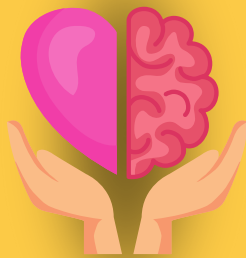


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PROGRAM OUTLINE



“a Tough Mind &
a Tender Heart”

- Martin Luther King Jr.

The conference will focus on innovative solutions, developing practice and personal wellbeing as critical issues for a sector seeking to thrive in challenging times.



Tough minds to face up to wicked problems, challenge assumptions, make difficult decisions and bring about innovative solutions.



Tender hearts to look after each other and ourselves, meet people where they are at and act with love and kindness.

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20 MARCH 2024
WEDNESDAY

FROM
10 AM

Open Houses (optional)

9:30AM - 5PM	Ballarat Neighbourhood House
10AM - 2PM	Ballarat Neighbourhood Centre
11AM - 3PM	Wendouree Neighbourhood Centre
12PM - 3PM	Clunes Neighbourhood House
1PM - 3PM	Ballan Neighbourhood House
2PM - 4PM	Creswick Neighbourhood Centre

1:30 PM

Community Organising Masterclass (optional)

2 PM

Accommodation check-in opens

4 PM

Structured Networking

6 PM

Casual Networking Drinks

8 PM

Open bar closes



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21 MARCH 2024
THURSDAY

7 AM

Breakfast opens for accommodation guests

8:30 AM

Registrations open

8:45 AM

Welcome to Country & Smoking Ceremony, Peta Hudson

9 AM

Opening Statements

9:40 AM

Keynote: Dr Helen Durham, RedR Australia

10:30 AM

Morning tea

11 AM

Keynote: Dee Brooks, Jeder Institute

12 PM

Breakout Presentations

1 PM

Lunch

2 PM

Keynote: Leigh Sales

3 PM

CEO Statement

3:30 PM

Afternoon tea

4 PM

Breakout Presentations

6:30 PM

Pre-Dinner Drinks

7 PM

Gala - Dinner, Drinks & NHVic Awards



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22 MARCH 2024
FRIDAY

7 AM

Breakfast opens for accommodation guests

9 AM

Opening remarks

9:10 AM

Keynote: Juanita Pope, Victorian Council of Social Services (VCOSS)

10 AM

Martha Haylett MP

10:10 AM

Keynote: Nevo Zisin

11 AM

Morning tea

11:30 AM

Breakout Presentations

12:30 PM

Research Update: RMIT

1 PM

Closing Statements

1:15 PM

Lunch (available to-go or to eat on-site)



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THURSDAY, 12PM BREAKOUTS

Pathways to Volunteering for Migrant and Refugee Women Wellsprings for Women

📍 Hepburn Room

Many women arrive in Australia with strong workplace and resilience skills but face many barriers in finding ways to apply these skills and contribute to society in the ways they would like to. Volunteering can provide the link to self-respect and new careers whilst providing unique benefits to organisations.

Community Group Governance Program Ballarat East Neighbourhood House

📍 Creswick Room

Ballarat's four NHs partnered with the City of Ballarat to develop and deliver the first half of a 4-year program that supports community development and community partnerships through building resilience in local community groups. We run free Workshops to improve community groups' sustainability, ability to access funds and improve governance.

Food Relief as Community Development Morwell Neighbourhood House

📍 Lindsay Room

Tracie Lund will discuss the rising demand for food relief services, and the successful program and partnerships Morwell Neighbourhood House have built to sustain it.

The Inclusion Games, NHVic

📍 Banksia Room

Join us for a fun and interactive session to test your knowledge and application of practices that promote inclusion of all community members, regardless of age, ability, background, gender and other personal circumstances. Do you have what it takes to enter this battle and learn a few tips from your peers and our NHVic facilitators?

New Managers Panel, NHVic

📍 Ironbark Room

A welcoming space for new managers to ask questions and gain information from our experienced Locum Managers.



