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# Barwon Network of Neighbourhood Centres Inc.



Annual Report 2017

## VISION

A collective voice and a sense of unity

## MISSION

The Barwon Network of Neighbourhood Centres Inc. mission is to work within a community development framework to support the sustainability, development and growth of its members and the Neighbourhood House movement. The Network supports the diversity, and autonomy of its members, whilst advocating for them individually and collectively.

## PURPOSE

The Barwon Network of Neighbourhood Centres Inc will provide  
“a collective voice and a sense of unity” for its membership

## PRIORITIES

- Sharing resources, information and knowledge
- Linking members with each other and our community partners
- Community development
- Conversations - positive and productive
- Advocacy

## HISTORY

A meeting of the Barwon Community Education Network and Barwon Neighbourhood House Network, held in Camperdown on 3 August 1989, amalgamated into a new entity called The Network of Neighbourhood Houses and Community Educators.

From this meeting of 18 Houses, a Constitution was also developed and The Barwon Network became an Incorporated Body on 7th November, 1990. In 1995, the name was changed to the Barwon Network of Neighbourhood Centres Inc.

Just as the Neighbourhood House movement has since grown, so has the Network. We now have 26 Houses in the region. The Constitution was updated in 2013 and a number of needs analyses have been conducted to ensure the Network remains responsive to the needs and aspirations of its members. The purpose of the Network remains “to provide a collective voice and a sense of unity”.

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# President's Report

The Barwon Network continues to support members by balancing the need for a big picture focus on strategic issues with the need to respond locally on local and specific issues.

We welcomed a number of new members to the Executive at the last AGM. It is great to see people willing to contribute to the sector through their participation of the Network Exec. Constant renewal combined with wisdom and experience of those who have been around for a while enables a well informed and balanced perspective to come forward. Some people describe participation at the Network level as good professional development because it gives an opportunity to link with others from the sector in a more strategic way. It helps one to lift eyes up from the day to day demands at the Houses and see how the bigger picture fits together. This of course helps to inform the daily work in a new way and completes the circle. It's a pleasure to work with these passionate members of our Executive and our small staff; Networker Christine and casual staff, Sue and Candice.

The Executive collectively provides governance for the Network and oversight of the operational work. One of our governance responsibilities is the maintenance of a continuous focus on our policies and keeping our Governance Manual current. We find that regular review of policies ensures the task doesn't become too onerous to deal with and keeps our knowledge up to date.

A significant project this year was working in conjunction with the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a new and improved accountability and support framework for Houses. We participated in a pilot project in Barwon and this will have significant impact on the way DHHS works with Houses, not just in Barwon but across the state. The project was presented to the Combined DHHS and Networks meeting and at the NHVic annual conference in May.

The Barwon Network continues to provide support to members on new and or emerging issues such as Child Safety Standards and Jobs Australia IR forum; provides induction and support to committee members such as the Treasurers Forum and participates in recruitment and induction for new staff. It has been an exciting year with many new and enthusiastic people bringing a new energy into our sector, we welcome them all aboard!

This Annual Report highlights the importance of partnerships and working together. One of the key principles of community development is cooperation, collaboration, partnership – call it what you will – you will see many great examples of how communities thrive when we adopt this approach. Congratulations to all the Houses involved in Art and Music in the Neighbourhood, outstanding examples of such community development collaboration. At the Network level we have relationships with not only our members but other local and state-wide organisations – always with the aim of bringing benefit to our sector and the communities they serve. Sometimes the benefits are overt, such as funding grants, sometimes they are more about sharing information, knowledge and expertise. We all benefit from such relationships and are fortunate to operate in such a caring place where partnerships are valued.

The Networks are an important and integral part of our three tier Neighbourhood House Coordination Program and I am proud to be part of such an important and productive group.

Yours in friendship,



Beth Davidson, President BNNC Inc

# Adult Community Further Education (ACFE) Board

The Adult Community Further Education (ACFE) Board on behalf of the Department of Education and Training (DET) continues to support the delivery of quality Learn Local programs delivered through or in partnership with, the Neighbourhood House sector. The ACFE Board provides Learn Local funds to 12 of the 25 Barwon Network Neighbourhood Centre (BNNC) members who provide pre-vocational and vocational training to local communities. In 2016 the BNNC complete an 18month Partnering for Access Project funded by the ACFE Board through its Capacity and Innovation Fund. The project was generated through the existing alliance between the Barwon Neighbourhood Houses and focussed on current and potential options to enhance sustainability and capacity, increase vulnerable learner training and pathways, highlight flexible service delivery models and establish a communication plan. The project was implemented through an action research methodology and delivered through a community development framework. Departmental representatives participated in the project reference group and provided key information, references and contacts.

The project highlighted the role of Neighbourhood Houses in bringing people together to connect, learn and contribute in their local community through social, educational, recreational and support activities, using a community development approach. This inclusive model creates opportunities for individuals and groups to enrich their lives through connections they might not otherwise make. By involving the community and encouraging participation and inclusion, Neighbourhood Houses are in a strong position to deliver quality programs, activities and services. Sometimes the focus of this work is for lifelong learning and sometimes for vulnerable learners skills training and jobs.

The ACFE Board recognises the important role of the Neighbourhood Houses in supporting and building the capacity of communities, and assisting those most vulnerable by linking them to appropriate services and programs to address their needs. Neighbourhood Houses play a key role in understanding and responding to the needs of their community.

We look forward to a continued relationship with Neighbourhood Houses in Barwon in the future.

# Neighbourhood Houses - Barwon Networker's Report 2017

2016/2017 has been another busy and productive year for the Neighbourhood House sector state wide and the Barwon Region has seen the benefits.

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## Highlights

"From the Neighbourhoods" series – I encourage you to have a look at the full report on these exciting events further in the Annual Report. What a fantastic initiative to acknowledge the

creative work of individuals in local communities and also an example of Neighbourhood Houses working in collaboration. Congratulations to all the Neighbourhood Houses that are involved.

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## Diversity and Inclusion Series

In 2016 a small group of Neighbourhood Houses came together and developed a series of innovative professional development opportunities for NH staff, volunteers and committee members with a focus on one of our essential sector principles – supporting diversity and inclusion.

The sessions were outstanding and covered:

- Aboriginal Cultural Awareness

- LGBTIQ
- Cultural and Linguistically diverse communities
- Leadership for inclusion and diversity

Thank you to all that attended and the partnerships that were enhanced through the leadership, role modelling and discussion. Congratulations

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## Learning and Development – Committee of Management Governance

Throughout 2016/17 the Network has offered a range of Learning and Development sessions for Neighbourhood Houses.

Of particular significance was the CoM Governance training held in November 2016. Attendance from new and existing Committee members was high and the expectation to sit through a day of "training" was a challenge but the feedback from the Committee members was positive and most felt that it had assisted them to fully understand their role and undertake their voluntary position more effectively. The training was facilitated by Non Profit Training and supported by Barwon Network and NH Vic.

