add Back Depreciation	1,219	1,687
	22,521	11,714
MOVEMENT IN ASSETS & LIABILITIES		
Decrease/Increase In Receivables	-33,044	-3,988
Decrease/Increase In Creditors & Provisions	40,071	2,677
NET CASH INFLOWS FROM OPERATIONS	29,548	10,403
NET OACH IN EGWOTHOM OF ENATIONS	20,040	10,400
CASH AT BANK AT START OF YEAR	104,768	86,440
ADD NET CASH INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS)	29,548	18,328
CASH AT BANK	134,316	104,768
MADE UP AS FOLLOWS		
Bendigo Bank - Operating	80,378	52,299
Bendigo Bank - Term Deposit	53,938	52,469
Petty Cash	0	0
CACH AT DANK	404.040	104 700
CASH AT BANK	134,316	104,768

### **Notes To The Financial Statements**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2019

## Note: 1 Statement of significant Accounting Policies

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial report preparation requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*. The committee have determined that the Association is not a reporting entity.

#### Basis of Preparation

The report has been prepared in accordance with the following applicable Accounting Standards and Urgent Issues Group Interpretations:

AASB 101: Presentation of Financial

Statements

AASB 107: Cash Flow Statements

AASB 108: Accounting Policies, Changes

in Accounting Estimates and

Errors

AASB 110: Events after the Balance

Sheet Date

AASB 1031: Materiality

AASB 1048: Interpretation and Application

Standards

No other Australian Accounting Standards, International Accounting Standards Urgent Issues Group Interpretations or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Board have been applied.

#### Reporting Basis and Conventions

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the Association in the presentation of the financial reports. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

#### **Accounting Policies**

(a) Plant and Equipment
Plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis.

The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by directors to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from these assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows that will be received from the asset's employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have been discounted to their present values in determining recoverable amounts.

Increases in the carrying amount arising on revaluations are credited to the revaluation reserve in equity. Decreases that offset previous increases of the same asset are charged against fair value reserves directly in equity; all other decreases are charged to the income statement. Each year the difference between depreciation based on the assets original cost is transferred from the revaluation reserve to retained earnings.

#### (b) Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets, is depreciated on a diminishing value basis over their useful lives to the Association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each balance sheet date.

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated carrying amount.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains or losses are included in the income statement. When revalued assets are sold, amounts included in the revaluation reserve relating to that asset are transferred to retained earnings.

(c) Cash and Cash Equivalents
Cash and Cash Equivalents includes cash
on hand, deposits held at call with banks or
financial institutions, other short term highly liquid
investments with original maturities of three months
or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are
shown within short term borrowings in current
liabilities on the balance sheet.

#### (d) Comparative Figures

Comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year where required by accounting standards or as a result of changes in accounting policy, or changes to the accounting period.

(e) Change in accounting policies

There have been no changes in accounting policies
for the financial period.

### **Statement By Committee**



In the opinion of the Members of the Committee of the Association,

- 1. The accompanying revenue statement is drawn up so as to give a true and fair financial view of the Association's income for the financial year ended 30 June 2019.
- 2. The accompanying balance sheet gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs for the Association for the financial year ended 30 June 2019.
- 3. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association can meet its debts when and as they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with the resolution of the Committee and is signed on and behalf of the Committee by:

Jeff Percy — Chairperson

Lynne Harris — Treasurer

Dated this 16 October 2019





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