Neighbourhood House Networks: an information resource

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Introduction

The *NH Network: an information resource* provides a profile of each of the 16 Regional Neighbourhood House (NH) Networks across Victoria. The booklet also includes sections of the Neighbourhood House and Learning Centre (NH&LC) Sector Framework and the Neighbourhood House Network Practice Framework. Together these are a full description of the values and style of practice that underpins the operations of the Networks.

The 16 NH Networks provide management and operational support, as well as resources, to their member Houses and Centres. This includes personalised support to Committees of Management, staff and volunteers. NH Networks also have a facilitative role, enabling their members to participate in broader community development strategies.

Management

The NH Networks are managed by volunteer committees, or collective management groups drawn from local Neighbourhood House and Learning Centre sector representatives. Generally, volunteer committees and collective management groups are responsible for all financial management, employment issues and governance of the Network. They guide the development and strategic directions of the Network, and support and supervise the Networker. Membership of a Regional Network is an organisational membership.

Clusters

A variety of sub groups of Neighbourhood Houses and Learning Centres function within and across the boundaries of some NH Networks. These sub groups are known as Neighbourhood House and Learning Centre Clusters. They vary in size and degree of formality but generally exist to provide support and networking opportunities to group member Houses and Centres. A cluster develops because its members identify as being part of a specific local government area, geographical location, Adult Community & Further Education (ACFE) funding provision category or other linking common feature.

Funding

NH Networks receive recurrent funding from the Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) through the Neighbourhood House Coordination Program. Funds are allocated on the basis of hours of coordination to be provided in accordance with funding agreements. DHHS provides coordination funding to Neighbourhood House Networks to facilitate governance and management support, advice on programs & service development, training & training resources to Neighbourhood Houses within their Network and to provide capacity building and effective linkages with and between Neighbourhood Houses and other community organisations at the local and regional level.

In some cases NH Networks receive recurrent funding from local government. Many Networks also access a variety of other sources for diverse project funding. Membership numbers, geographical size and number of hours funded vary widely and are detailed within the profiles of each NH Network.

[1] Department for Victorian Communities, (now the Department of Planning & Community Development), *Neighbourhood House Coordination Program Guidelines*, Local Government Victoria Division, p 4, June 2006

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Neighbourhood House & Learning Centre Sector Framework

Sector Vision

Building community, valuing diversity

Sector Purpose Statement

Building sustainable community connections with choice, opportunity and flexibility that is responsive to local needs and issues.

Sector Philosophy Statement

The Neighbourhood House and Learning Centre sector works within a community development framework. Change and growth occurs through informing and empowering individuals and communities. Houses and Centres do not seek to do for others but to empower others to do for themselves. Members are encouraged to be actively involved in decision making and to have ownership of the programs and activities in their house or centre. Neighbourhood Houses and Learning Centres integrate learning into all aspects of their activities.

Neighbourhood Houses and Learning Centres actively work to redress structural disadvantage in society through their philosophy, principles and practices. They are inclusive and supportive of people from diverse backgrounds and with varying abilities. Houses and Centres aim to improve the social, environmental, economic and cultural infrastructures within their communities.

Sector Principles

Community Ownership:

To set, manage and control the direction, resources, decision-making and processes of the Neighbourhood House or Centre in order that local volunteer members have a sense of ownership and intrinsic belonging.

Community Participation:

To recognise that everyone has a valuable contribution to make and to facilitate community members to join in at any level. Volunteers and community members are integral to the decision-making, evaluation, provision, participation and direction setting at all levels of the organisation.

Empowerment:

To put into practice a process which respects, values and enhances people's ability to have control of their lives. This process encourages people to meet their needs and aspirations in a self aware and informed way which takes advantage of their skills, experience and potential.

Access and Equity:

To ensure fair and equitable access for **all** people. Striving to make accessible to individuals, groups and the community meaningful opportunities, programs, activities and services. To promote a fairer distribution of economic resources and power between people.

Life Long Learning:

To build and support the personal skills, knowledge, abilities and resilience of people. To develop the health, wellbeing and connection of people and their families, through formal and informal pathways in education, employment and self- development.

Inclusion:

To value the diverse contributions that people make and to be sensitive to their individual needs.

Networking:

To link, form alliances, collaborate and work with individuals, groups, other agencies, government and business.

Advocacy:

To act with and on behalf of community members to endeavour that their individual or group needs are met.

Self Help:

To come together in a supportive group environment to share information, knowledge, skills and life experience in order that each participant can reach their own personal goals.

Social Action:

To analyse internal and external factors that impact on the local community, to transform relationships between individuals, groups and organisations and within the community through collective action.

The Neighbourhood House and Learning Centre sector works in a community development framework with a membership-based governance model. This builds social connections and networks that are based on trust, respect and reciprocal interaction – known as social capital.

From *The Neighbourhood House and Learning Centre Sector Framework,* Neighbourhood Houses Victoria 2003

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Neighbourhood House Network Practice Framework

What are Neighbourhood House Networks and how do they work?

The 16 Regional Neighbourhood House Networks operate across the State in a variety of ways. At the local or Network level the NH Networks (most of which employ a Networker) provide local support and advocacy for Houses and Centres in that Network. They are autonomous, community-managed and incorporated bodies. Their work is varied and complex, and is reflective of the requirements of their member houses and centres, the communities of these houses and centres, the broader sector, and the community at large.

NH Networks are also an integral part of the NH&LC sector. Their relationships with their member houses and centres, with each other and with the peak body, Neighbourhood Houses Victoria, other organisations and the broader community are an essential element of the sector.

NH Networks play a key role in representing the views and needs of members and act as an interface between members and Neighbourhood Houses Victoria, local government and state governments, other organisations and the broader community. Their governance and operational training and support enhance the capacity of their members to operate effectively to meet funding requirements and local community needs.

The vital ingredient that binds together the three parts of the NH&LC sector – the peak body Neighbourhood Houses Victoria, the 16 Regional NH Networks and the more than 400 Neighbourhood Houses and Learning Centres across the State – is the particular style of practice, which is underpinned by the 10 Sector Principles outlined in the Sector Framework. The three parts of the sector work collectively to take the whole sector forward.

The NH&LC sector style of practice is facilitative and developmental, and fundamentally relies on strong and inclusive relationships both within the individual Houses and Centres and the wider community. The sector, including the NH Networks, operates within a social justice framework.

As a result of this style of practice Regional NH Networks are very flexible and responsive, leading to an enormous breadth and depth of outcomes at the community, municipal and state levels.

At the State level all NH Networks, represented by their Networker or other representative meet regularly with the peak body, Neighbourhood Houses Victoria to discuss local and state-wide sector issues. This coming together of the NH Networks is known as the Combined Networks. This body is a key mechanism for a range of collaborative activities.

A protocol “Defining Ways of Working Together” to guide the procedures for communication, accountability and decision-making between the NH Networks, their members and Neighbourhood Houses Victoria has also been developed and is designed for internal use within the sector.

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Neighbourhood House Network Style of Practice: Key Tasks

Within their Network

- identify the support, resourcing and advocacy needs of member Neighbourhood Houses & Learning Centres
- provide one on one support to members on governance, management & operational issues
- facilitate capacity building and resourcing of members
- coordinate information dissemination and sharing
- build the capacity of the Network
- connect and engage in regional and state-wide networks and structures
- advocate on behalf of members at the local, municipal, regional and state level
- work according to the NH&LC Sector principles
- work within a community development framework as defined in the NH&LC Sector Framework
- ensure the viability and vitality of the Network

With the Neighbourhood Houses Victoria

- promote to their membership the Sector philosophy and principles as detailed in the NH&LC Sector Framework
- be active participants and contributors to the work of Neighbourhood Houses Victoria
- make recommendations to the Neighbourhood Houses Victoria Board on collective issues
- represent & advocate mutually agreed positions and policies in conjunction with Neighbourhood Houses Victoria
- collect & disseminate relevant information from Neighbourhood Houses Victoria to members and to Neighbourhood Houses Victoria.

With the Broader Sector

- practice & promote community development as defined in the NH&LC Sector Framework
- facilitate the networking, collaboration and partnership of Neighbourhood Houses & Learning Centres with organisations, business and government
- act collaboratively in the best interests of the NH&LC Sector
- contribute to the development of NH&LC Sector priorities
- advocate on behalf of the NH&LC Sector

With the Other Networks

- share & develop resources for the NH&LC Sector
- support and share the practice and experience in management and operations of a Network
- share the learnings from local advocacy strategies and processes
- work collaboratively to advocate on behalf of the NH&LC Sector
- participate regularly in peer support and professional development for Network representatives and Networkers
- work collaboratively on projects

With the Wider Community

- assist member Houses & Centres to employ the 10 sector principles – community *ownership, community participation, empowerment, access and equity, lifelong learning, inclusion, networking, advocacy, self help, and social action* – in their planning and development processes across the practice of governance, management, operations and delivery
- facilitate the participation of the wider community in advocacy strategies and processes on community issues

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10 Networks in Regional Victoria

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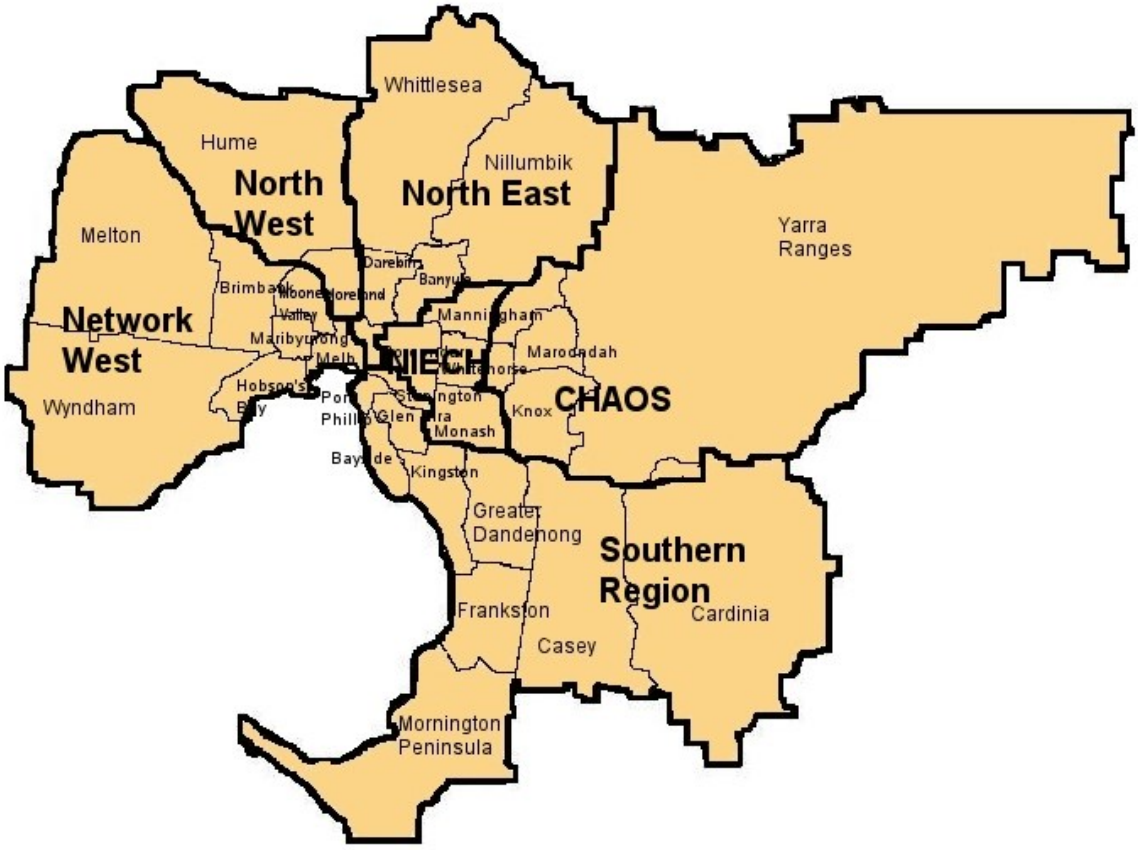
6 Networks in Metro Victoria



Barwon Network of Neighbourhood Centres (BNNC)