I continue to be amazed at the work that Neighbourhood Houses do to support their communities (8,484 people use or visit Neighbourhood Houses in Barwon each week) and the number of voluntary hours (408 people volunteer in Neighbourhood Houses each week) that the sector contributes to the health and wellbeing of the individuals in the communities they work alongside.

Throughout our Annual Report we have aimed to celebrate the work of Neighbourhood Houses in Barwon Region and highlight the ongoing relevance of the community development values that underpin our sector.

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## Our Statistics

The great work of Neighbourhood Houses in Barwon is highlighted through the statistics on display in the middle pages of our Annual Report.

Take the opportunity to look through our latest "Whats happening in Barwon Neighbourhood Houses" booklet available today and from the Networker to see the "value of our statistics".

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## Our Partners

The Network continued to receive tremendous support from our funding body the Department of Health & Human Services. In 2016/17 we saw the implementation of the Service Agreement Monitoring Pilot (SAM) – initiated by Barwon Network for roll out across the state. The SAM checklist is a tool that supports Neighbourhood Houses to ensure they are meeting the expectations as outlined in the Neighbourhood Houses Coordination Program guidelines and within their Service Agreement. The project is now continuing for all Neighbourhood Houses across the Region.

All our regional staff have consistently proven their dedication and commitment to the Neighbourhood House sector. They work alongside the Network and always provide unwavering support, encouragement and recognition to all Network members. The support we receive from the Department of Health & Human Services is appreciated and ensures the work of the Network sees benefits across the Region.

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## Neighbourhood Houses Victoria

As the peak body for our sector Neighbourhood Houses Victoria continue to provide us with opportunities, resources and support. We are fortunate to have three representatives from Barwon (Christine Brooks, Networker; Beth Davidson and Fiona Reidy) on the NH Vic Board in 2016/17 ensuring that the voice of rural/regional Victoria is heard.

At the NH Vic Conference, held in Creswick with record numbers, was represented by Neighbourhood House Co-ordinators, Committee of Management members, volunteers and representatives from Barwon Department of Health and Human Services and our local government partners. Please consider attending the NH Vic Conference in 2018 – it is open to volunteers, Committee of Management members, Coordinators and supporters – a great opportunity to network, learn from others and acknowledge the great work of our sector.

Working alongside Barwon Neighbourhood

Houses and the Committees of Management (149 people in Barwon participated in Neighbourhood House community governance) either individually or on specific projects enables me to experience examples of the great work that they do within their communities, their commitment, their vision and passion. Thankyou sincerely for giving me the opportunity to work alongside you, your dedication and great support.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank the members' of the Executive which includes Coordinators, Committee Members and volunteers from our member Houses. The passion and commitment shown by the Executive team has enhanced the work, ensured our position as role models for change within the sector and identified us as leaders within the Barwon community.

Christine Brooks

Networker

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## City of Greater Geelong

City of Greater Geelong highly values the importance of Neighbourhood Houses in delivering grass-roots community-led programs. Neighbourhood Houses are in the unique position of being located within a small geographical area where they have the capacity to engage with and have the trust of their local communities. There is no other social capital initiative which has the capacity to respond to the needs of the community with truly localised solutions.

To that end, Council acknowledges the essential role played by the Neighbourhood Houses. Without them, hundreds of volunteers would not be given the chance to gain experience and extend their skills and thousands would not be able to access lifelong learning opportunities. More importantly, hundreds of community solutions would not be implemented.

Council places a great deal of value on the solutions and outcomes generated through Neighbourhood House projects. We have a grant scheme with a total pool of \$169,000 granted annually to assist Neighbourhood Houses with delivering projects. Additionally, this year we delivered professional development training looking at the fundamental principles of community development in the context of Neighbourhood Houses. And we are researching and trialling the use of community hub facilities that incorporate a Neighbourhood House to check the viability of co-located services in a multi-purpose building.



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## Colac Otway Shire

The Colac Otway Shire Council continues to work closely with the Neighbourhood Houses in our community. Neighbourhood Houses provide essential venues, programs and services that are based on local identified needs and aspirations.

Over the past 12 months the five Neighbourhood Houses in the Colac Otway Shire have provided an opportunity for Council to engage with local communities in two key areas.

**Ageing and Dementia Friendly Communities** – This project has provided council with community feedback across a broad range of topics. This feedback has then been used to inform both the new Council and Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plans and to assist council in its Social Infrastructure Planning into the future.

**Community Resilience** – This project has involved council working closely with the Neighbourhood Houses to develop plans on their role in the community during natural disasters.

We acknowledge the work of the Barwon Network and look forward to a continued relationship with Neighbourhood Houses in the Colac Otway Region in the future.





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## Surf Coast Shire

2016/17 has been another fulfilling year for the partnership between Neighbourhood Houses and Surf Coast Shire. The Shire continues to support houses with the provision of an annual contribution, facilities and Officer support. The houses have also been successful in receiving Surf Coast Shire Small Grant funding for a compost facility in Lorne, Community Choir Workshops in Anglesea, Equipment for the Torquay Women's Sharing Shed and a new Play Fort in Winchelsea.

The five Surf Coast houses continue to meet quarterly to discuss programs and grant opportunities. These meetings have proved to be invaluable for sharing information on projects and new ideas that are taking place locally to nationally.

Surf Coast Shire acknowledges the contribution Neighbourhood Houses play in our community and look forward to providing continued support to their valuable provision of venues, services and programs.



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## Department of Health and Human Services

The Department of Health and Human Services Barwon Area this past year have facilitated and assisted with driving many opportunities to strengthen the Neighbourhood House sector in collaboration with the Barwon Network of Neighbourhood Centres. This has been demonstrated in key areas such as training and development, advocacy and capacity building.

The Barwon Community Participation Team have actively engaged community service organisations, Neighbourhood Houses, Men's Sheds, Rural and Deaf Access and other key stakeholders through regular area-based smaller network meetings, and being a part of rolling out a Service Agreement Monitoring Tool to assist Neighbourhood Houses to identify key areas to strengthen (operation and governance) and assist the Department and BNNC to identify and deliver relevant training, projects and support, targeted to specific issues relating to Neighbourhood Houses in the Barwon region.

The Community Participation Team continues to promote and advocate for the Neighbourhood House sector within the department and through external networks. Neighbourhood Houses have been and will continue to be promoted to our public housing tenants via the regular Housing Information Days (both in Barwon and Colac areas), Newsletters, and through the Welcome Kit for all new tenants and through the support of our Housing Officers. This year the Community Participation Team as well as Housing staff within the department delivered Community Connections Expo's at local Neighbourhood Houses to encourage tenants to engage with local community service organisations and their Neighbourhood House.