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THURSDAY, 4PM BREAKOUTS

**Neighbourhood Placemaking:
The Art of Creating an Inspiring Public
Space with your Neighbourhood House**
Alphington Community Centre

Banksia Room

Is your house regularly mistaken for a childcare centre? A local government office? Does your community pass by daily without really understanding who you are or acknowledging your presence? Here are 20 ways to change your physical relationship with your neighbourhood and help your community really see you.

**The Art of Persuasion:
The Roles of NHs as Advocates**
Carlton Neighbourhood Learning Centre

Ironbark Room

Advocacy can be scary, daunting, mystifying, and confusing – yet Neighbourhood Houses can play a powerful role working with local communities to work towards systemic change. This presentation aims to provide practical tips about how to walk alongside community for changing hearts and minds of political decision-makers. Politicians are people too!

Mobile Hub
Pangerang Community Hub

Acacia Lawn

Come check out Pangerang Community Hub's Mobile Hub! This session will be informal, and give you the opportunity to see how their new Mobile Hub operates and services their community.

Pickleball
Sorrento Community Centre

Tennis Courts

Greg Hilton will give a pickleball demonstration. Join in the fun for a game and see how it could be a great new addition for your Neighbourhood House!



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FRIDAY, 11:30AM BREAKOUTS

Managing Mental Health: What are our Obligations to our Workers? Justice Connect

Banksia Room

Working and volunteering in the not-for-profit sector can be as challenging as it is rewarding. We know our employees and volunteers experience stress and other factors that could compromise their mental health. How can we manage high job demands, exposure to trauma, harassment and bullying, to meet our health and safety obligations for staff and volunteers?

Make ACFE Work for You Panel

Hepburn Room

ACFE providers will speak on the models and programs that have been successful for them, and the ways they've navigated making ACFE work for their Neighbourhood Houses.

Social Connection Panel

Lindsay Room

Dr J.R. Baker (Australian Social Prescribing Institute of Research and Education) and Lexi Marsh (Department of Health) will be joined by a link worker to discuss social prescribing efforts.

Manager Experiences & Insights Panel

Ironbark Room

Chrissy Austin (Creswick Neighbourhood Centre) and Mary-Lynn Grffith (Whittlesea Community House) will talk about some of the programs and processes in their Neighbourhood Houses that have created success, and how those could apply for your Neighbourhood House.



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NETWORKING

scavenger hunt

FIND SOMEONE THAT FITS EACH DESCRIPTION AND WRITE THEIR NAME IN THE SPACES, YOU MAY LIKE TO TAKE A PHOTO TOGETHER TOO! POST YOUR FINISHED SCAVENGER HUNT ON SOCIAL MEDIA & TAG @[NEIGHBOURHOODHOUSESVC](#)

#1

A NEWBIE WHO HAS JOINED THE SECTOR IN THE LAST 2 YEARS!

#2

A NETWORKER

#3

A NHVIC STAFF MEMBER!

#4

SOMEONE IN YOUR NETWORK!

#5

HOUSE/CENTRE THAT OFFERS FOOD RELIEF

#6

HOUSE/CENTRE THAT RUNS A CARER PROGRAM

#7

A LEGEND WHO HAS BEEN IN THE SECTOR FOR MORE THAN 10 YEARS!

#8

SOMEONE DOING THE SAME BREAKOUT AS YOU

#9

A NHVIC BOARD MEMBER!

#10

A NEW FRIEND MADE AT THE CONFERENCE

#11

SOMEONE DOING A DIFFERENT BREAKOUT THAN YOU

#12

HOUSE/CENTRE THAT OFFERS CHILDCARE

#13

HOUSE/CENTRE THAT RUNS A GARDENING PROGRAM

#14

A BREAKOUT WORKSHOP HOST/PRESENTER

#15

HOUSE/CENTRE THAT OFFERS LEARN LOCAL

#16

SOMEONE OUTSIDE YOUR NETWORK!