Network name & acronym:	Barwon Network of Neighbourhood Centres (BNNC)
Networker:	Christine Brooks
Number of Houses/Centres in Network: (including those not in receipt of NHCP)	23
Municipalities covered:	City of Greater Geelong, Surf Coast and Colac Otway Shires and the Borough of Queenscliff.
These municipalities incorporate:	Regional centres or towns, semi rural and rural areas
Total area covered:	6,063 kms^2
The Network receives NHCP funding for:	20 hours
Other sources of funding include (eg LGA, grants, project funding):	City of Greater Geelong — Annual grant, Surf Coast Shire — Annual grant
The Network employs a Networker for:	21 hours over 3 days a week
Within the Network the following clusters operate:	Northern NOCH (Network of Community Houses), Beacon NOCH, Surf Coast NOCH, Colac Otway NOCH
The Network is managed by:	Committee of Management

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Barwonet
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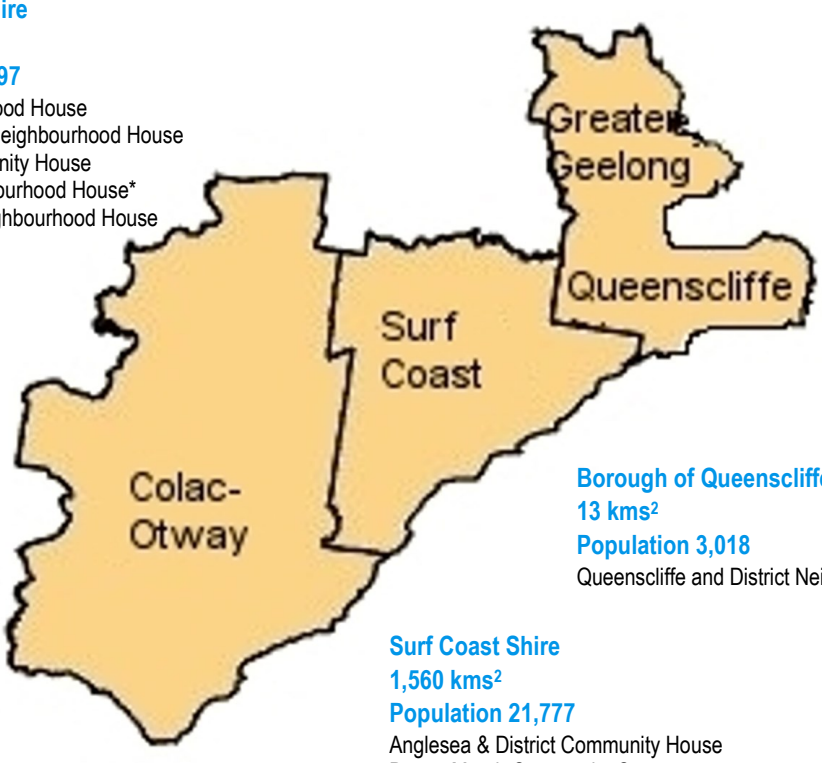
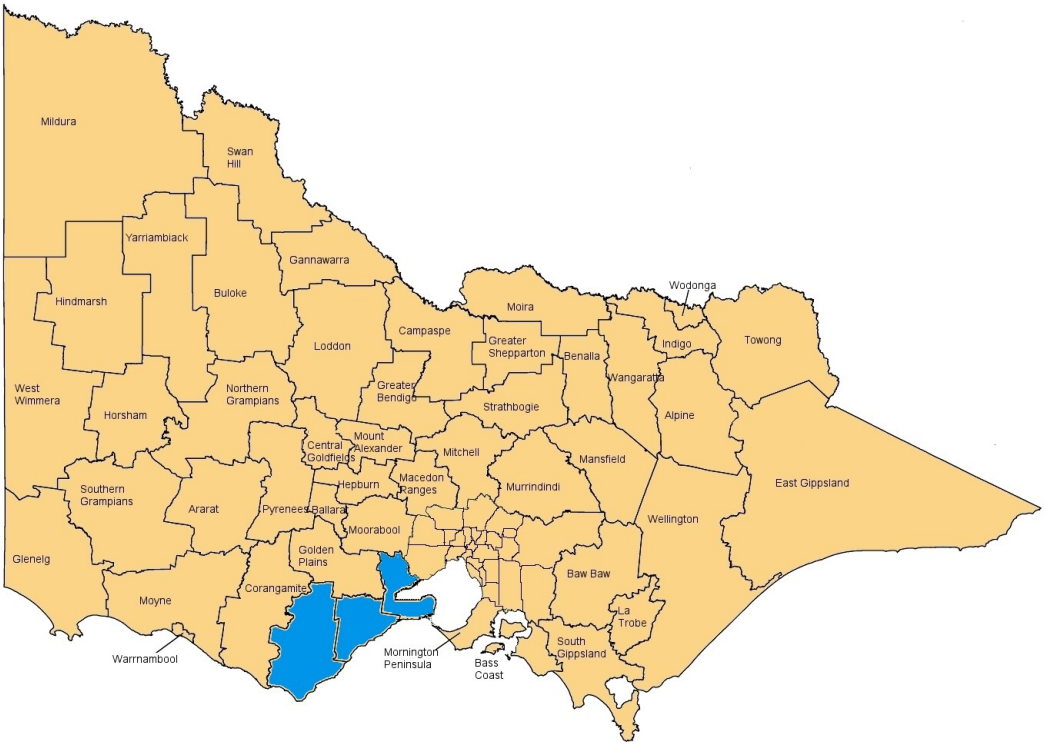
Colac-Otway Shire
3,250 kms²
Population 20,297
Colac Neighbourhood House
Forrest & District Neighbourhood House
Gellibrand Community House
Lavers Hill Neighbourhood House*
Marrar Woorn Neighbourhood House



Greater Geelong City
1,240 kms²
Population 197,509
Anakie & District Community House
Bellarine Living and Learning Centre
Cloverdale Community Centre
Geelong West Neighbourhood House*
Grovedale Community Centre
Lara Community Centre
Norlane Neighbourhood House
Ocean Grove Neighbourhood Centre
Rosewall Neighbourhood Centre
South Barwon Community Centre
Springdale Neighbourhood Centre
Vines Road Community Centre

Borough of Queenscliffe
13 kms²
Population 3,018
Queenscliffe and District Neighbourhood House

Surf Coast Shire
1,560 kms²
Population 21,777
Anglesea & District Community House
Deans Marsh Community Cottage
Lorne Community House
Spring Creek Community House
Winchelsea Community House



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Central Highlands Community House Network (CHCHN)

Network name & acronym:	Central Highlands Community House Network (CHCHN)
Networker:	Haig Becker
Number of Houses/Centres in Network: (including those not in receipt of NHCP)	13
Municipalities covered:	Shires of Hepburn, Golden Plains, Pyrenees, Moorabool and Ballarat City Council.
These municipalities incorporate:	Regional centres or towns, semi rural and rural areas
Total area covered:	10,466 kms^2
The Network receives NHCP funding for:	15.5 hours
Other sources of funding include (eg LGA, grants, project funding):	NA
The Network employs a Networker for:	12 hours week
Within the Network the following clusters operate:	NA
The Network is managed by:	Committee of Management

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Central Highlands
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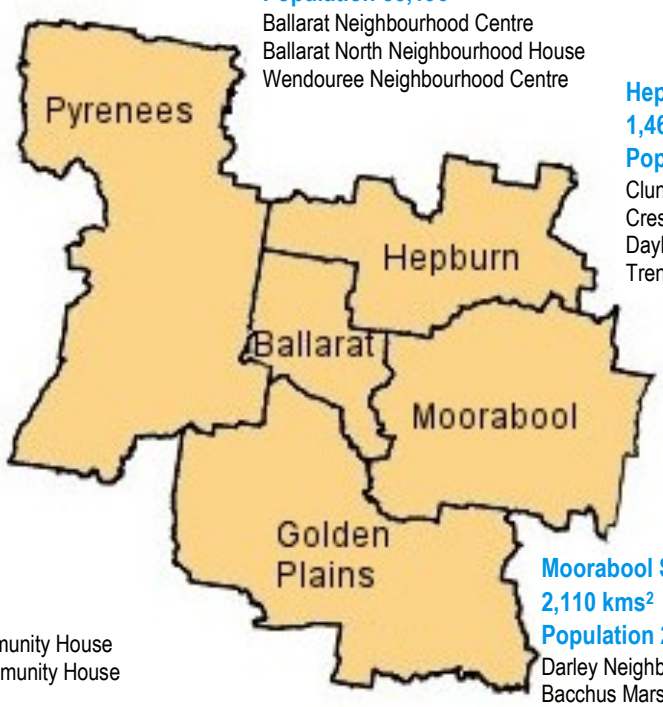
Ballarat City
740 kms²
Population 85,196
Ballarat Neighbourhood Centre
Ballarat North Neighbourhood House
Wendouree Neighbourhood Centre

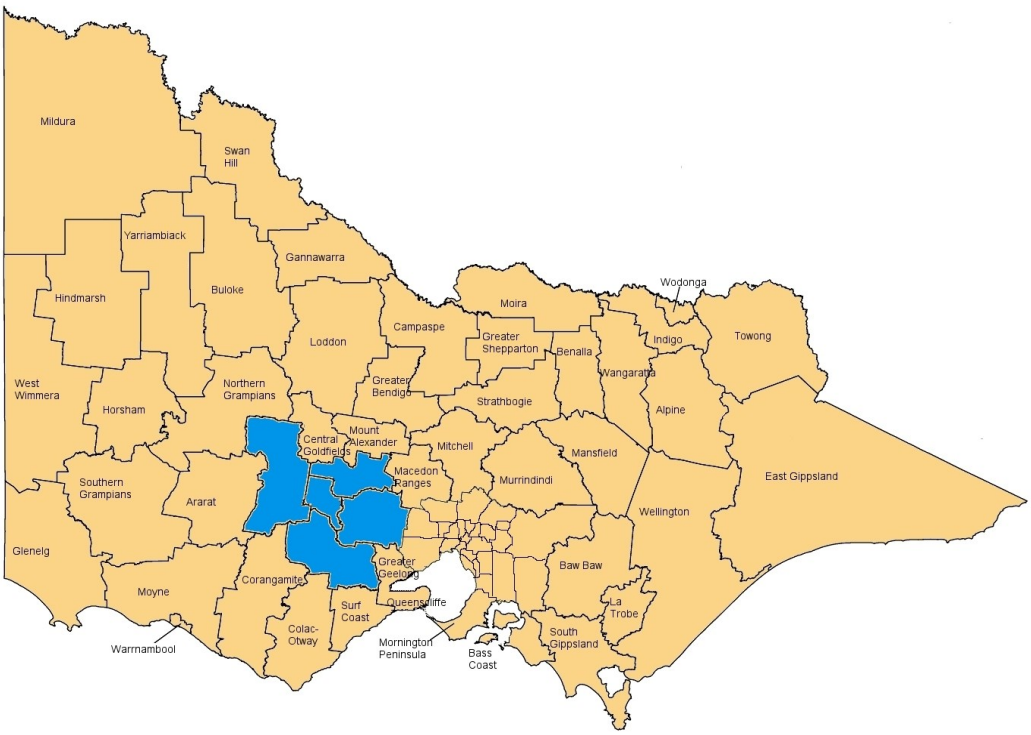
Pyrenees Shire
3,432 kms²
Population 6,558
Beaufort Community House & Learning Centre



Hepburn Shire
1,463 kms²
Population 13,732
Clunes Neighbourhood House
Creswick Adult Learning Centre & N'hood House
Daylesford Neighbourhood Centre
Trentham Neighbourhood Centre

Golden Plains Shire
2,721 kms²
Population 16,450
Haddon & District Community House
Meredith & District Community House

Moorabool Shire
2,110 kms²
Population 25,474
Darley Neighbourhood House & Learning Centre
Bacchus Marsh Community College
Ballan & Dist. Community House & Adult Ed. Centre



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Community Houses Association of Outer Eastern Suburbs (CHAOS)

Network name & acronym:	Community Houses Association of Outer Eastern Suburbs (CHAOS)
Networker:	Maureen McConnell
Number of Houses/Centres in Network: (including those not in receipt of NHCP)	31
Municipalities covered:	Shire of Yarra Ranges, and Cities of Manningham & Whitehorse (shared with NIECH), Maroondah and Knox.
These municipalities incorporate:	Metropolitan and semi rural areas
Total area covered:	2,733.5 kms^2
The Network receives NHCP funding for:	26 hours
Other sources of funding include (eg LGA, grants, project funding):	Project Funding
The Network employs a Networker for:	4 days a week
Within the Network the following clusters operate:	COWNCH, Shire of Yarra Ranges Neighbourhood House Group, City of Knox
The Network is managed by:	Committee of Management

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CHAOS
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City of Manningham
56.5 kms² (total area 113 kms²)
Population 109,915
Pines Learning
Park Orchards Community Learning Centre
Wonga Park Community Cottage

