

2010/2011 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 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 – two years rural, one year metro Melbourne. The 2011 Conference is tentatively scheduled for 30 March – 1 April in Lorne.

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 and policy development. Where ANHLC cannot provide information members are referred to appropriate organisations.

Website and weekly email bulletin - www.anhlc.asn.au. The website is currently being revamped to provide members with better access to key governance resources and major sector research and advocacy documents. Currently available in the members log-in section are electronic version of ANHLC News and a number of research and information papers. The weekly email bulletin introduced in 2009 has been very well received, and provides members with quick and easy access to information about funding, employment and volunteering opportunities, sector news and upcoming events.

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.

Jobs Australia discounted membership – Jobs Australia is an employer organisation for specialist community sector industrial relations advice and support; and special bulk purchasing prices with Not for Profit Purchasing.

ANHLC Board and Working Group eligibility – Eligibility to nominate for the ANHLC Board and Board Working Groups and actively participate in leading the sector (Full Membership only).

Voting rights – Members are able to vote in ANHLC elections to help direct the future of the organisation (Full Membership only).

ANHCA representation - ANHLC represents members to ANHCA (formerly 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.

Projects and initiatives – members are able to participate in special projects such as the 2008/2009 Workcover OH&S audits.

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.
- **Neighbourhood House Networks** A reference booklet that briefly profiles each of the 16 Neighbourhood House and learning Centre Networks and broadly outlines the network style of practice. 2008
- **Co Location Guide** The resource document outlines four case studies detailing the opportunities and constraints of the co location process and provides the necessary information to enable an organisation considering embarking on the process to make informed decisions. 2008

For further information about ANHLC member benefits don't hesitate to contact us on (03) 9654 1104 or email anhlc@anhlc.asn.au.

Support from the sector in the form of membership helps us continue to expand this list, so members can look forward to more benefits as ANHLC continues its growth into the future!