Information sessions relating to Governance and Neighbourhood House Coordination Program Guidelines were delivered to Coordinators and Committee of Management members to assist with program delivery best practice methods. Some of the outcomes from these sessions have been building better relationships between Committee of Managements and Coordinators, identifying key priority areas of focus for Neighbourhood Houses, understanding roles of responsibility for Committee of Management and improving operations of Neighbourhood Houses.

The Team look forward to continuing to strengthen the work we collaboratively do with Barwon Network, its Executive Committee and all its members in the coming year to continue to enhance the profile of Neighbourhood Houses in the Barwon Area.

It is hoped that the relationship will continue to strengthen the work of the sector and create stronger, connected communities stronger links with partners and boost participation engaging broader range of people.



# Annual General Meeting

## BARWON NETWORK OF NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRES INC.

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2016.** Deakin Waterfront Campus.

**1. WELCOME:** Acting Chairperson Gabby Brennan opened the meeting at 3pm and welcomed everyone

Thanks everyone for attending, I will be your MC for today's event as Beth Davidson our BNNC chairperson is an apology and is recovering from knee surgery. You will find all relevant documents for today in your show bags.

We look forward to showcasing the great work of Neighbourhood Houses in Barwon Region and look forward to your ongoing support.

**2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY** was led by Corrina Eccles and Norm Stanley.

**3. PRESENT:** Heather O'Shannessey & Amanda (Anakie CH), Sue Hardigan (Cloverdale CC), Linda Connor (Grovedale NH), Sandra Anderson, Bruce Warner (Norlane CC), Gabby Brennan, Jasna Brdar, Emily Jolly, Lyn (Rosewall NC) Jan Rockliff, Megan Janetzki (Sth. Barwon CC), Anne Brackley, Natalie Hayes (Springdale NC), Karen Williams (Bellarine L&LC), Wendy Greaves, (Winchelsea H), Debra King (Hamilton NH), Kate Kennedy (Lorne CH), Sharon Box (Bell Post Hill), Jodii Anderson (Apollo Bay), Christine Brooks (Networker), Kerrie Thomkin (Leopold C&LC), Christine Gibson (Cee Dee Developments), Gail Rodgers (Geelong Community Foundation), Georgina Ryder (ACFE), Anne Marie Ryan (LLEN), Cheryl Ryan, Traci Ollis, Ursula Harrison, Lewis Hughes (Deakin University), Emma Wheathand, Tina Grimes (COGG), Justin Martin (Artist/MS Ambassador), Kerri Deague (Surf Coast Shire), Kirsten George (DHHS), Peter McDonald (Rural Access & Ageing & Dementia) & Ruth Payne (Manager, Colac Health),

**APOLOGIES:** Beth Davidson (Grovedale NH) Anne Rout (Apollo Bay NH), Ray Tucker (Anakie CH), Helen Verity (Winch House), Carolyn Williams (Queenscliff & Dist NH), Julie George, (Bellarine L&LC), Lou Brazier (Norlane CC), Nicki Dunne (Ocean Grove NC), Pam Virgona (Geelong West NH), Rebecca Callahan (Deans Marsh CC) Committee of Management, Ursula Irwin (Vines Road CC), Beth Sprunt, Craig Donahoo (Forrest & Dist NH), Kelly Harry, Vivian Fry (Lara CC), Deb Kearney (DHHS), City Administrators, Heidi Watterson (COGG), Lucinda Tucker (Volunteering Geelong), Rose Hodge (Mayor -Surf Coast Shire), Christine Couzens MP (Member for Geelong), Andrew Katos (Member for South Barwon), Bridget Garner (NH Vic), David Harris (ACFE), Barry Pollard, Betty Seuren, John & Gina Reid, John Lowcock, Linda Gasparini (Deakin University), Lisa Neville (State Member for Bellerine), Monica Provan (Acting CEO Colac Otway Disability Accommodation) & Austin Paterson

**4. APOLOGIES:**

Moved: Jodii Anderson

Seconded: Anne Brackley.

"That the apologies be accepted".

CARRIED.

**5. GUEST SPEAKERS.**

**Welcome Fiona Reidy the Partnering 4 Access Project, Project Worker.**

We have been very fortunate to have had Fiona working within our sector in Barwon for the past 18 months. Fiona has had a strong connection with Neighbourhood Houses throughout her professional life. Her commitment to this project has been outstanding and the insights she has contributed to the sector Within Barwon and also at a state wide level has been extremely valuable.

Overview of final report was done. Resources were given to everyone in attendance. Posters – each NH will receive a set of posters. We then had a Viewing of 3 Pathways for Life videos from the Partnering 4 Access Project. Justine, Kudai & Rachel presented their stories on these videos. All 7 stories will be on the USB in your show bags.

Thank you to Sue Roberts from Luminescence Films for the Video production and presentation.

A Thank you gift to Fiona Reidy was presented by Christine Brooks.

**Welcome to Cheryl Ryan - Lecturer in Education | Applied Learning, Education Leadership, Professional Education and Training School of Education, Faculty of Arts & Education.**

Cheryl provided an overview and launched the collection of stories that has been developed in collaboration with Neighbourhood Houses in Barwon and South West Victoria

*"Every day you learn something"* – a collection of stories. Learning for Life? Neighbourhood Houses, Adult Learning and Transition to Higher Education. Written by Traci Ollis, Karen Starr, Cheryl Ryan, Jennifer Angwin, Ursula Harrison & Deakin University.

A thank you gift to Cheryl Ryan was presented by Christine Brooks.

Gabby Brennan then announced the start of the AGM proceedings.

She identified what an excellent example of Neighbourhood House activity in practice, sincere thanks to all those involved and we will now commence the formal section of our Annual General Meeting in order to comply with the BNNC Constitution.

## **6. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING -27th October 2015**

Moved: Wendy Greaves

Seconded: Jan Rockcliff

“That the previous AGM minutes held 27th October 2015 be accepted as read”. Carried.

## **7. REPORTS PRESENTED AS WRITTEN.**

**Chairperson's Report** – Acting Chairperson Gabby Brennan explained that the Chairperson Beth Davidson was absent today due to knee reconstruction. Her report is as written in the report.

### **Networker's Report – Christine Brooks**

2015/2016 has been another busy and productive year for the Neighbourhood House sector both locally and state wide and the Barwon Region has seen the benefits.

My report covers only a few of the many highlights throughout this year – some of which you have already heard about today. I will provide you with a brief overview.....

#### **Our Statistics:**

I continue to be amazed at the work that Neighbourhood Houses do to support their communities (over 10,000 people use or visit Neighbourhood Houses in Barwon each week) and 360 people volunteer in Neighbourhood Houses each week. Surely an example of the contribution Neighbourhood Houses make to the health and wellbeing of the individuals in the communities they work alongside.

I encourage you to read the statistic in the annual report and in our data booklet in your show bag.

#### **Our Partners:**

Neighbourhood Houses in Barwon have worked with over 200 partners throughout 2015/16. Our partners are an essential link to the work we are able to achieve in local communities.