City of Whitehorse
32 kms² (total area 64 kms²)
Population 144,768
Koonung Cottage Community House
Mitcham Community House
Avenue @ Eley
Vermont South Community House

Shire of Yarra Ranges
2,470 kms²
Population 140,217
Belgrave South Community House
Chirnside Park Community Centre
Healesville Living & Learning Centre
Japara Neighbourhood House
Kallista Community House
Morrisons
Olinda Community House
Selby Community House
Seville Community House
The Bridge Community Garden Centre
Upper Yarra Community House
Woori Community House
Yarra Glen & District Living & Learning Centre*

City of Maroondah
61 kms²
Population 99,200
Arrabri Community House
Central Ringwood Community Centre
Glen Park Community Centre
Mullum Mullum Indigenous Gathering Place
North Ringwood Community House
Yarrunga Community Centre

City of Knox
114 kms²
Population 146,740
Coonara Community House
Mountain District Learning Centre
Orana Neighbourhood House (Wantirna)
Rowville Neighbourhood Learning Centre
The Basin Community House

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East Gippsland Network of Neighbourhood Houses (EGNNH)

Network name & acronym:	East Gippsland of Network Neighbourhood Houses (EGNNH)
Networker	Caroline Liston
Number of Houses/Centres in Network: (including those not in receipt of NHCP)	16
Municipalities covered:	Shires of Wellington and East Gippsland.
These municipalities incorporate:	Regional centres or towns, semi rural and rural/remote areas
Total area covered:	26,393 kms^2
The Network receives NHCP funding for:	17 hours
Other sources of funding include (eg LGA, grants, project funding):	Local Government — Shires of Wellington & East Gippsland
The Network employs a Networker for:	15 hours
Within the Network the following clusters operate:	Wellington Cluster
The Network is managed by:	Committee of Management

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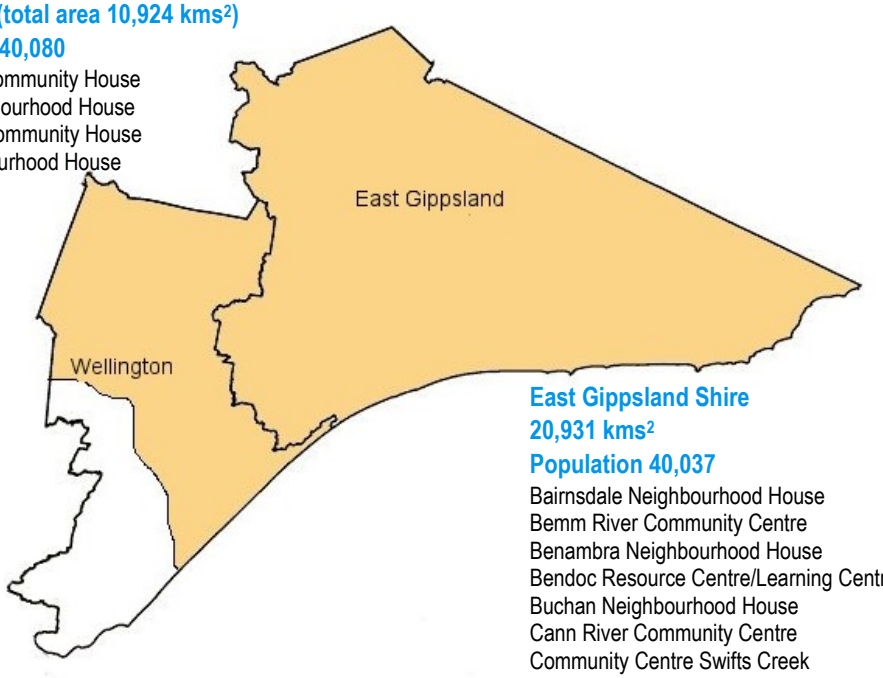
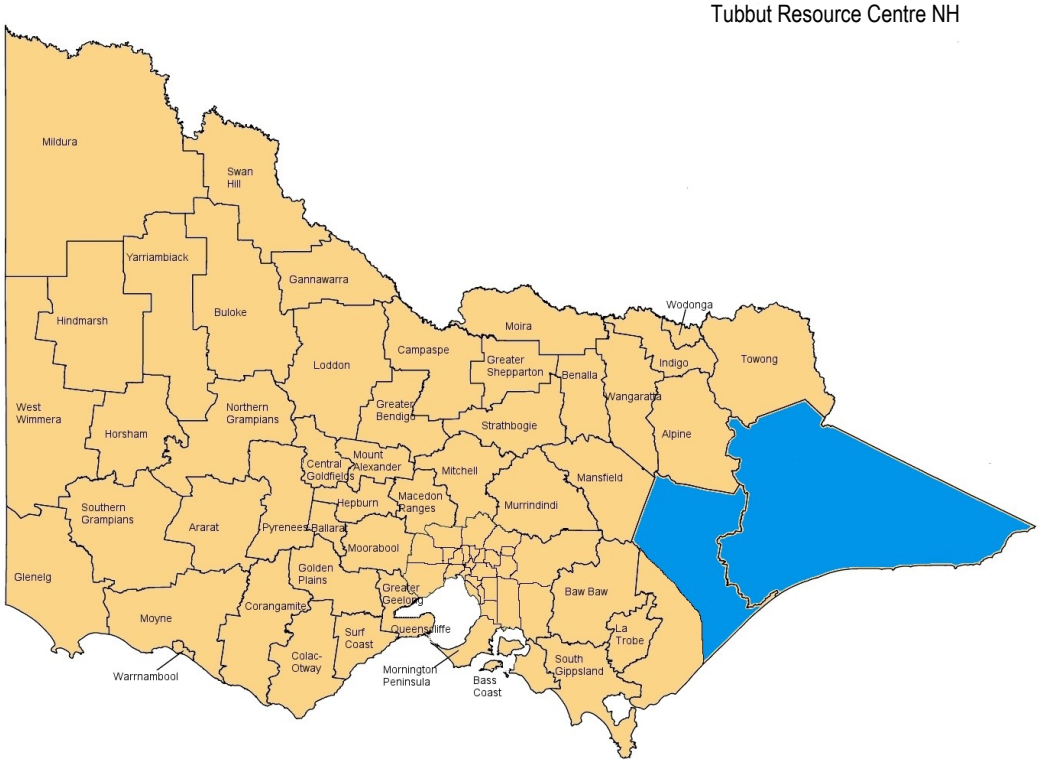
East Gippsland
by Local Government Authorities

Wellington Shire
5,462 kms² (total area 10,924 kms²)
Population 40,080
Briagolong Community House
Dargo Neighbourhood House
Loch Sport Community House
Sale Neighbourhood House



East Gippsland Shire
20,931 kms²
Population 40,037
Bairnsdale Neighbourhood House
Bemm River Community Centre
Benambra Neighbourhood House
Bendoc Resource Centre/Learning Centre
Buchan Neighbourhood House
Cann River Community Centre
Community Centre Swifts Creek
Lakes Entrance Neighbourhood House
Mallacoota Community House
Orbost Neighbourhood Resource Centre
Paynesville Neighbourhood Centre
Tubbut Resource Centre NH



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Gippsland Regional Neighbourhood Houses Group (GRNHG)

Network name & acronym:	Gippsland Regional Neighbourhood Houses Group (GRNHG)
Networker:	Lin Chandler
Number of Houses/Centres in Network: (including those not in receipt of NHCP)	20
Municipalities covered:	Latrobe City and the Shires of Bass Coast, Baw Baw, South Gippsland, and Wellington (part)
These municipalities incorporate:	Regional centres or towns, semi rural and rural areas
Total area covered:	15,079 kms^2
The Network receives NHCP funding for:	20 hours
Other sources of funding include (eg LGA, grants, project funding):	Membership fees, donations, fee for service and occasional project funding
The Network employs a Networker for:	2.5 days a week
Within the Network the following clusters operate:	None
The Network is managed by:	Committee of Governance

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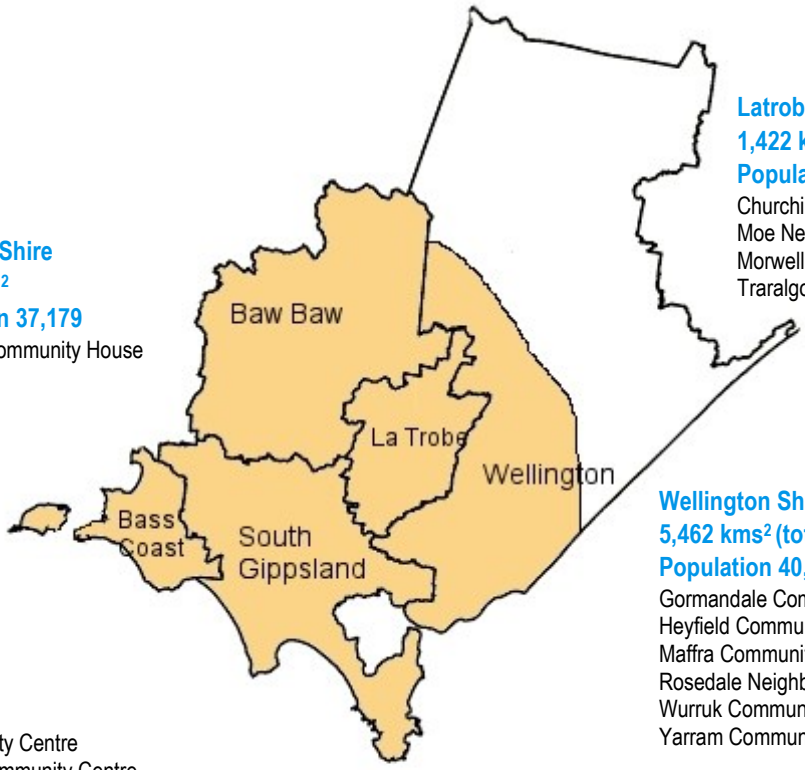


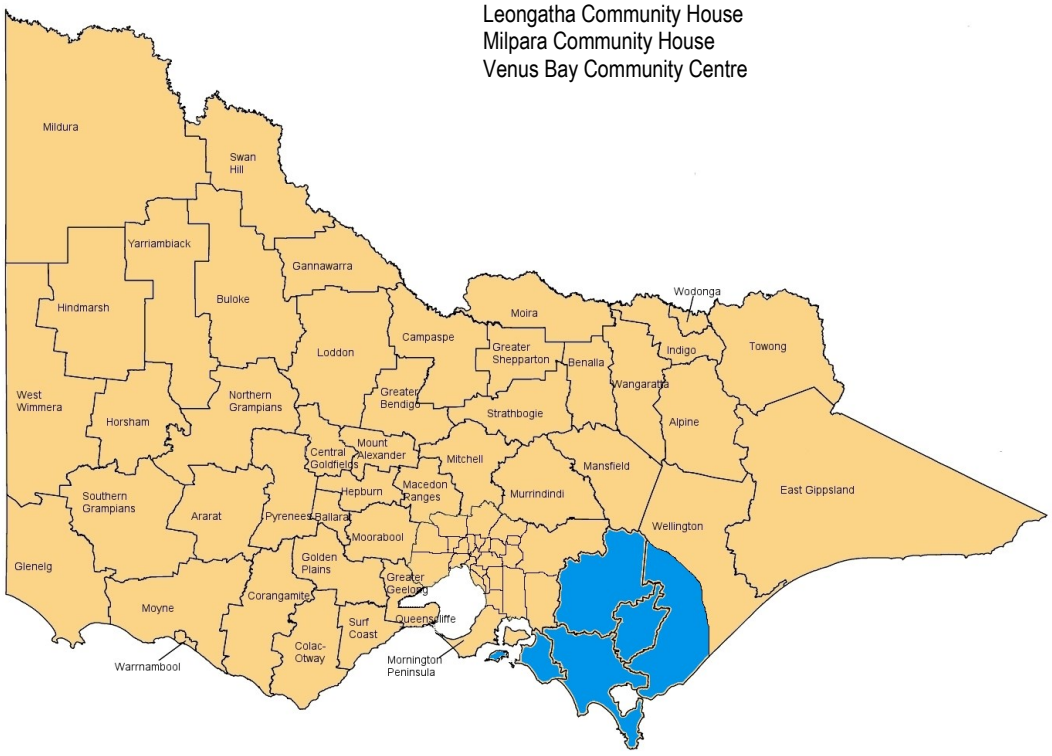
Latrobe City
1,422 kms²
Population 69,329
Churchill Neighbourhood Centre
Moe Neighbourhood House
Morwell Neighbourhood House & Learning Centre
Traralgon Neighbourhood Learning House

