

2017-18





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 co-ordinators 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

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

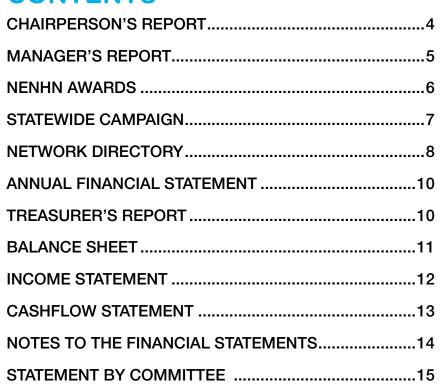
Provide advocacy on behalf of all members to our peak body and other organisations

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

Work to achieve valuable outcomes

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

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COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

Chairperson: Maggie Clarke Living and Learning Nillumbik Eltham

Deputy 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



CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

It has felt that this past year has been one of the most significant in recent history for Neighbourhood Houses in Victoria. Locally in our Network we have seen some successful campaigning by some local networks to increase annual funding to houses from their Councils.

Congratulations to the houses in both Banyule and Darebin who have been successful so far, as we know this is work over and above the already busy day to day operational demands of managing a Neighbourhood House.

The State wide campaign — We deliver! Will you? resulted in \$21.8 million additional funding to our sector from the State Government which was certainly a much needed investment in our communities. Locally this has resulted in 8 houses being increased to 25 hours per week and our Network hours now at 29.75 per week. I would like to acknowledge the wonderful leadership of NHVic and the great work of Tania Phillips who was engaged to manage the campaign. All great outcomes for our respective communities.

However as with any such campaign it has asked us to reflect on our role in our communities and consider our relevance both now and into the future and we see some undeniable challenges ahead of us. We were asked by Ashlee Riordan, the keynote speaker at the NHVic Conference, to consider how we might remain relevant through periods of change and transformation. I think you will agree we are certainly in such a period of change and uncertainty at the moment.

With this in mind the Committee has undertaken considerable work on a new Strategic Plan with our members over this past year and has actively sought to provide input into the evaluation and planning of our peak body – Neighbourhood Houses Victoria. It is critical to our long term sustainability that we have a clear and agreed vision for our role into the future and that all members are supported to take up the challenges and wonderful opportunities that are presented to us each week.

I would like to acknowledge and thank Julie Johnston for another year of incredible achievements and innovative work across all the 34 houses in our network. I am continually inspired by Julie's approach to her work

and her dedication to this sector is remarkable. I also thank the other Committee members for their support, patience and often humour in my first year as Chairperson — it has been an honour to act in this role.



Maggie Clarke Chairperson

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MANAGER'S REPORT

As I reflect on the past year, I realise what an eventful one it has been. Members came together to work on our new strategic plan, there were campaigns at local and state level and it was the first year of the NENHN awards.



Our new strategic plan has five focus areas:

- Local Government Area (LGA) Networks
- Communities of Practice
- Profile Raising
- Strengthening Houses
- Statewide Initiatives

The LGA Networks have been productive this year. Banyule houses celebrated a healthy increase to their recurrent funding from council which almost doubled, bringing it to \$30 000 per year plus CPI. This was the result of a lot of coordinated campaigning and building relationships with councillors. Darebin houses also celebrated an increase of \$10 000 per house per year which will strengthen their community development work. Whittlesea neighbourhood houses are working towards a funding bid for the 2018-2019 budget.

This year we started exploring evaluation tools so that neighbourhood houses can measure their impact and also use this data to improve programs. A number of houses have come together in a Community of Practice to trial Results Based Accountability.

A range of strategies have been used to raise the profile of neighbourhood houses. Short films with one minute stories about individual neighbourhood houses were made for the LGA campaigns. NENHN has intentionally sought opportunities to represent neighbourhood houses on external working groups such as the Elder Abuse Prevention Network with Merrihealth.

NENHN continues to strengthen member neighbourhood houses through professional development and induction for new managers.

One of the themes that came out strongly in the strategic forum consultations was the need to have greater connection to the peak body – Neighbourhood Houses Victoria (NHVic). Three NENHN members nominated for and were elected to the NHVic board. NENHN members have been very positive about the changes at NHVic this year and the opportunities to have input into the NHVic Strategic Plan. Members have also appreciated the advocacy and lobbying that NHVic are now doing on behalf of neighbourhood houses.

This year we said goodbye to Jemal Ahmet at Fitzroy Learning Network and welcomed Rob Menzies. Sunshine Cross replaced Liz Walker at Greenbook Community House. Welcome Rob and Sunshine!

I would like to thank the Committee of Governance for their ongoing support.





Julie Johnston Manager

NENHN INAUGURAL AWARDS AND DINNER

This year we decided to change the format of the annual dinner from a guest speaker to an awards night. The idea behind this was to showcase the great work that is happening across our network and recognise the contribution and achievements of individuals.

Comedian, James Liotta, who was the master of ceremonies set the scene for a celebration and got the crowd laughing and in the mood for a fun night. There was much cheering as each winner was announced.

Volunteer of the Year

Jenny Joyce, Olympic Adult Education, Winner Joanne Taylor, Watsonia Neighbourhood House, Finalist

Andrea Charalambous, Lalor Living and Learning Centre, Finalist

Outstanding Learner/ Participant

Alycia Deske, SPAN Community House, Winner Carol White, the Bridge, Winner

Innovative Community Development Initiative

Stories of Food Project, Carlton Neighbourhood Learning Centre, Winner Digital Literacy for Older Disadvantages Victorians, PRACE, Finalist Sister Sessions, Greenhills Neighbourhood House, Finalist



@ Gwards

Alycia Deske

STATEWIDE CAMPAIGN

Members of our Network joined forces with neighbourhood houses across the state to campaign for additional funding. The theme of the campaign was "We deliver, Will you?"