As a Network we have continued to receive tremendous support from our funding bodies the Department of Health & Human Services and the Department of Education and Training. All our regional staff has consistently proven their dedication and commitment to the Neighbourhood House sector. They work alongside the Network and always provide us with unwavering support, encouragement and recognition. This support is reflected in the acknowledgement Barwon Network receives at a state wide level within central DHHS and within NH Vic.

During Neighbourhood House Week the Network hosted three events with our key local government partners – Greater Geelong, Colac/Otway, SurfCoast and Queenscliffe – this was an opportunity to showcase the work of the sector and local Neighbourhood Houses. Congratulations to all those leaders within our sector that take the time to develop relationships with our partners and the broader community.

Working alongside Barwon Neighbourhood Houses and the Committees of Management I have the privilege to experience examples of the great work that they do within their communities, their commitment, their vision and passion. It is worth mentioning that approx. 185 people in Barwon participate in community governance. I encourage you to take the opportunity to read the stories from each of our member NHs in the Annual Report.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank the members' of the Executive which includes Coordinators, Committee Members and volunteers from our member Houses. The passion and commitment shown by the Executive team has enhanced the work and identified us as leaders within the Barwon community.

### **Treasurer's Report – as written – Wendy Greaves.**

I was appointed as the Network Treasurer at the last AGM and it has been wonderful being able to contribute my knowledge and skills to the finances of the Network. During the year we have made a number of changes including the transition to a cloud based MYOB accounting system which easily enables access to the finance information.

We have also reviewed and revised many procedures and systems to ensure the effective and timely handling of the financial data. I would like to say thank you to the Bookkeeper Christine Gibson for the wonderful job that she does in the processing of the financial information and her cooperation in working so well with us to meet our deadlines. Regular monthly income and expenditure and balance sheet reports are produced, reviewed and reported at Executive Meetings of the Network.

Financial reports for the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016 have reported a deficit of \$12,157.31. This result reflects two items from the previous year (one being a large salary back pay to recognise incremental increases that had not been paid to staff and the other being a creditor payment that was not picked up in the prior year accounts). We also note that the previous years' surplus was roughly equivalent to the salary pack pay. BNNC Inc. maintains healthy retained earnings of \$81,813.31 at the years' end. We are confident that the new systems and budget now in place will enable accurate monitoring of expenditure and performance during the year.

I look forward to continuing in this role for the next twelve months and working with the Executive team to continue growth and recognition of our Network.

Auditors report for July 2015 through to June 2016 be accepted.

Moved: Linda Conno

Seconded: Jodii Anderson

"That the treasurer's report be as written be accepted".

Carried.

## **8. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR FOR 2016/2017**

Moved: Wendy Greaves

Seconded: Anne Brackley

"That we appoint Mark Wilkinson to be the Networks Auditor for 2016/2017 financial year". Carried.

## **9. PRESENTATIONS**

Christine Brooks then presented a gift to Julie George from Bellarine Living & Learning Centre, who is retiring after more than 30 years of service to the Neighbourhood House sector. Julie is absent today so Karen Williams collected the gift on Julies' behalf.

Christine Brooks then presented a gift to Christine Gibson BNNC Book Keeper for her excellent professional and thorough work for the Network.

## **10. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2016/2017**

**Kirsten George officiated as returning officer & declared all positions vacant.**

Nominations for the committee were called for under Rule 51.1 of the Barwon Network of Neighbourhood Centres Rules of Incorporation.

6 nominations were received prior to the AGM 3 nominations for office bearers are as follows:

Chairperson: Beth Davidson

Moved: Wendy Greaves

Seconded: Sandra Anderson

Secretary: Sandra Anderson

Moved: Wendy Greaves

Seconded: Beth Davidson

Treasurer: Wendy Greaves

Moved: Sandra Anderson

Seconded: Beth Davidson

Ordinary Members:-

Gabby Brennan

Moved: Wendy Greaves

Seconded: Sandra Anderson

Linda Connor

Moved: Sandra Anderson

Seconded: Wendy Greaves

Jodii Anderson

Moved: Sandra Anderson

Seconded: Linda Connor

Moved: Anne Brackley

Seconded: Jan Rockcliffe

"That all positions be accepted".

Carried.

**11. AS THERE ARE SUFFICIENT NOMINATIONS** to fill positions, I declare all nominations elected and would like to thank the new Committee for accepting the challenge of governing the organization through the coming year.

Gabby Brennan then closed the meeting at 3.55pm and invited everyone to stay and Network together over coffee and afternoon tea.





The Barwon region has 25 Neighbourhood Houses; 22 are funded through the State Government's Neighbourhood House Coordination Program.

The data here is from the 2016 Neighbourhood House survey conducted by Neighbourhood Houses Victoria and was completed by 22 funded and one unfunded Neighbourhood House.

**149** people serve on Neighbourhood House Committees of Management in Barwon

An average of 34 hours is spent on governance work every month

**5195** people participated in programs and activities in an average week

Houses were in use **1153** hours on average per week

**81%** are incorporated  
**13%** auspiced  
**4.5%** council managed

**8484** people use or visit a Neighbourhood House in Barwon each week That's an average of 385 per house per week

**408** people volunteer in Neighbourhood Houses in Barwon each week

Volunteering an average of 90 hours per week

Statewide cash value of Neighbourhood House volunteering contribution is

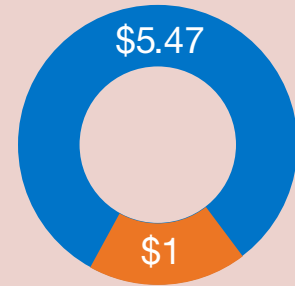
**24.5million**





## In 2016 Barwon Neighbourhood Houses

- fostered 235 partnerships
- were involved in 117 community events
- managed 96 projects and
- applied for 140 funding grants



State-wide  
Neighbourhood Houses  
raise \$5.47 for every \$1 invested by  
the State Government Neighbourhood  
House Coordination Program



## What we do...

- 59% Education and training
- 77% Community choirs
- 63% Environmental sustainability projects
- 95% Health and well being activities
- 72% Self help groups
- 18% Early Childhood development programs
- 32% Childcare
- 77% Community lunches
- 18% Early Years
- 45% Children Under 5
- 50% Children 5 – 12
- 45% Youth aged 13 – 25

# Marrar Woorn Apollo Bay Neighbourhood House

This year our Neighbourhood House started very busy with a number of new programs. Our Small Biz Know How – Turn your Passion into Profit program proved to be very popular with 13 people enrolled. This helped existing small businesses and people thinking of starting up an opportunity to learn and support each other throughout and after the program.

Another exciting start was offering a number of workshops called Creating a Vision Board. This was a fun, creative way to establish the coming years goals and share experiences and people journeys.