Baw Baw Shire
4,031 kms²
Population 37,179
Warragul Community House

Wellington Shire
5,462 kms² (total area 10,924 kms²)
Population 40,080
Gormandale Community House & Learning Centre
Heyfield Community Resource Centre
Maffra Community House
Rosedale Neighbourhood House
Wurruk Community House
Yarram Community Learning Centre

Bass Coast Shire
859 kms²
Population 26,548
Bass Valley Community Centre
Corinella & District Community Centre
Inverloch Community House
Phillip Island Community & Learning Centre
Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre at Mitchell House

South Gippsland Shire
3,305 kms²
Population 25,737
Foster & District Community House
Leongatha Community House
Milpara Community House
Venus Bay Community Centre



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Goulburn North East Association of Community Centres (GNEACC)

Network name & acronym:	Goulburn North East Association of Community Centres (GNEACC)
Networker:	Paul Sladdin
Number of Houses/Centres in Network: (including those not in receipt of NHCP)	24
Municipalities covered:	City of Greater Shepparton, and Shires of Murrindindi, Mitchell, Strathbogie, Benalla, Mansfield and Moira.
These municipalities incorporate:	Regional centres or towns, semi rural and rural areas
Total area covered:	22,741 kms^2
The Network receives NHCP funding for:	21.5 hours
Other sources of funding include (eg LGA, grants, project funding):	Nil
The Network employs a Networker for:	5 days a week
Within the Network the following clusters operate:	North GNEACC Cluster/South GNEACC Cluster
The Network is managed by:	Committee of Management

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GNEACC
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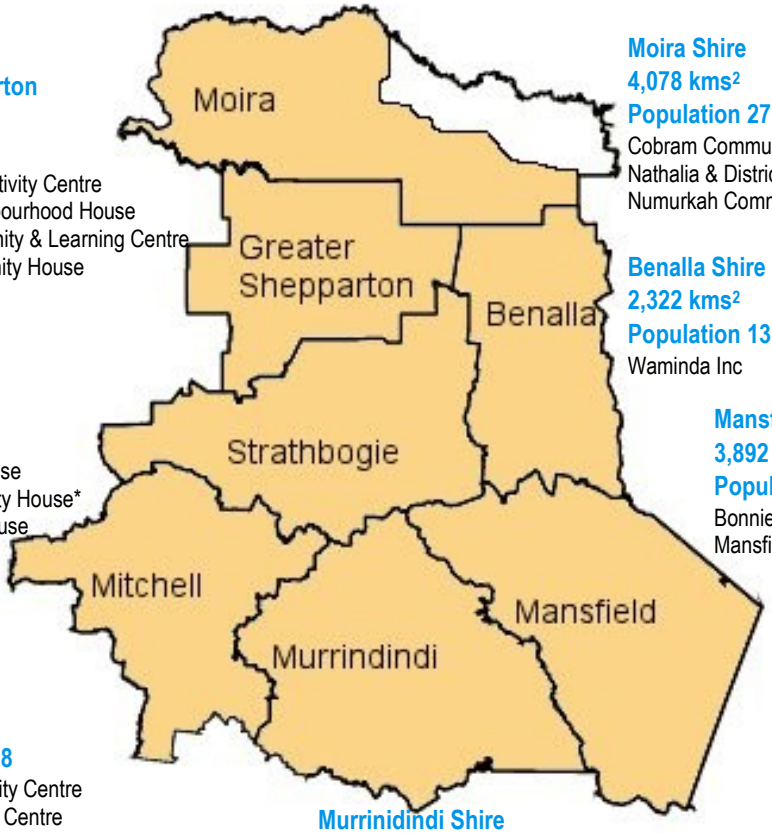
City of Greater Shepparton
2,420 kms²
Population 57,089
Mooroopna Education & Activity Centre
Murchison & District Neighbourhood House
North Shepparton Community & Learning Centre
South Shepparton Community House
Tatura Community House

Strathbogie Shire
3,293 kms²
Population 9,295
Avenel Neighbourhood House
Nagambie Lakes Community House*
Violet Town Community House



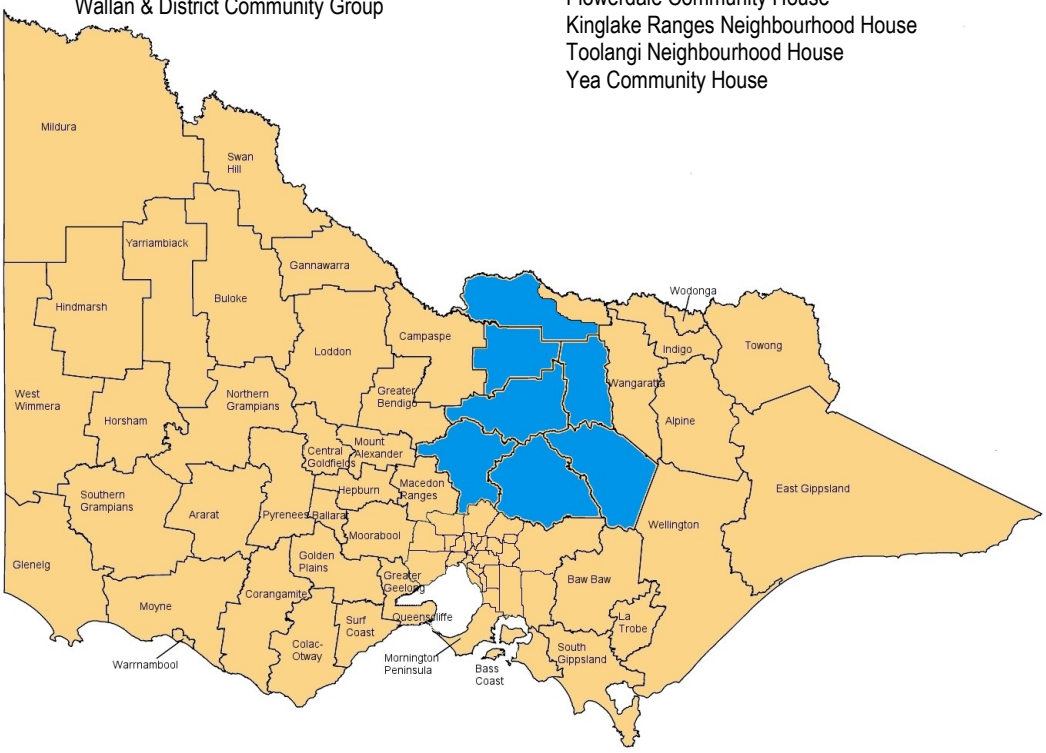
Moira Shire
4,078 kms²
Population 27,087
Cobram Community House
Nathalia & District Community Association
Numurkah Community Learning Centre

Benalla Shire
2,322 kms²
Population 13,523
Waminda Inc

Mansfield Shire
3,892 kms²
Population 7,191
Bonnie Doon Community House
Mansfield Community Education Centre

Mitchell Shire
2,847 kms²
Population 30,928
Broadford Community Centre
Kilmore Community Centre
Puckapunyal & District Neighbourhood Centre
Pyalong Neighbourhood House
Seymour and District Community House
Wallan & District Community Group

Murrinidindi Shire
3,889 kms²
Population 13,672
Flowerdale Community House
Kinglake Ranges Neighbourhood House
Toolangi Neighbourhood House
Yea Community House



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Mallee Neighbourhood House Network

Network name & acronym:	Mallee Neighbourhood House Network
Networker:	Lea Johnson (Chair)
Number of Houses/Centres in Network: (including those not in receipt of NHCP)	14
Municipalities covered:	Shires of Buloke and Gannawarra and the Rural City Councils of Swan Hill and Mildura.
These municipalities incorporate:	Regional centres or towns, semi rural and rural areas
Total area covered:	40,049 kms^2
The Network receives NHCP funding for:	14.75 hours
Other sources of funding include (eg LGA, grants, project funding):	NA
The Network employs a Networker for:	1 day a week
Within the Network the following clusters operate:	NA
The Network is managed by:	Committee of Management

Mallee Neighbourhood House Network

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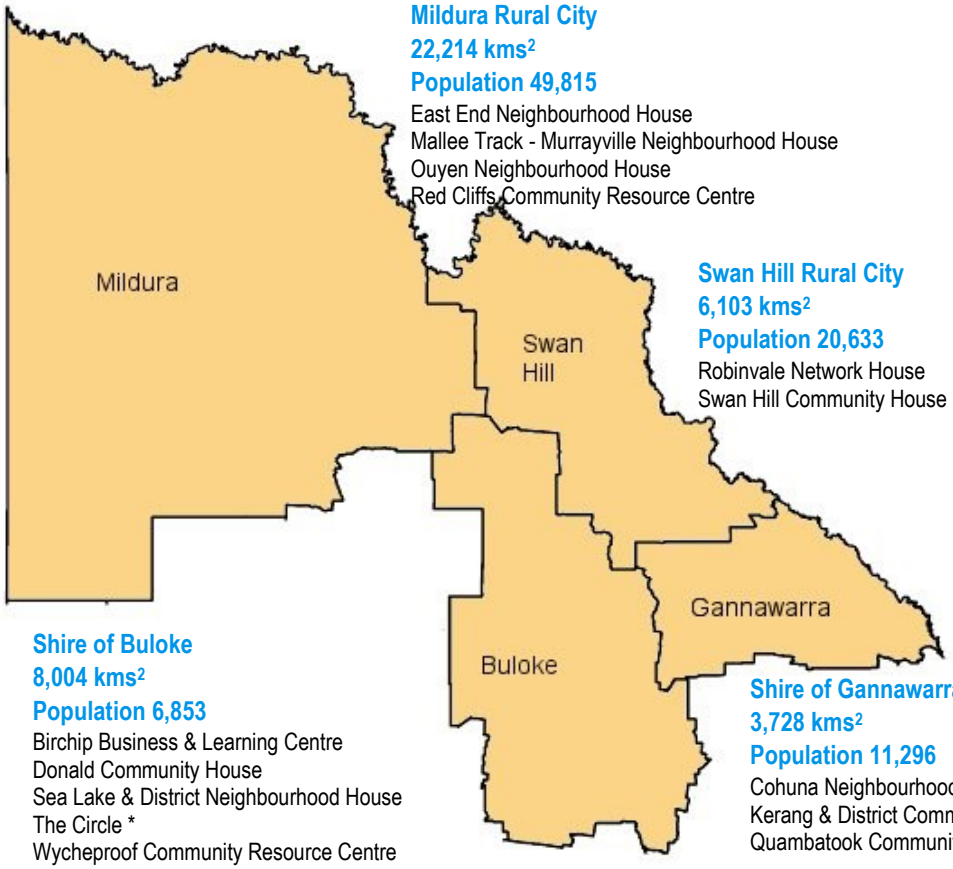
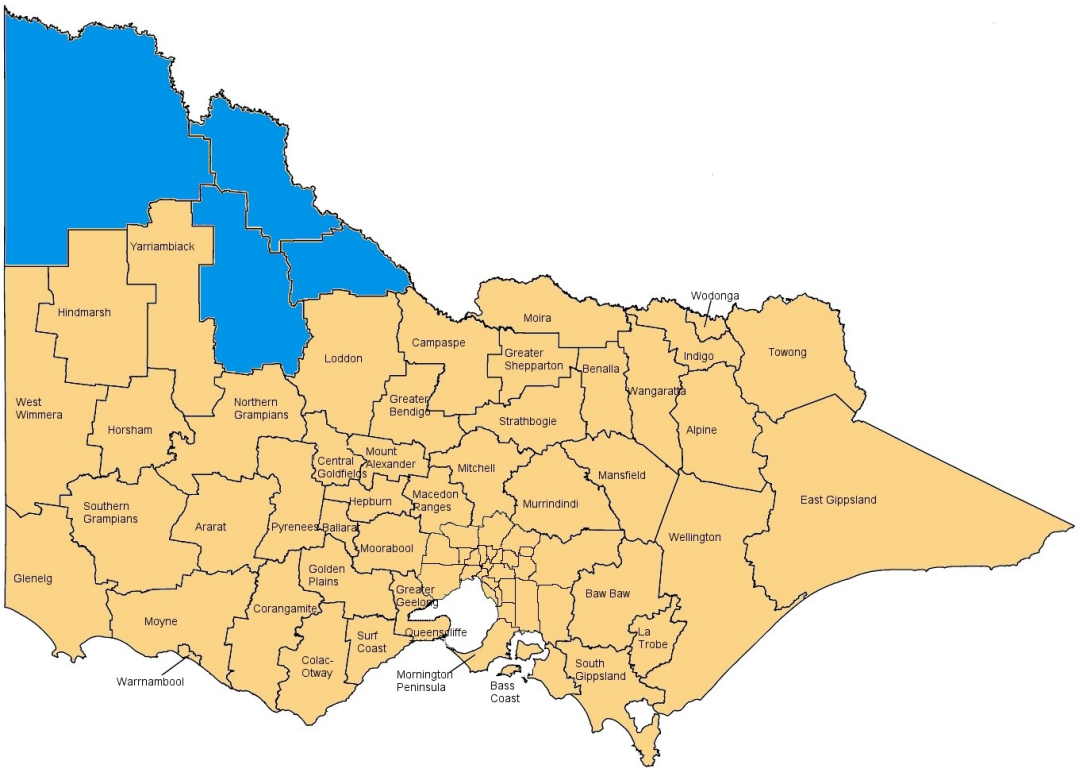