Our hard work paid off with an announcement in May before the state budget that the sector would receive an additional \$21.8 million over the next four years. For our Network this means:

Increased funding for individual neighbourhood houses

8 neighbourhood houses have increased funding from 20 hours to 25 hours of Neighbourhood House Coordination Program (NHCP) funding per week:

PRACE

Richmond Community Learning Centre
Reservoir Neighbourhood House
Living and Learning Nillumbik – Eltham
Creeds Farm Living and Learning Centre
Livingstone Community Centre
Diamond Valley Learning Centre
Whittlesea Community House

Increased funding for NENHN

27.5 hours per week to 29.75 hours per week

> New NHCP funding (25 hours per week)

Mernda Community House Greenbrook Community House

Congratulations to everyone who got behind the campaign. The thousands of postcards that the Minister received made a difference!

The benefits of the campaign were greater than just more money. It was a great way to engage our communities to work together for a common cause. There were opportunities for everyone to participate from signing a postcard, turning up to an event, speaking to a politician, writing a submission, being in a photo or film to baking a campaign cake. By being involved in this campaign people learned about the political process: developing a campaign message, communicating the message through a variety of channels, meeting with politicians and tapping into the power of social media. The media coverage of the campaign raised awareness of the role of neighbourhood houses and the value of our work. The campaign win was also a huge morale boost for our sector.









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ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

TREASURER'S REPORT

- The North East Neighbourhood House Network Inc completed the 2017-2018 in a positive position.
- The relocation to Watsonia Neighbourhood House has reduced our expenses and provides an excellent support to the Manager.
- Accruals are reasonable and reflects the overall reduction in income over the past few years.
- 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.
- The Network continues to collect annual fees from the membership. The Network provides a wide range of services and advice from these funds.

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 2017-2018 period by the North East Neighbourhood House Network inc.

Lynne Harris Treasurer

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 JUNE 2018



	2018	2017
	\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Bendigo Bank — Operating	52,299	34,496
Bendigo Bank — Term Deposit	52,469	51,894
Petty Cash	0	50
Accounts Receivable	195	3,872
Prepaid Expenses	988	1,249
	105,951	91,561
NON CURRENT ASSETS		
Motor Vehicle at cost	5,918	5,918
Less Provision for Depreciation	-5,918	-5,689
Propery Plant & Equipment at cost	7,882	20,193
Less Provision for Depreciation	-3,679	-14,533
	4,203	5,889
TOTAL ASSETS	110,154	97,450
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade & Other Creditors	5,941	6,608
Provision for Annual Leave & Time in Lieu	11,506	5,754
Provision for Long Service Leave	5,797	3,881
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	1,372	4,534
Accrued Expenses	1,213	2,375
TOTAL LIABILITIES	63,329	60,652
NET ASSETS	46,825	36,798
Represented by MEMBERS EQUITY		
Opening Balance 1 July	36,798	30,469
Add Net Income For the Year	10,027	6,329
TOTAL EQUITY	46,825	36,798

INCOME STATEMENT

FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
INCOME		
Grants	83,700	79,397
Membership	6,723	6,309
Consultancy	3,400	3,600
Sundry Income	3,421	1,326
Interest	878	1,558
Project Provisions	0	4,500
TOTAL INCOME	98,122	96,690
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Less		
EXPENDITURE		_
Advertising	224	0
Bank Charges	258	296
Boardroom & Governance	733	689
Bookkeeping	2,710	2,400
Consulting Fees	617	5,250
Depreciation Insurance	1,687 435	4,818 420
IT support	750	744
Motor Vehicle Expenses	1,118	1,264
Program Costs	4,407	1,364
Postage	10	0
Printing & Stationery	29	152
Rent	1,026	5,943
Repairs & Maintenance	32	0
Salaries	64,623	54,373
Staff Training	694	1,068
Subscriptions & Registrations	1,014	1,730
Sundry Expenses	196	1,490
Superannuation	5,374	5,147
Telephone & Internet	1,144	2,140
Travel	397	556
Volunteer Training & Expenses	79	140
Workcover	538	377
TOTAL EXPENSES	88,095	90,361
NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR	10,027	6,329

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018



	2018	2017
	\$	\$
INCOME		
Grants Received	91,507	89,216
Other Income	14,887	11,632
Interest Income	878	1,620
	107,272	102,468
EXPENDITURE		
Payments To Suppliers & Employees	88,944	114,190
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	88,944	114,190
NET CASH INFLOWS FROM OPERATIONS	18,328	-11,722
less		
NET CASH INFLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchases Of Fixed Assets	0	6,083
NET CASH INFOWS	18,328	-17,805
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING SURPLUS WITH CASH FLOW FROM OPERATIONS		
Operating Surplus/-Deficit For Year	10,027	6,329
Add Back Depreciation	1,687	4,818
	11,714	11,147
MOVEMENT IN ASSETS & LIABILITIES		
Decrease/Increase In Receivables	-3,988	-4,531
Decrease/Increase In Creditors & Provisions	2,677	-18,338
NET CASH INFLOWS FROM OPERATIONS	10,403	-11,722
CASH AT BANK AT START OF YEAR	86,440	104,245
ADD NET CASH INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) CASH AT BANK	18,328 104,768	-17,805
CASH AT BANK	104,700	86,440
MADE UP AS FOLLOWS		
Bendigo Bank - Operating	52,299	34,496
Bendigo Bank - Term Deposit	52,469	51,894
Petty Cash	0	50
CASH AT BANK	104,768	86,440
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2018

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.

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 2018.
- 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 2018.
- 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:

Chairperson

Treasurer







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