We have been responding to new ideas and needs of our local community. This has resulted in the introduction of a Small

Business Art Program assisting people who are producing art to develop the skills to sell their work. Throughout the year we have had art groups establish and use the centre to continue to develop and produce work.

Throughout the year we have been responding to local business needs by running a new program aimed at people working with our Asian tourist market. The program will be a series of workshops looking at cultural awareness, geographic locations in Asia and language all with the aim to help people gain employment in the tourist and hospitality.



Creating a Vision Board Workshop



# Bellarine Living & Learning Centre

2016/2017 has been a year of change for BLLC. In December 2016 the centre farewelled Julie George – Executive Officer and Yvonne Miller – Administration after 32 and 30 years of service. BLLC welcomed Karen Williams into the role of Manager.

Some of the highlights of the year include:

A partnership with The Gordon Jobs & Skills Centre where participants are updating their digital literacy skills at BLLC City of Greater Geelong and BLLC running youth programs 3 nights per week with up to 75 young people attending

Whittington Works have established a base at the centre

The new kitchen was finalised and is being utilised by a number of groups including:

Foundation 61, COGG youth, Dept. of Education and BLLC classes

Geelong Connected Communities have funded the Learning Skills program – a social art and craft program for people with disabilities

The Committee of Management commenced the strategic planning process in conjunction with the local community.

We would like to thank our staff, volunteers, community members, BLLC supporters and stakeholders, the BNNC Networker, Department of Health and Human Services and the City of Greater Geelong Community Development and Engagement Unit for their ongoing support.



# Colac Neighbourhood House

Colac Neighbourhood House is a warm, welcoming and inclusive house which continues to attract community members looking to make new friends and develop new skills. It is a vibrant neighbourhood house catering for a range of age groups including our Mums and Bubs groups, Child and Parenting Classes, Playgroups, FReeZA Youth Group, Home Work Club, English Classes, Family Support Groups, Meditation Group, Art, Craft and Painting Groups, the Choir of Heart and Soul, Healthy Lifestyle Groups, Skills Connection Groups, Prayer Group, Cake Decorating Group, Colac Rate Payers Group, and a variety of other local community groups. Colac Neighbourhood House has a range of groups that attend weekly, fortnightly and monthly depending on the community and individual's needs. The Neighbourhood House also has a range of one off events to support the local community including education sessions, fundraising events and support groups.

In the middle of August 2017, Colac Neighbourhood House gained a new Coordinator, Jay Crook. Jay is very passionate about engaging with the Colac community to ensure that the Colac Neighbourhood House is best meeting Colac's needs. If there

are activities, events, learning sessions or any identified needs in the community that you think could be best met by the Colac Neighbourhood House, please come visit Jay at the Colac Neighbourhood House, 23 Miller Street Colac, to discuss and plan activities for the future. Jay's aim is to ensure that the Colac Neighbourhood House is truly utilised by all in the Community and that it is a place for continual growth and change to ensure that the Colac Neighbourhood House is responsive to the Colac local community's needs. Jay would also like to encourage the Colac local community to visit the Neighbourhood House, whether to join in existing activity groups, become a "Friend of Colac Neighbourhood House", become a Volunteer or just to come along to meet new people and make new friends.

It is an exciting time for Colac Neighbourhood House and the Colac community. We are aiming to have an Open Day and a range of Community Consultations in late October, early November 2017. The aims of these sessions is to work with the Colac community to identify core needs and enable Colac Neighbourhood House to set some key priorities to support the Colac community to plan now and the future.



The Choir of Heart & Soul  
Wednesdays 12noon to 2pm



# Deans Marsh Cottage and Forrest Neighbourhood House in partnership with Birregurra Community Health

The College of Food Project is a partnership between Deans Marsh Cottage, Birregurra Community Health and Forrest Neighbourhood House and funded by Give Where You Live for 2016/17. The focus of the project is to develop relationships between students in the three communities with a theme of food security. The most recent event was held in August 2017 at the Forrest Hall. The activity explored some of the social aspects of food security from a global perspective. The activity covered issues of poverty, inequity, and what it means to live in a food insecure place (Zaatari Refugee Camp in Jordan). The kids participated in a Global Food Banquet which involved an afternoon tea that explored the distribution of food to the world's population.

The Global Food Banquet showed that food security is having sufficient and diversity of nutritious food to sustain healthy and active

life for all people at all time. At the banquet the high income earners ate a variety of food yet they were not able to share their afternoon tea with the middle class (eating beans and rice) or the low income or poor (eating rice only).

The students have been cooking in the kitchen at the Deans Marsh Hall. Recipes included - Beef Empanada, Wheat and Corn Tortillas and Pork Gyoza, Waffles & Cream, Pikelets, Crepes with Lemon & Sugar, and Berry Clafoutis. All recipes are then distributed to the students to try at home.

The project has received ongoing support from local businesses in the food industry.

The College of Food is a great example of Neighbourhood Houses working together around a specific issue and tapping into the local philanthropic and businesses to secure support.





# Grovedale Neighbourhood House

It has been a very exciting year at Grovedale Neighbourhood House (GNH) – we hosted a range of exhibitions by local artists., including portraits, photographs of street art and shields by Wan –Yaari Aboriginal Boys Cultural program.

We have experienced a significant shift in demand for our ever developing programs and activities as well as room hire as the Grovedale community utilise the Hub in increased numbers.

Throughout the year GNH hosted the Wan – Yaari Aboriginal Boys Cultural Program for boys 8 – 18 years of age. ‘The program aims to enhance and strengthen connection to culture, Aboriginal identity and positive wellbeing, in a fun, safe and supportive environment’. (Wan –Yaari). The program culminated in a NAIDOC community dance

performance by the boys at the Grovedale Community Hub. The program will continue into the coming year and a respectful partnership has been developed with Wan – Yaari.

The GNH hosted the successful Music from the Neighbourhood again this year, amidst the wood for our new hall floor being delivered onto the stage. The ‘ industrial setting’ was adjusted and the flexible approach by Neighbourhood Houses collectively ensured a fabulous night regardless!

We would like to thank our staff, volunteers, community members, Grovedale Hub stakeholders, the BNNC Networker and the City of Greater Geelong Community Development and Engagement Unit for ongoing support.



# Ocean Grove Neighbourhood Centre

OGNC is the only Neighbourhood House in the Barwon Region that is registered as a registered training organisation offering accredited courses from Certificate III to Diploma Level.

OGNC has received high quality rankings for this training within the region and has an employment rate of 98% on all completions of courses.

As a high quality RTO we offer our learners small class sizes, fully funded childcare, government funding to eligible students and one to one support to learners that require it.

OGNC also on a quarterly basis offers hobby and pre-accredited training to community members with over 100 courses on offer each term. There is something for everyone from learning a language to cooking, computer skills to ukulele, self help groups to community crafts, exercise classes to parent support workshops and not to forget all of the community development projects on offer each term.