Mildura Rural City
22,214 kms²
Population 49,815
East End Neighbourhood House
Mallee Track - Murrayville Neighbourhood House
Ouyen Neighbourhood House
Red Cliffs Community Resource Centre

Swan Hill Rural City
6,103 kms²
Population 20,633
Robinvale Network House
Swan Hill Community House

Shire of Buloke
8,004 kms²
Population 6,853
Birchip Business & Learning Centre
Donald Community House
Sea Lake & District Neighbourhood House
The Circle *
Wycheproof Community Resource Centre

Shire of Gannawarra
3,728 kms²
Population 11,296
Cohuna Neighbourhood House
Kerang & District Community Centre
Quambatook Community Resource Centre



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Network of Inner East Community Houses (NIECH)

Network name & acronym:	Network of Inner East Community Houses (NIECH)
Networker:	Merial Clark
Number of Houses/Centres in Network: (including those not in receipt of NHCP)	28
Municipalities covered:	Cities of Boroondara, Monash, Manningham and Whitehorse.
These municipalities incorporate:	Metropolitan areas
Total area covered:	229.5 kms^2
The Network receives NHCP funding for:	23 hours
Other sources of funding include (eg LGA, grants, project funding):	project funding
The Network employs a Networker for:	3 days a week
Within the Network the following clusters operate:	COWNCH, Manningham cluster (both overlapping with CHAOS) Network of Monash Neighbourhood Houses, Boroondara cluster
The Network is managed by:	Committee of Management

Network of Inner East Community Houses

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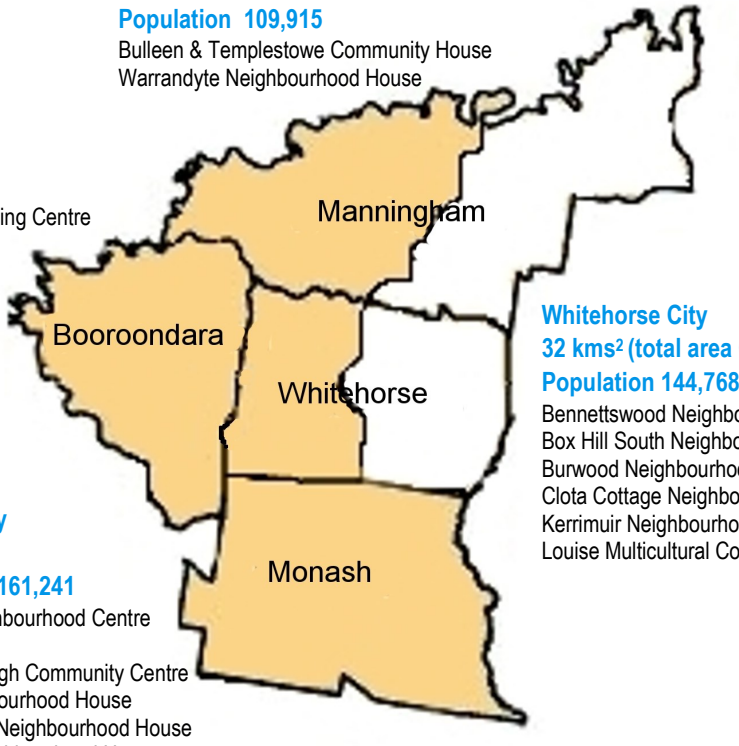
Manningham City
56.5 kms² (total area 113 kms²)
Population 109,915
Bulleen & Templestowe Community House
Warrandyte Neighbourhood House

Boroondara City
60 kms²
Population 154,450
Alamein Neighbourhood and Learning Centre
Ashburton Community Centre*
Balwyn Community Centre*
Bowen Street Family Centre
Camberwell Community Centre*
Canterbury Neighbourhood Centre
Craig Family Centre
Hawthorn Community House
Kew Neighbourhood House
Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre



Whitehorse City
32 kms² (total area 64 kms²)
Population 144,768
Bennettswood Neighbourhood House
Box Hill South Neighbourhood House
Burwood Neighbourhood House
Clota Cottage Neighbourhood House
Kerrimuir Neighbourhood House
Louise Multicultural Community Centre

Monash City
81 kms²
Population 161,241
Amaroo Neighbourhood Centre
Dixon House
Fusion Oakleigh Community Centre
Kerrie Neighbourhood House
Mount Street Neighbourhood House
Mulgrave Neighbourhood House
Notting Hill Neighbourhood House
Power Neighbourhood House
Waverley Community Learning Centre
Wavlink

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Network West

Network name & acronym:	Network West
Networker:	Michelle Chrimes
Number of Houses/Centres in Network: (including those not in receipt of NHCP)	51 (38 funded, 13 unfunded*)
Municipalities covered:	Cities of Moonee Valley, Maribyrnong, Brimbank, Melton, Wyndham, Hobsons Bay and Melbourne.
These municipalities incorporate:	Metropolitan areas
Total area covered:	1,368 kms^2
The Network receives NHCP funding for:	33.5 hours
Other sources of funding include (eg LGA, grants, project funding):	NA
The Network employs a Networker for:	3.5 days a week
Within the Network the following clusters operate:	Inner North Cluster (INC); Think West; Melton , Hobsons' Bay, and Wyndham Clusters; Brimbank Partnership; Maribyrnong Partnership.
The Network is managed by:	Committee of Management

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Brimbank City
123 kms²
Population 191,619
Cairnlea Neighbourhood House
Community West
Delahey Family Centre
Duke St Community House
St Albans Community Youth Club
St Albans Good Shepherd
Sydenham Neighbourhood House
West Sunshine Community Centre
Westvale Community Centre Inc

Melton Shire
527 kms²
Population 112,981
Djerriwarrh Community House
Hillside Community Centre
Melton South Community Centre
Stevensons House
Taylors Hill Community Centre*

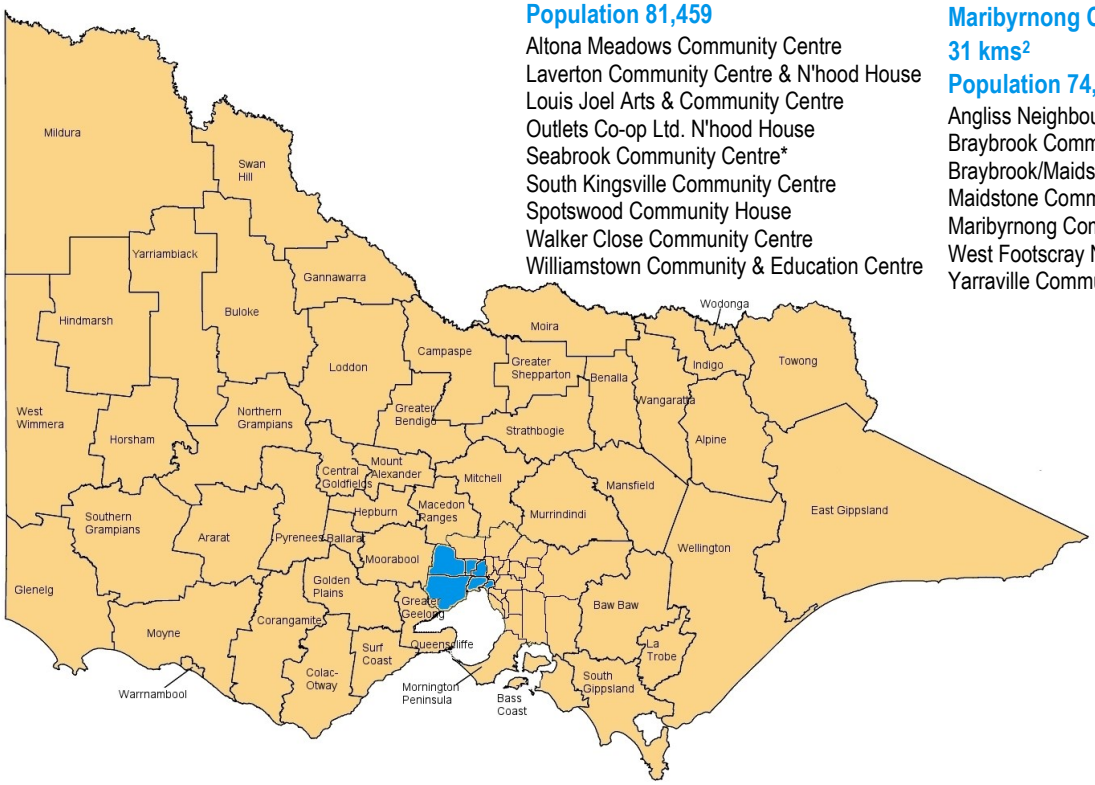
Moonee Valley City
44 kms²
Population 113,657
Bowes Ave Community Centre*
Chinese Social Centre
Farnham Street Neighbourhood
Flemington Community Centre*
Learning Centre
Wingate Avenue Community Centre

Wyndham City
542 kms²
Population 168, 552
Arndell Park Community Centre*
Featherbrook Community Centre*
Iramoo Community Centre
Jamieson Way Community Centre
Point Cook Community Learning Centre*
Quantum Binnah Community Centre
Tarneit Community Centre
The Grange*
Wyndham Park Community Centre
Wyndham Community & Education Centre
Wyndham Vale Community Centre*
Yerambooee Community Centre*

Melbourne City
36 kms²
Population 98,859
Kensington Neighbourhood House
North Melbourne Language & Learning Centre
The Centre
The Hub Docklands*

Hobsons Bay City
65 kms²
Population 81,459
Altona Meadows Community Centre
Laverton Community Centre & N'hood House
Louis Joel Arts & Community Centre
Outlets Co-op Ltd. N'hood House
Seabrook Community Centre*
South Kingsville Community Centre
Spotswood Community House
Walker Close Community Centre
Williamstown Community & Education Centre

Maribyrnong City
31 kms²
Population 74,005
Angliss Neighbourhood House
Braybrook Community Centre
Braybrook/Maidstone Neighbourhood House
Maidstone Community Centre*
Maribyrnong Community Centre*
West Footscray Neighbourhood House
Yarraville Community Centre



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North East Neighbourhood House Network (NENHN)

Network name & acronym:	North East Neighbourhood House Network (NENHN)
Networker:	Julie Johnston
Number of Houses/Centres in Network: (including those not in receipt of NHCP)	33
Municipalities covered:	Cities of Darebin, Yarra, Banyule, Whittlesea, Shire of Nillumbik.
These municipalities incorporate:	Metropolitan and semi rural areas
Total area covered:	1,060 kms^2
The Network receives NHCP funding for:	27.5 hours
Other sources of funding include (eg LGA, grants, project funding):	NHCP funding for 25 hours for Thomastown Neighbourhood House auspice
The Network employs a Networker for:	3 days a week
Within the Network the following clusters operate:	LGA Networks – Banyule, Darebin, Yarra, Whittlesea
The Network is managed by:	Committee of Management

