

ANHLC Member Benefits and Services

Monthly newsletter - ANHLC News, 12 pages of developments and issues, funding opportunities, current discussion with government agencies, resources, industrial information, and reports & ideas from other neighbourhood houses/centres.

Annual residential conference - 3 days of professional development & great networking opportunities for 200 neighbourhood house staff and committee members. Members pay reduced registration. The conference location moves each year to ensure equitable access – 2 years rural, one year metro Melbourne.

Community sector governance information and referral service - a wide range of information about all aspects of community governance including industrial issues, financial management, legal and regulatory requirements, planning, community promotion, policy development. Where ANHLC cannot provide information members are referred to appropriate organisations.

Website www.anhlc.asn.au a member login section currently in development will soon provide members with online access to key governance resources and major sector research and advocacy documents.

Member forums occasional forums organised to provide members with an opportunity to be informed about and debate key issues. The forums also provide another place to share ideas and network with other houses/centres.

Discounted membership of the employer organisation Jobs Australia for specialist community sector industrial relations advice and support; and special bulk purchasing prices with Not for Profit Purchasing.

Eligibility to nominate for the **ANHLC Board** and actively participate in leading the sector (**Full Membership only**)

The **Quality Houses Self Assessment** tool provides member Neighbourhood Houses with a sector specific Quality Assurance process, which will also meet DPCD and ACFE requirements.

ANHLC represents members to **National Link**, linking the 1000 neighbourhood houses around Australia.

Building and Contents insurance package tailored for the NH&LC sector by Guild Insurance in consultation with ANHLC and a range of sector representatives.

One free copy per member of key sector specific **research, information and resource documents** including:

- **The NH&LC Sector Framework.** A comprehensive description of the vision, philosophy, principles and practice of the NH&LC sector based on extensive consultation with the sector members. 2003
- **Building Victorian Communities: Outcomes of the NH&LC Sector** by Louise Humpage of the Centre for Applied Social Research at RMIT University. A detailed analysis of the huge variety of ways in which the sector works within a community development model to strengthen community capacity at both the individual and the community level. 2005
- **Neighbourhood Houses & Local Government Building Communities Together** A practical guide to creating and sustaining partnerships 2005
- **Opportunities for the NH Sector to Partner with the Victorian State Government** by Sue West of Institute for Community Engagement and Policy Alternatives Vic Uni. A paper considering opportunities for strengthening the partnership between the NH&LC Sector and the Vic State Government via DVC around a shared vision for building stronger communities. 2006
- **A Guide to Creating a Financial Systems and Procedures Manual provides** information and CD Rom based templates that enable the reader to create a Financial Systems and Procedures Manual tailored for their own House or Centre.
- **Navigating the Maze – Understanding & Managing Accountability & Compliance** a companion resource to the Financial Systems and Procedures Manual. Provides a guide to understanding and managing a range of compliance and accountability requirements that are typical for most NHs & LCs.