The other successful program, which is in its 17th year of operation is the “Drop in” Youth Program. This program is fully supervised by qualified youth workers with over 50 young people between the ages of 12 to 18 attending every Friday night. OGNC youth program and staff have received many awards over the past 17 years in response to their youth engagement, retainment and support.

We would like to thank our staff, volunteers, community members, and local stakeholders, the Department of Health and Human Service and the City of Greater Geelong Community Development and Engagement Unit for ongoing support



# Rosewall Neighbourhood Centre

Rosewall Neighbourhood Centre has had a great year fulfilling our mission “to provide a place and activities that strengthen and build our community”

Our many regular user groups have added to a packed program of Neighbourhood House activities. Our two major events, the Rosewall Festival in March and the Twilight market in November were very successful. We also held smaller events such as Big Concert for Little Kids during Children’s Week. Our pottery program goes from strength to strength, and painting and drawing classes have proved very popular. This year we hosted Community Kitchens for CALD youth, a valuable initiative run by our partners, CatholicCare.

Our City of Greater Geelong (CoGG) Neighbourhood House grant for 2016/17 funded us to connect our artists, our café and our wider community in a wonderful, creative project. We commissioned a professional potter to create dinnerware sets, and engaged a ceramics artist to teach community members how to decorate the pieces. The result is a colourful collection of plates, bowls and tumblers to be used in our Community Café.

We have developed a strong partnership with the Gordon TAFE through three channels: our ACFE CAIF 8 funded project Learn Local to TAFE; Diploma of Community Services student placements and through being the Gordon Learn Local partner for Reconnect, supporting young people to reengage in learning and employment. ReConnect has allowed us to work closely with Northern Bay College’s Supporting Young Parents in Education program. Rosewall NC Learn Local has offered courses in hospitality, technology, gardening, volunteering for work skills and English language. We are very grateful to DHHS, ACFE, Geelong Connected Communities, G Force, the Gordon, Bethany and Catholic Care for their continued support.

We have been pleased to be represented on the executive of the Barwon Network of Neighbourhood Centres this year. The network, and Neighbourhood Houses Victoria, do invaluable work advocating for our sector, and supporting houses to develop great strategies to develop the life of their communities.





# SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre Inc

SpringDale has had a successful year again with many ups and unfortunately a couple of downs. One of our very special events was on Harmony Day. Although as our special event was starting the skies opened up and SpringDale took on water as we welcomed people. Approximately 50 people attended and many who were almost on their way became stuck in their driveways.

We had people and foods from 15 different cultures. We thank City of Greater Geelong and especially Veema Mooniapah for helping to make this event so special. We look forward to continuing those special relationships formed.

On a sadder side, we lost two very special members and both of our Treasurers over the last twelve months. Dr John Cottle died suddenly late in 2016 and Debra Winter, who took over the role after a short courageous battle with cancer, died recently.

Our community is still coming to grips with Deb's death and look forward to celebrating her service to SpringDale at our Annual Meeting in November.

Anne Brackley

Coordinator for the SpringDale Team



# Winchelsea Community House

Winchelsea Community House has again had a busy year running a variety of programs and offering many opportunities for the local Community.

During Term 3 and 4 we continued to run an accredited course being Certificate 111 in Education Support and we are delighted to report that all participants from this course gained direct employment.

As an ACFE Learn Local provider we are able to run non accredited courses which are a great pathway for further education and to gain employment. The classes run in this area were Introduction to Microsoft Word, MYOB, Introduction to Computers and Advertising online and Using Social Media for small businesses. We have also been able to run some ACFE courses at Grovedale Neighbourhood House who are not an ACFE provider but whom had interested participants.

Lifestyle classes are also a lot of fun for the community. This year we have run a Tunisian Crocheting Class, Fermenting Workshop and a Responsible Serving of Alcohol Course.

Community sessions are always popular as the community like to receive up to date information on current issues. Over the past 12 months we have run sessions on Aussie Broadband, Funeral and Estate Planning run by Tuckers Funeral Services, Library Craft Sessions for the little ones run by Geelong Regional Library Corporation, Hearing Tests by Australian Hearing and a Department of Health and Human Services Information Day,

Winch House has a number of great training rooms and facilities, which all contain the

latest technology and equipment. These spaces are also available for Room Hire by both Community and Corporate Groups.

As a Community Organisation we are often called upon to help people with a wide variety of issues. Often this involves us providing relevant referrals to appropriate organisations that specialise in the type of help requested. We are usually able to make the right connections and put people on the correct pathways.

Being a community organisation we support and encourage volunteers to come and assist us. This helps us to be able to achieve bigger things with extra available resources. Funding for Community Houses is very tight and our budgets do not have much flexibility. We have so far managed to work within our budget but yet still achieve some amazing outcomes.

Winch House also runs a fabulous Occasional Care Service Mondays to Fridays 9am till 2pm.

The children have both a large indoor play space and also a wonderful shaded outdoor area to choose from (see picture). The service is very popular and we endeavour to focus on the individual needs of families as best we can. It is a great way for children to have social interaction with others and to become confident and independent before they go to Kindergarten and Primary School. Places are limited and we do have waitlists for the very little ones.

As we move into the 2017/2018 financial year we look forward to growing our business and most of all being active in our community.





# Torquay Neighbourhood House

Everyone is welcome at Torquay Community House!

Like community houses across Victoria we strive for equality and inclusion for all. These values make it a great place to work and visit.

The focus for Torquay Community House this year has been diversity.

We have had a great year fulfilling our mission and supporting the local Torquay community with a welcoming and inclusive place for all

people to meet, learn and participate. Our many regular user groups have added to a packed program of Neighbourhood House activities.

We acknowledge and appreciate the support we receive from the Department of Health and Human Services, Surfcoast Shire and the Barwon Network of Neighbourhood Centres.



# Eastern Hub Community Centre

A space for everyone

A welcoming and inclusive community centre in East Geelong, auspiced by Karingal St Laurence, Eastern Hub Community Centre offers activities for people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities. Our aim is to build a welcoming and vibrant community centre that reflects the communities and people of eastern Geelong, their collective aspirations and diverse cultures.

Opening in April 2016, Eastern Hub has a community shed and garden, well equipped learning labs, a gallery and art studio, children's playground, as well as a community noticeboard, rooms for community use, a sunny courtyard and free wifi.

Activities at Eastern Hub currently include a food swap, walking group, yoga classes,

music and singing groups, keep fit classes, a community kitchen, a sewing group and Fridays at the Hub with St Margaret's Primary School.

We are about to launch a Book Club, an inclusive writing/artist book group and monthly live music sessions in the Starkey Lounge. Plus Seasons Café is located in our foyer!

So if you want to get fit, eat cake, learn something new or catch up with friends, Eastern Hub is the place to be.