North East Neighbourhood House Network
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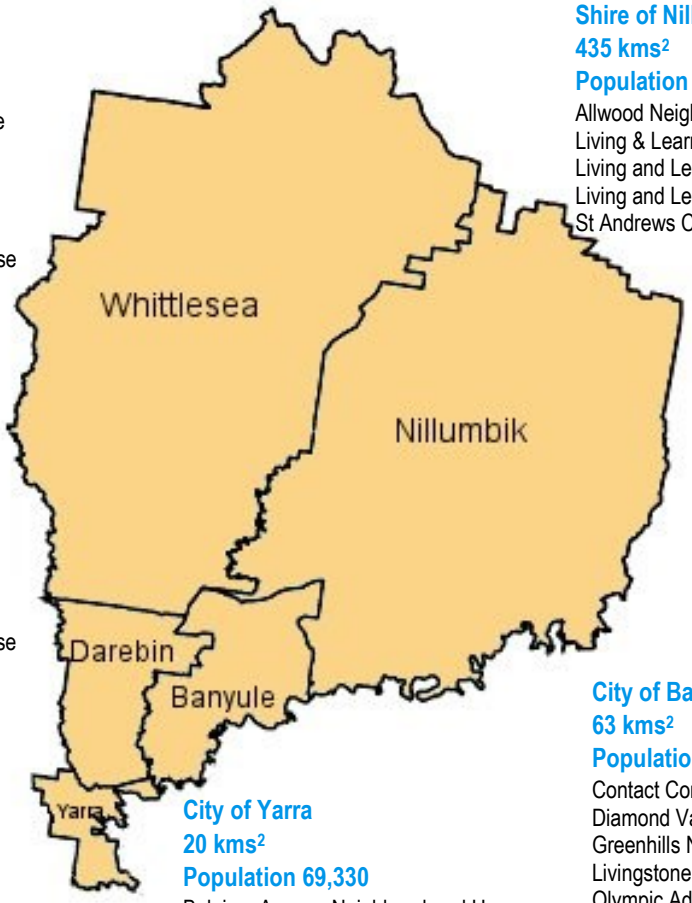
City of Whittlesea
489 kms²
Population 124,647
Creeds Farm Living & Learning Centre
Greenbrook Community House*
Lalor Living and Learning Centre
Mill Park Community House & ATSS
Thomastown Neighbourhood House
Whittlesea Township Community House & Alliance Group

City of Darebin
53 kms²
Population 128,067
Alphington Community Centre
Gurwidj Neighbourhood House
Jika Jika Community Centre
PRACE
Preston Neighbourhood House
Reservoir Neighbourhood House
SPAN Community House
Thornbury Women's Neighbourhood House



Shire of Nillumbik
435 kms²
Population 59, 792
Allwood Neighbourhood House
Living & Learning Nillumbik - Eltham
Living and Learning Nillumbik - Diamond Creek
Living and Learning Nillumbik - Panton Hill
St Andrews Community Centre*

City of Banyule
63 kms²
Population 114,866
Contact Community Centre*
Diamond Valley Learning Centre
Greenhills Neighbourhood Centre
Livingstone Community Centre
Olympic Adult Education
Rosanna Fire Station Community House
Watsonia Neighbourhood House

City of Yarra
20 kms²
Population 69,330
Belgium Avenue Neighbourhood House
Carlton Neighbourhood Learning Centre
Collingwood Neighbourhood House
Finbar Neighbourhood House
Fitzroy Learning Network
Holden Street Neighbourhood House
North Carlton Railway Station Neighbourhood House
Princes Hill Community Centre*
Richmond Community Learning Centre

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Northwest Neighbourhood House Network (NWNHN, Inc)

Network name & acronym:	North West Neighbourhood House Network Incorporated (NWNHN Inc)
Networker:	Judy Lazarus
Number of Houses/Centres in Network: (including those not in receipt of NHCP)	17
Municipalities covered:	Cities of Hume and Moreland.
These municipalities incorporate:	Metropolitan areas; outer urban and rural borders
Total area covered:	554 kms^2
The Network receives NHCP funding for:	18 hours per week
Other sources of funding include (eg LGA, grants, project funding):	NA
The Network employs a Networker for:	6 days per fortnight
Within the Network the following clusters operate:	LGA Networks, Hume and Moreland
The Network is managed by:	Committee of Management

Northwest Neighbourhood House Network

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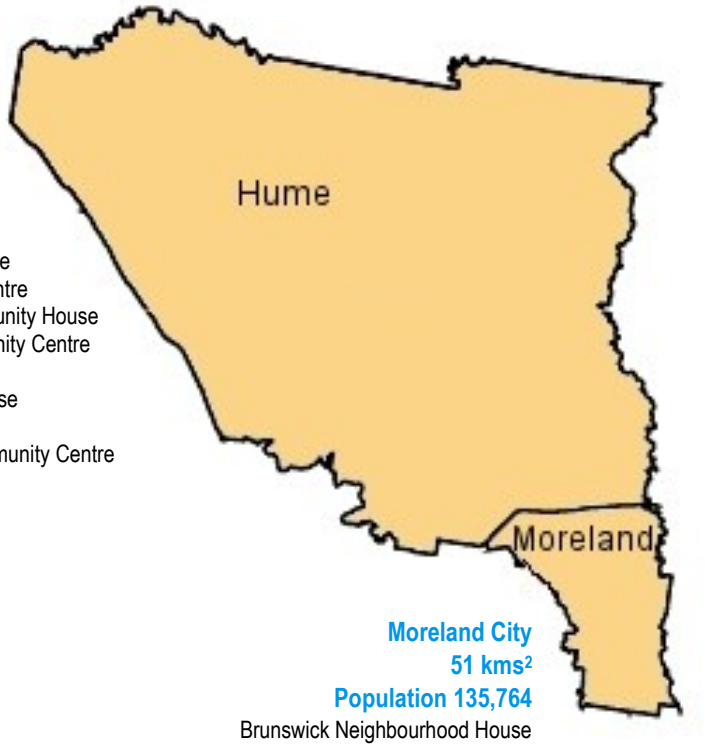

Hume City
503 kms²
Population 147,781

Attwood House Community Centre
Banksia Gardens Community Centre
Broadmeadows Women's Community House
Craigieburn Education & Community Centre
Dallas Neighbourhood House
Goonawarra Neighbourhood House
Meadow Heights Learning Shop
Roxburgh Park Homestead Community Centre
Sunbury Neighbourhood House
Tullamarine Community House

Moreland City
51 kms²
Population 135,764

Brunswick Neighbourhood House
Fawkner Community House
Glenroy Neighbourhood Learning Centre
Hidden Creek Neighbourhood House
Nicholson Street Community House
Robinson Reserve Neighbourhood House
Sussex Neighbourhood House

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Regional Association of Neighbourhood and Community Houses (RANCH)

Network name & acronym:	Regional Association of Neighbourhood and Community Houses (RANCH)
Networker:	David Perry
Number of Houses/Centres in Network: (including those not in receipt of NHCP)	28
Municipalities covered:	Shires of Loddon, Mt. Alexander, Campaspe, Macedon Ranges, Central Goldfields, and the City of Greater Bendigo
These municipalities incorporate:	Regional centres or towns, semi rural and rural areas
Total area covered:	19,085 kms^2
The Network receives NHCP funding for:	23.75 hours
Other sources of funding include (eg LGA, grants, project funding):	0
The Network employs a Networker for:	2 days a week
Within the Network the following clusters operate: kms^2	Shamrock, Campaspe, Goldfields, Loddon, Macedon Ranges
The Network is managed by:	Committee of Management

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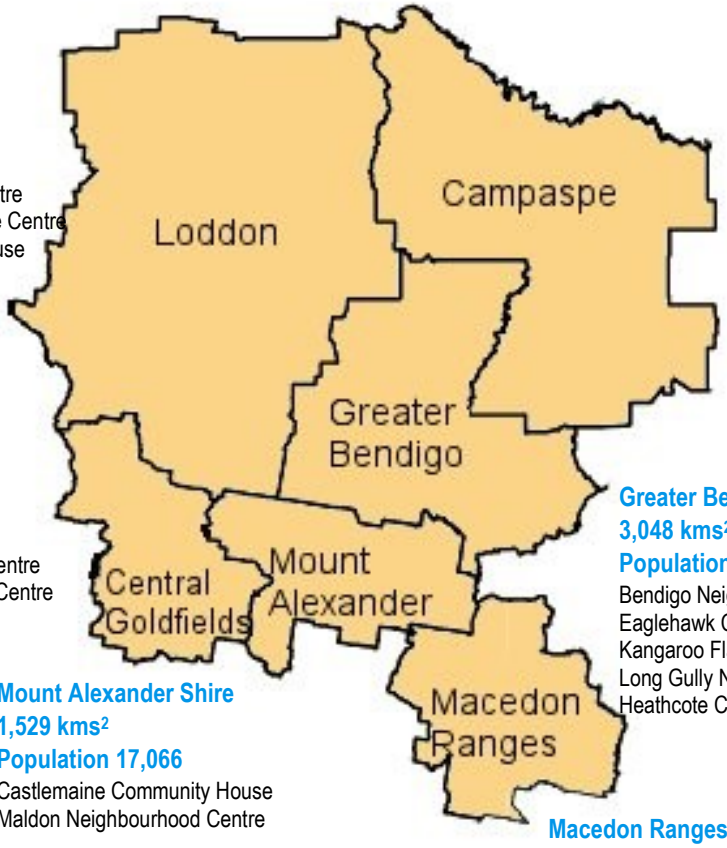
Loddon Shire
6,700 kms²
Population 7,836
Boort Resource Information Centre
Inglewood Community Resource Centre
Pyramid Hill Neighbourhood House
Wedderburn Community House



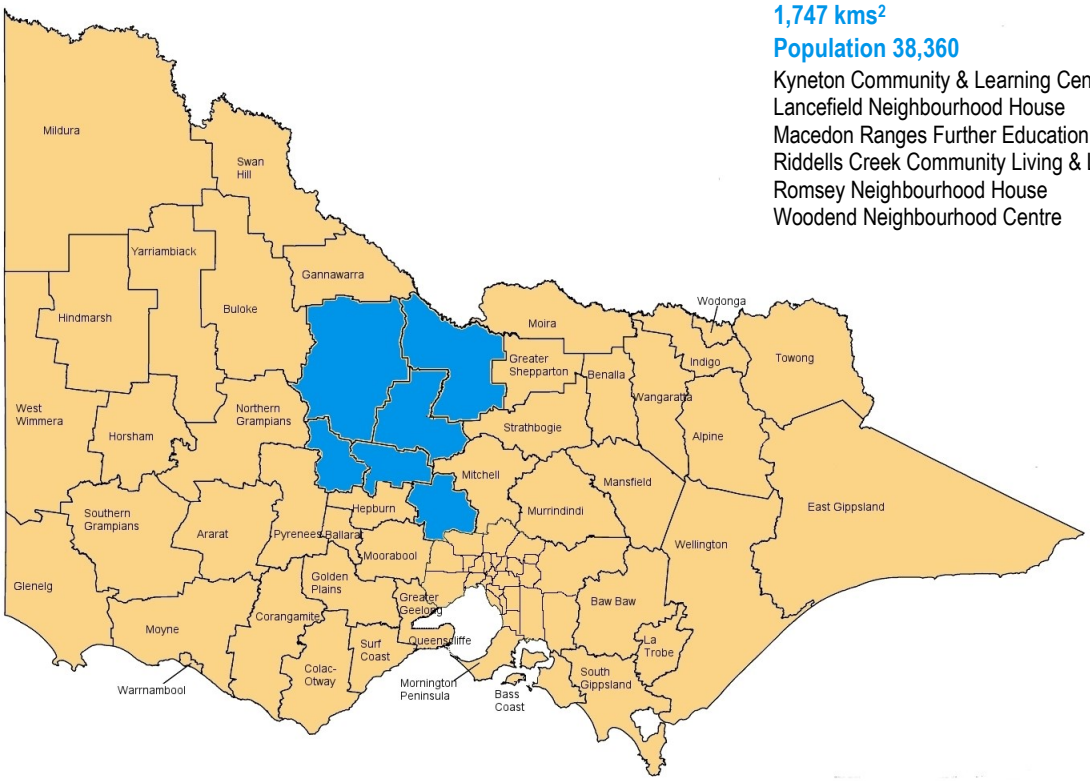
Campaspe Shire
4,525 kms²
Population 36,209
Crossenvale Community House
Echuca Neighbourhood House
Girgarre Community Cottage
Kyabram Community & Learning Centre
Lockington District Business Centre
Rochester Community House
Rushworth Community House
Tongala Community Centre

Central Goldfields Shire
1,536 kms²
Population 12,323
Dunolly & District Neighbourhood Centre
Goldfields Employment & Learning Centre
Maryborough Community House

Greater Bendigo City
3,048 kms²
Population 93 252
Bendigo Neighbourhood House
Eaglehawk Community House
Kangaroo Flat Community Group
Long Gully Neighbourhood Centre
Heathcote Community House

Mount Alexander Shire
1,529 kms²
Population 17,066
Castlemaine Community House
Maldon Neighbourhood Centre