[ehg@karingal.org.au](mailto:ehg@karingal.org.au)

<https://easternhub.org.au>

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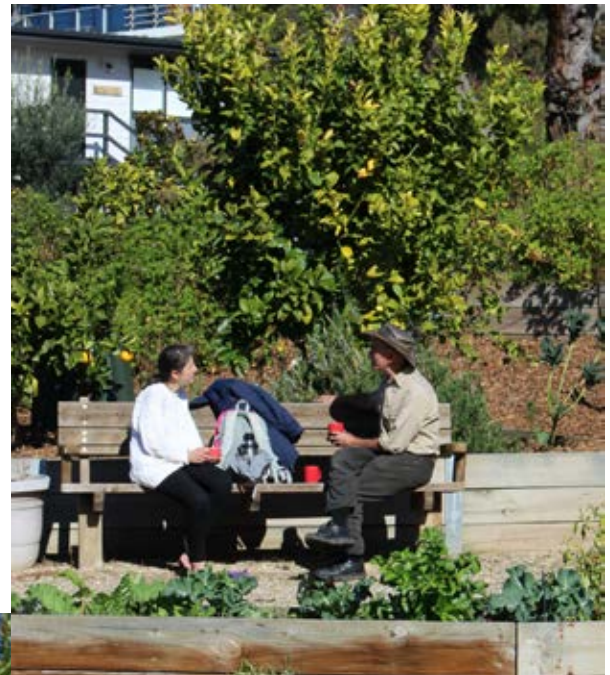
**Eastern Hub**  
Geelong



# Lorne Community House

The past twelve months have been very rewarding for the Lorne Community House with an increase in community participation over a range of activities, forums and referral. From robot programming for children to bee-keeping workshops; bridge lessons developing into a social bridge club and an increase in our volunteer program; we are developing a range of diverse programs that our community are engaging with. Through this increase in participation in workshops more members of our community are revisiting the House and therefore seeing and seeking our other services to better enable them to increase their, and our community's, overall wellbeing.

We would like to thank our staff, volunteers, community members, the Lorne Community Hospital and the Surfcoast Shire for their ongoing support.



# Portarlinton Neighbourhood House

Another year has passed and once again we can celebrate in the knowledge that the Portarlinton Neighbourhood House has continued to provide a wonderful contribution to our community and all associated feel privileged to be part of such a great institution. Membership for the year remained in the mid 500s. Over one third of this number are new members who are also almost all new residents to the area. Our members are provided with over 60 hours of programs each week, presenting them with a very diverse and interesting range of classes ranging from exercise to the arts. The Portarlinton Neighbourhood House continues to operate on the same volunteer philosophy it developed out of necessity when it first opened its doors in 2009, where PNH was totally reliant on

community participation to volunteer in our office and to teach classes and courses by sharing their skills and interests. Most volunteers who stepped forward to assist had no experience in teaching or facilitating a class but believed in what we were trying to achieve in Portarlinton and were happy to support us in our endeavors. From this volunteer based start a much valued model of operating a Neighbourhood House has evolved. This could not have happened without a caring community who, 8 years on, continue to support us by volunteering, becoming members and attending our classes and activities.





## Queenscliffe Neighbourhood House

Last year Queenscliffe Neighbourhood House was proud to present the inaugural “Head Start Youth Art” Exhibition.

Fourteen young emerging artists from the Bellarine Peninsula, between the ages of 14 – 20 years exhibited work in our September 2016 HOUSE Gallery exhibition.

This exhibition explored the concept of “home”, encouraging artistic interpretation of both the physical and the abstract.

Two of the young people involved in organising this event were awarded the Borough of Queenscliffe Australia Day Award for Young Citizens of the Year.



## South Barwon Community Centre

Another busy year here at South Barwon Community Centre. We had a productive start to our year with 6 new committee members and one returning member. We completed our new strategic plan in a more holistic manner than we have previously and have a resultant comprehensive document.

We continue to re-invent the wheel around computer classes, with Blogging for telling family stories as an example. We have just run a successful Creative arts festival, the centre has been full of singing, children’s laughter

and great conversations about colour, light and ways to provoke creativity. A year of coffee, conversation and the occasional piece of fudge.

We would like to thank our staff, volunteers, community members, supporters and stakeholders, the BNNC Networker, the Department of Health and Human Services and the City of Greater Geelong Community Development and Engagement Unit for ongoing support.



## Goings On in Gellibrand River

**Gellibrand River Community House**  
Rex Norman Park  
5 Main Road, Gellibrand River 3239  
[www.gellihouse.org/](http://www.gellihouse.org/)

**Open: Monday to Thursday 9am to 2pm**  
Phone Deb on: 5235 8348  
Email: [coordinator@gellihouse.org](mailto:coordinator@gellihouse.org)  
[www.facebook.com/gellihouse.coordinator](http://www.facebook.com/gellihouse.coordinator)



### Christmas in July Spectacular @ Gellibrand River Community Hall



**WOW!** What a weekend was had here in Gellibrand River/Kawarren! It was pretty full-on with Friday decorating, Saturday market and then the Community Dinner and Sunday was the makers/growers Market at Echidna House (and clean-up at the Hall!). The Community Dinner was a fantastic night and a great mix of Kawarrenites and Gellibrandrians feasting, celebrating and dancing the night away to **The Hip Replacements**. Did someone mention snowball fight? **What a scream!!** Santa came out firing, and it was on for young and old! There are so so many people and businesses to thank for their support, time and creativity—without which hosting such events is near impossible. Thanks go to the Colac Otway Shire for their continued support. The Community House was successful in obtaining some COS FESS funding towards the Community Dinner.





# Barwon Network of Neighbourhood Houses

## “From the Neighbourhoods” series 2016 - 2017

In 2016/2017 Music and Art from the Neighbourhoods had performances and exhibitions from musicians and artists representing the 27 Neighbourhood Houses across the Region.

The musicians included:

Torquay Mens Shed Singers

Ukes N More x 2

Seven Car Pile Up

Grand Ol Yukes

Sea of Yukes

Jam Makers from Gellibrand

Cloverdale Singers

Clukes

Choppy Churros

Cloverdale Creative Tuesdays Crew

Forrest Bluegrass Jammers

Karen Community Choir

Each of the musicians/artists were local community members/groups with an interest in music/art for fun and social connection and were supported by their own “fan base”.

By the end of the Music from the Neighbourhoods event we had over 150 people in the Grovedale Neighbourhood House hall and at the Art from the Neighbourhoods exhibition launch we had over 80 pieces of artwork and over 200 people go through the Shearers Arms gallery. None of the groups or individuals are “professionals”.

The event management for all the events (including sound and lights) is done by the students (young and older) from the Cloverdale Neighbourhood House that are involved in the “Skills to Performance” Learn Local course. The events are an opportunity to put their skills into practice. These students are supported by a skilled volunteer mentor with experience in the art/music industry.

The “Art from the Neighbourhoods” exhibitions included painting, sculpture, pottery, photography again from members of the community that are participating in art/craft classes through Neighbourhood Houses.

In both the art and music events Neighbourhood Houses are given notice of the Expressions of Interest process and through either the relevant art/craft group or music group the artists and performers are supported to perform by the staff/ tutor or exhibit by the art/craft class tutor. It has created a venue for community groups to perform and exhibit and also a goal to work towards for the groups within each of the Neighbourhood Houses.

The events create an atmosphere of support and encouragement and an acknowledgement of the important work that Neighbourhood Houses contribute to the health and well being of local communities.



“They laid out about 20 options of what I could do”

Rachal

# Network Treasurer's Report 2017

It is my pleasure to have been the Network Treasurer over the past two years and it has been wonderful working with you all in the Barwon Network and with the Barwon Network Executive.

During the year we have continued to refine many of our processes and procedures to become more efficient in the handling of the financial data. We have also spent a great deal of time in looking at our reporting and we are now producing regular and consistent monthly reports to the Executive as well as a written report highlighting specific items.

I would again like to thank our Bookkeeper Christine Gibson for the wonderful job that she does as the Network's Bookkeeper. Christine is wonderful to work with and is so efficient in keeping everything up to date so that we always have current financial information available to assist us in making decisions.

Thanks also goes to our auditor Mark Wilkinson for attending to the annual audit of our accounts and being so cooperative in working within our fairly tight timeline to ensure everything is ready for the printers on time.

Our financial reports for the year ending 30th June, 2017 show a small deficit of \$3375.02 against a budgeted deficit of \$8407.42. The improved position has come about by tightening up some of our operations and preparing more detailed budgets. The available DHHS funding for the network is very tight and as we move forward into the new financial year we will have many added pressures particularly with the increased salaries as a result of the 2016 Neighbourhood House Collective Agreement.

Our Executive Committee has given much thought to the setting of deficit budgets to enable our small organisation to fulfil member's aspirations as outlined in the Strategic Plan. The EC are comfortable in setting a stretch budget given a) our confidence in robust budgeting and accounting systems b) our healthy retained earnings and c) our past ability to attract additional funds.

Our budget forecast for the current twelve months shows a deficit of \$19912 which means that we are now actively seeking additional funds to assist us with our operations for the current year and beyond to be able to deliver the same level of programs, training and support to the network houses

Our Network is very highly regarded within the Neighbourhood Houses of Victoria and we want to keep and expand our high profile and continue to assist all houses to grow and prosper long into the future.

Wendy Greaves

Honorary Treasurer



# Barwon Network of Neighbourhood Centres Inc.

ABN 56 750 287 843

## Independent Audit Report to the Members

### Scope

I have audited the attached financial report, being a special purpose financial report comprising Detailed Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement for the year ended 30 June 2017 of the Barwon Network of Neighbourhood Centres Inc. The Committee is responsible for the financial report and has determined that the accounting policies used are appropriate to meet the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012* and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. I have conducted an independent audit of this financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members of Barwon Network of Neighbourhood Centres Inc. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to the needs of the members.

The financial statements have been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*. I disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than for which it was prepared.

My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report, and the evaluation of accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report has presented a view which is consistent with my understanding of the association's financial position, and performance as represented by the results of its operations. These policies do not require the application of all Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

### Audit opinion

In my opinion, the financial report presents fairly the financial position of Barwon Network of Neighbourhood Centres Inc as at 30 June 2017 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

Signed on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017

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Mark Stuart Pressland Wilkinson,  
Registered Company Auditor 4485  
PO Box 235, Leopold 3224



“I’ve met so many people in the short time I’ve been here and it’s all because of the centre.”

Garry

**Balance Sheet**

As of June 2017

<b>Assets</b>		
Current Assets		
Cash On Hand		
Cheque Account	\$20,861.93	
Undeposited Funds	-\$2,020.00	
Investment Account - A/c 6815	\$59,078.79	
New Term Deposit Future Leave	\$5,000.00	
Petty Cash	\$155.26	
Total Cash On Hand		\$83,075.98
Trade Receivable		\$157.00
Total Current Assets		\$83,232.98
Total Assets		\$83,232.98
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Current Liabilities		
Trade Creditors	\$1,758.00	
GST Liabilities		
GST Collected	\$1,606.61	
GST Paid	-\$673.27	
Total GST Liabilities		\$933.34
Payroll Liabilities		
Superannuation Payable	\$1,143.17	
Total Payroll Liabilities		\$1,143.17
P4A - Grants in Advance		\$960.18
Total Current Liabilities		\$4,794.69
Total Liabilities		\$4,794.69
Net Assets		\$78,438.29
<b>Equity</b>		
Retained Earnings		\$81,813.31
Current Year Surplus/Deficit		-\$3,375.02
Total Equity		\$78,438.29

This report includes Year-End Adjustments.

**Profit & Loss Statement**

July 2016 To June 2017

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Income		
Funding		
DHS - Networker Grant	\$61,496.80	
Surf Coast Shire	\$2,000.00	
Colac Otway Shire	\$1,000.00	
COGG	\$6,500.00	
Partnering for Access	\$8,368.09	
Geelong Connected Communities	\$2,327.75	
Membership and Subscriptions	\$2,400.00	
Conferences / Workshops	\$1,000.00	
Travel reimbursement - invoic		\$0.02
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$85,092.66</b>
Cost of Sales		
Communities Grant		\$335.56
<b>Total Cost of Sales</b>		<b>\$335.56</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>		<b>\$84,757.10</b>
Expenses		
Accounting/Bookkeeping	\$6,247.50	
Advertising	\$122.73	
Bank Charges	\$1.10	
Computer Expenses	\$1,543.64	
Conferences etc	\$1,538.19	
Equipment Rental Expense	\$300.00	
Gifts etc	\$411.78	
Catering	\$1,925.45	
Internet	\$1,300.36	
Legal & Accounting	\$25.00	
Memberships and Subscriptions	\$739.64	
MYOB On-line subs	\$660.00	
Office Supplies	\$487.64	
Postage	\$10.36	
Miscellaneous Expenditure	\$153.90	
Professional Development	\$1,772.72	
Printing	\$4,782.51	
Venue Hire	\$2,700.00	
Employment Expenses		
Superannuation	\$4,945.00	
Travel Payroll (KM)	\$2,773.41	
Wages & Salaries	\$55,454.52	
Workers' Comp Ins CGU	\$1,349.78	
<b>Total Employment Expenses</b>		<b>\$64,522.71</b>
Travel External		\$408.80
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$89,654.03</b>
<b>Operating Profit</b>		<b>-\$4,896.93</b>
Other Income		
Interest Income	\$1,521.91	
<b>Total Other Income</b>		<b>\$1,521.91</b>
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Net Profit/(Loss)</b>		<b>-\$3,375.02</b>

This report includes Year-End Adjustments.



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