Macedon Ranges Shire
1,747 kms²
Population 38,360
Kyneton Community & Learning Centre
Lancefield Neighbourhood House
Macedon Ranges Further Education Centre
Riddells Creek Community Living & Learning Centre
Romsey Neighbourhood House
Woodend Neighbourhood Centre



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Community Houses Network Southern Region (CHN)

Network name & acronym:	Community Houses Network of the Southern Region (CHN)
Networkers:	Cath Darcy and Wendy Hiam
Number of Houses/Centres in Network: (including those not in receipt of NHCP)	68
Municipalities covered:	10 municipalities from Port Melbourne to Sorrento and Pakenham.
These municipalities incorporate:	Metropolitan and semi rural areas
Total area covered:	2,885 kms^2
The Network receives NHCP funding for:	53 hours
Other sources of funding include (eg LGA, grants, project funding):	NA
The Network employs a Networker for:	5 days a week
Within the Network the following clusters operate:	Mornington, Cardinia, Frankston, Casey, Dandenong, Kingston, Gateway to the South (northern LGAs)
The Network is managed by:	Committee of Management

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Port Phillip City
Population 85,096: 20 kms²

Alma Rd Community House
Elwood/St.Kilda Neighbourhood Learning Centre
Port Melbourne Neighbourhood Centre
Port Phillip Community Group

Stonnington City
Population 89,883: 25 kms²

Phoenix Park Community Centre
Prahran Community Learning Centre

Greater Dandenong City
Population 125,520: 130kms²

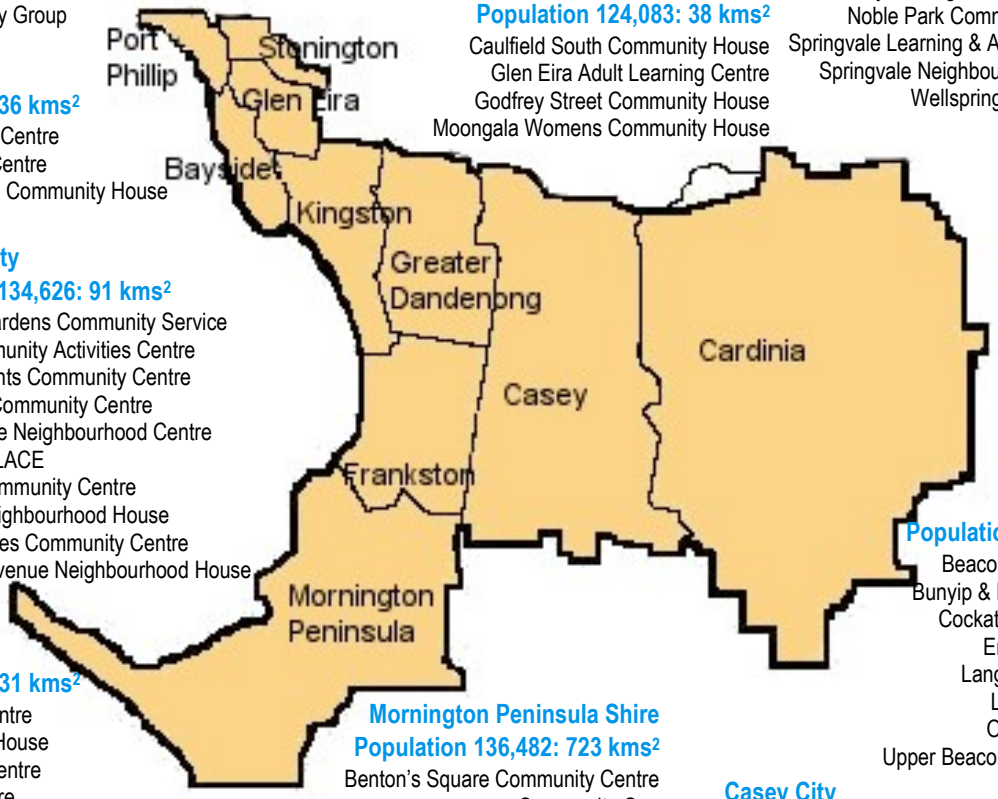
Dandenong Neighbourhood House
Jan Wilson Community Centre
Keysborough Learning Centre
Noble Park Community Centre
Springvale Learning & Activity Centre
Springvale Neighbourhood House
Wellsprings for Women

Glen Eira City
Population 124,083: 38 kms²

Caulfield South Community House
Glen Eira Adult Learning Centre
Godfrey Street Community House
Moongala Womens Community House

Bayside City
Population 87,936: 36 kms²

Castlefield Community Centre
Hampton Community Centre
Highett Neighbourhood Community House
Sandy Beach Centre



Kingston City
Population 134,626: 91 kms²

Aspendale Gardens Community Service
Carrum Community Activities Centre
Chelsea Heights Community Centre
Cheltenham Community Centre
Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre
Longbeach PLACE
Mordialloc Community Centre
Mordialloc Neighbourhood House
Patterson Lakes Community Centre
Sundowner Avenue Neighbourhood House

Cardinia Shire
Population 57,115: 1,281 kms²

Beaconsfield Community Centre
Bunyip & District Community House
Cockatoo Neighbourhood House
Emerald Community House
Lang Lang Community Centre
Living Learning Pakenham
Outlook Community Centre
Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre

Frankston City
Population 117,801: 131 kms²

Belvedere Community Centre
Karingal Neighbourhood House
Langwarrin Community Centre
Lyrebird Community Centre
Mahogany Neighbourhood Centre
Orwil Street Community House

Mornington Peninsula Shire
Population 136,482: 723 kms²

Benton's Square Community Centre
Community One
Crib Point Community House
Dromana Community House
Good Shepherd Community House
Hastings Community House
Mornington Community Contact
Mount Eliza Village Neighbourhood Centre
Rye Beach Community Centre
Seawinds Community Hub
Somerville Community House
Sorrento Community Centre

Casey City
Population 214,960: 410 kms²

Balla Balla Community Centre
Berwick Neighbourhood Centre
Blind Bight Community Centre
Brentwood Park Neighbourhood House
Cranbourne Community House
Doveton Neighbourhood Learning Centre
Endeavour Hills UnitingCare Neighbourhood Centre
Hallam Community Learning Centre
Hampton Park Community House
Merinda Park Learning & Community Centre
Narre Community Learning Centre
Oakgrove Community Centre

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South West Neighbourhood House Network

Network name & acronym:	South West Neighbourhood House Network
Networker:	Debra King
Number of Houses/Centres in Network: (including those not in receipt of NHCP)	7
Municipalities covered:	Shires of Moyne, Warrnambool, Corangamite, Glenelg and Southern Grampians
These municipalities incorporate:	Regional centres or towns, semi rural and rural areas
Total area covered:	23,042 kms^2
The Network receives NHCP funding for:	10.25 hours
Other sources of funding include (eg LGA, grants, project funding):	NA
The Network employs a Networker for:	5 hours
Within the Network the following clusters operate:	NA
The Network is managed by:	The Network Group

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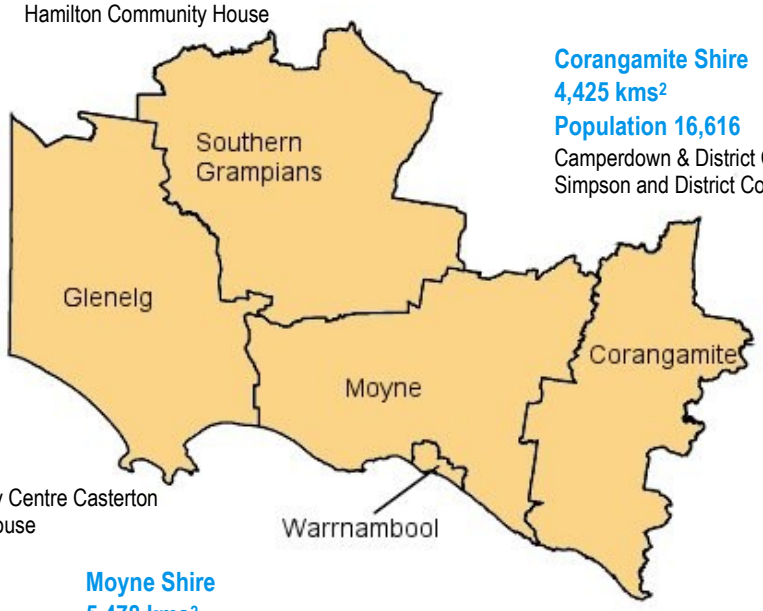
Southern Grampians Shire
6,807 kms²
Population 16,638
Hamilton Community House

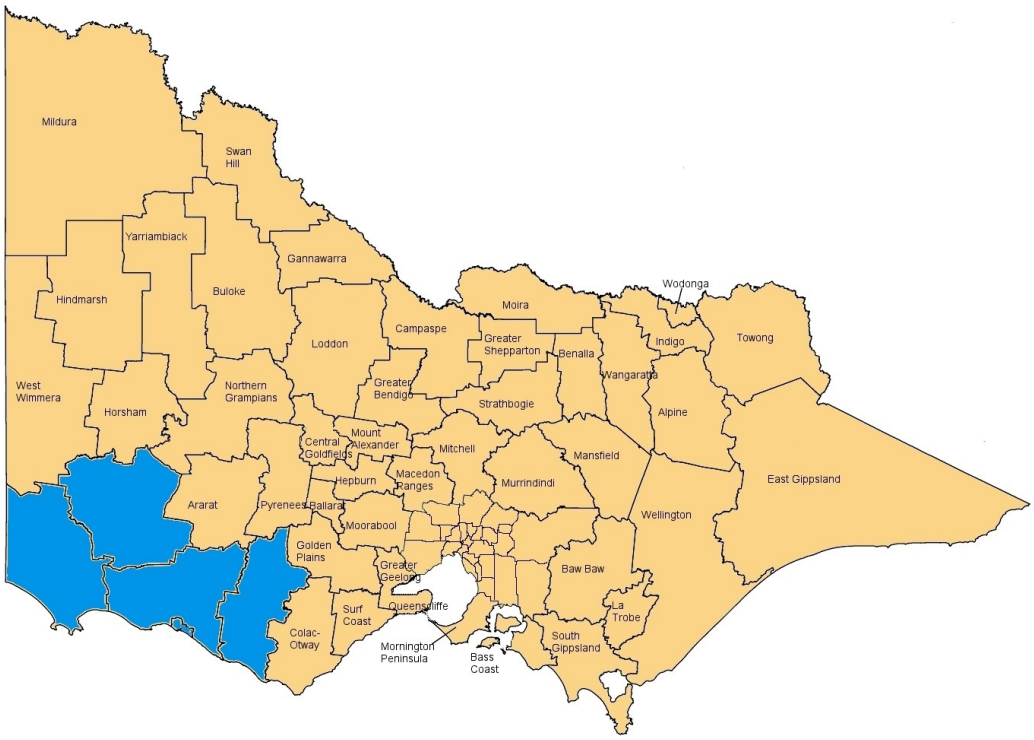
Corangamite Shire
4,425 kms²
Population 16,616
Camperdown & District Community House Inc (Orana)
Simpson and District Community Centre



Glenelg Shire
6,212 kms²
Population 19,759
Old Courthouse Community Centre Casterton
Portland Neighbourhood House

Moyne Shire
5,478 kms²
Population 15,453
Port Fairy Community House

Warrnambool City
120 kms²
Population 30,392
Warrnambool Neighbourhood & Community Centre



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Upper Murray Regional Neighbourhood House Network

Network name & acronym:	Upper Murray Regional Neighbourhood House Network
Networker:	Trish Curtis
Number of Houses/Centres in Network: (including those not in receipt of NHCP)	15
Municipalities covered:	Shires of Indigo, Wodonga, Moira, Alpine, Towong and Wangaratta.
These municipalities incorporate:	Regional centres or towns, semi rural and rural areas
Total area covered:	15,836 kms^2 (does not include Moira Shire)
The Network receives NHCP funding for:	15.5 hours
Other sources of funding include (eg LGA, grants, project funding):	NA
The Network employs a Networker for:	16 hours
Within the Network the following clusters operate:	NA
The Network is managed by:	Committee of Management

Upper Murray Regional Neighbourhood House Network

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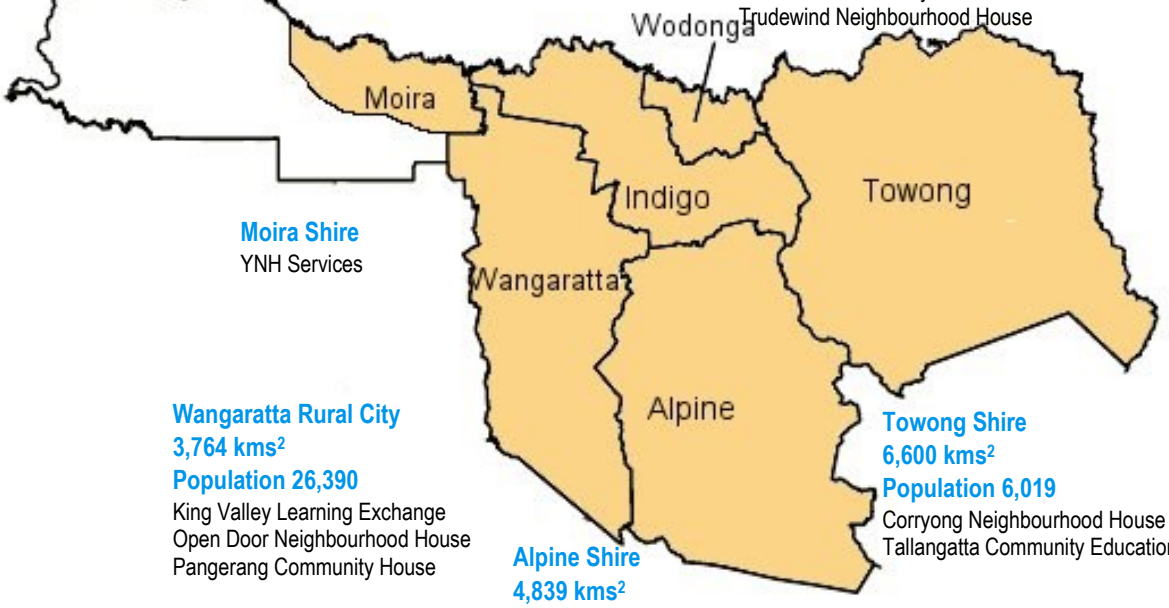
Indigo Shire
2,000 kms²
Population 14,798
Beechworth Neighbourhood Centre
Yackandandah Community Education Network

Wodonga Rural City
433 kms²
Population 33,010
Bandiana Neighbourhood House
Baranduda Community Centre
Birallee Park Neighbourhood House
Felltimber Community Centre
Trudewind Neighbourhood House

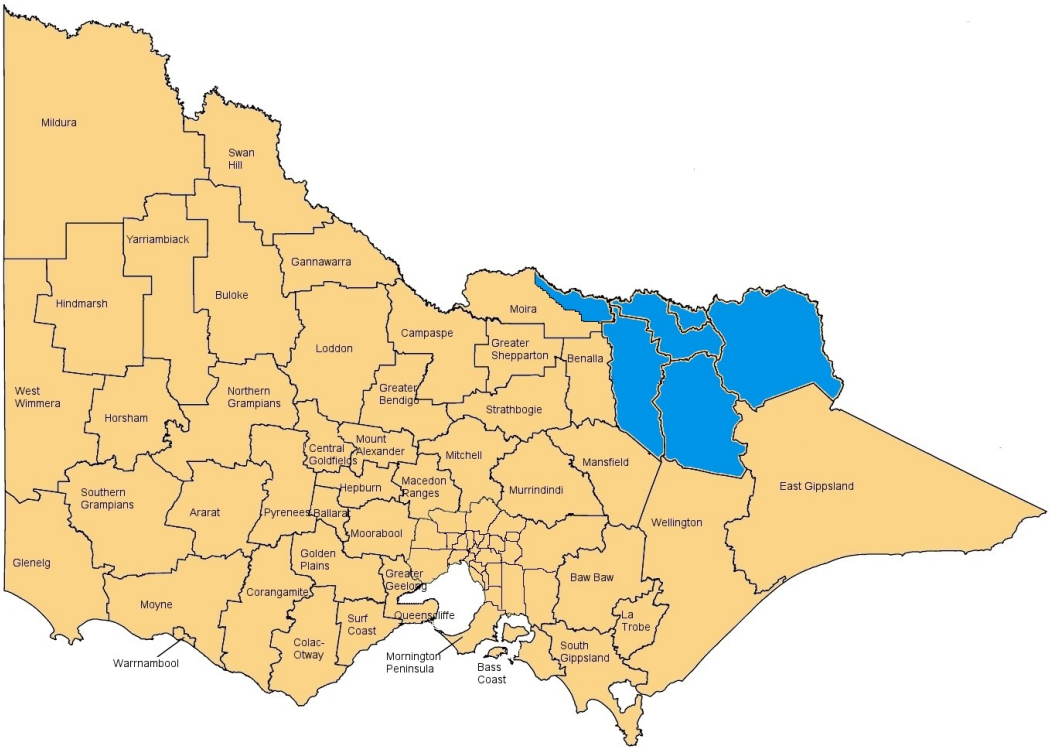


Moira Shire
YNH Services

Wangaratta Rural City
3,764 kms²
Population 26,390
King Valley Learning Exchange
Open Door Neighbourhood House
Pangerang Community House

Towong Shire
6,600 kms²
Population 6,019
Corryong Neighbourhood House
Tallangatta Community Education Centre

Alpine Shire
4,839 kms²
Population 12,001
Mt Beauty Neighbourhood Centre
Myrtleford Neighbourhood Centre



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Wimmera West Grampians Neighbourhood House Network Collective

Network name & acronym:	Wimmera West Grampians Neighbourhood House Network Collective
Networker:	Christine Zubrinich
Number of Houses/Centres in Network: (including those not in receipt of NHCP)	13
Municipalities covered:	Shires of Hindmarsh, Northern Grampians and Yarriambiack, West Wimmera and Ararat and Horsham Rural Cities.
These municipalities incorporate:	Regional centres or towns, semi rural and rural areas
Total area covered:	38,324 kms^2
The Network receives NHCP funding for:	12.5 hours
Other sources of funding include (eg LGA, grants, project funding):	NA
The Network employs a Networker for:	9 hours
Within the Network the following clusters operate:	NA
The Network is managed by:	Committee of Management (Rotating Chair)

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Wimmera West Grampians
by Local Government Authorities

Hindmarsh Shire
7,527 kms²
Population 6,039
Nhill Neighbourhood House Learning Centre
Rainbow Community Learning Group

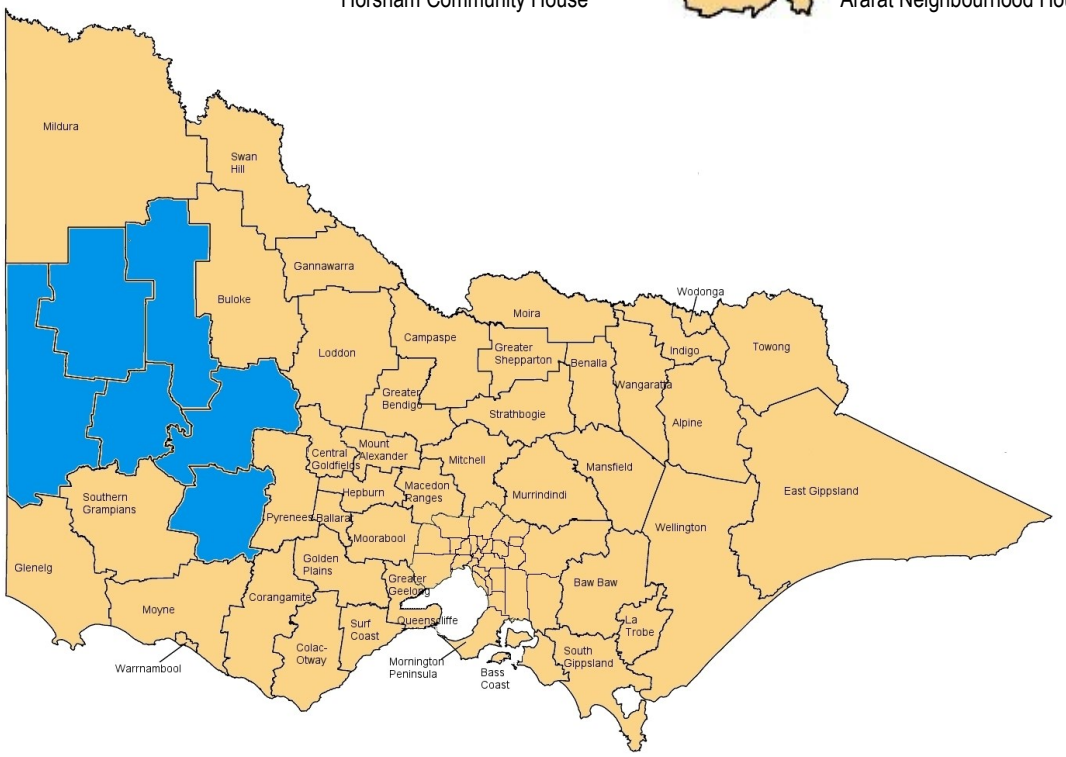
Yarriambiack Shire
7,158 kms²
Population 7,520
Hopetoun and District Neighbourhood House
Murtoa & District Neighbourhood House
Rupanyup Education Activities Community House
Warracknabeal N'hood House & Learning Centre

Northern Grampians Shire
6,000 kms²
Population 11,870
Budja Budja
St Arnaud Neighbourhood House
Stawell Neighbourhood House

West Wimmera Shire
9,200 kms²
Population 4,475
Harrow Community House
Kaniva Neighbourhood House

Horsham Rural City
4,239 kms²
Population 18,492
Horsham Community House

Ararat Rural City
4,200 kms²
Population 11,255
Ararat Neighbourhood House & Adult Learning Centre



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Neighbourhood Houses Victoria

Neighbourhood Houses Victoria was established in the early 1980s as the peak body for Victorian Neighbourhood Houses and Learning Centres. Neighbourhood Houses Victoria currently has a membership of over 400 organisations - most of the Houses and Centres in the state.
Neighbourhood Houses Victoria provides strategic leadership for Neighbourhood Houses in Victoria, supporting members with effective state-wide advocacy, quality research, and timely advice on relevant policy and legislative developments.

The Vision of Neighbourhood Houses Victoria

The vision of Neighbourhood Houses Victoria is of just and empowered local communities in which our member organisations provide opportunities for people's participation and learning.

The Mission of Neighbourhood Houses Victoria

The mission of Neighbourhood Houses Victoria is to support and develop the movement of Neighbourhood Houses and Community Learning Centres as individual organisations and as a collective.

Membership provides:

Influence

Advocacy: Practical support with local and state-wide campaigning to meet the needs of your Neighbourhood House and your community

Having your say at state level: Participation in research and consultations to inform and influence state and local government policy in areas relevant to Neighbourhood Houses and their communities, e.g. funding, child care, etc.

Data: access to information in addition to your individual NH dataset, and capacity to influence the way data is collected

Profile-raising: through Neighbourhood Houses Victoria's involvement in high-level committees and strategic partnerships

Publicity: via the Neighbourhood Houses Victoria website www.nhvic.org.au, Facebook page www.facebook.com/neighbourhoodhousesvic and Twitter @NHouses_Vic and the monthly newsletter *Neighbourhood Houses Victoria News*

Having a say at national level: through Neighbourhood House Victoria's representation of Victoria on the Australian Neighbourhood Houses & Centres Association (ANHCA).

Information and support

Neighbourhood Houses Victoria News: 10 issues/ year in hard copy and electronic formats, showcasing sector achievements and opportunities, and providing information on policy and industrial issues, funding opportunities and resources.

eBulletin: Weekly summary of timely funding, employment, volunteering and professional development opportunities, plus sector news and upcoming events.

Information and referral service: via email or phone on community governance, industrial issues, financial management, legal and regulatory requirements, planning, community promotion, conflict resolution, policy development, online information and communications tools.

Collective Agreement for Neighbourhood Houses and ACE Providers: facilitated by Neighbourhood Houses Victoria on behalf of the sector to ensure employment arrangements are attractive, fair and compliant.

Special offers

Annual conference: Discounted registration fees for members at Victoria's premier professional development and networking event for Neighbourhood House staff, governance committee members and volunteers.

Jobs Australia: Discounted membership rates for Neighbourhood Houses Victoria members with the employer organisation that specialises in community sector industrial relations advice and support.

Building and Contents insurance: Competitively priced, tailored package for the NH&LC sector.

Leadership (Full members only)

Eligibility to nominate for the Neighbourhood Houses Victoria Board of Governance and Board Working Groups

Eligibility to vote in Board elections and at General Meetings

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