

Strategic Plan 2008 - 2011

Introduction - Who we are

Community and Neighbourhood Houses and Centres Association Inc. (CANH) was established in 1983. CANH continues to act as a catalyst for community development through providing service, support, engagement and advocacy to 87 community and neighbourhood houses and centres throughout South Australia. The Strategic Plan is CANH's key public document that articulates our future direction and outlines our goals and areas of focus for the three year period July 2008 to June 2011.

Objectives of the Association:

- Assist in the establishment, resourcing, operation and development of the network of houses and centres.
- Encourage mutual support and cooperation within the network and with other human service agencies.
- Initiate and develop policies and strategies that will strengthen and support the network.
- Represent the interests of houses and centres at local, state and national forums.
- Advise government and non-government agencies on policies and strategies for the support and development of the network.
- Be a central reference for data and information about the network.
- Enable and provide for member centres to undertake activities of a benevolent nature without discrimination including support, practical assistance and relief to those people in the community who are economically and socially disadvantaged.

CANH Vision

For communities that develop through participation, engagement and skills development. We will act as a catalyst for this to happen.

CANH Mission

Community & Neighbourhood Houses & Centres Association provides service, support, enhancement and advocacy to community and neighbourhood houses and centres to enable them to deliver the best quality service to their participants.

CANH Values

- Participation
- Inclusion
- Locally based
- Prevention
- Social change
- Cultural connections
- Partnerships

Strategic Plan 2008-2011 Summary

Key Result Area 1: Sector Support and Development: CANH will work with the sector using a community development model as the basis of operations and service delivery

- Goal 1: Organisational Support and Development: Promote and facilitate building the strength, capacity and sustainability of community and neighbourhood houses and centres
- Goal 2: Workforce Development: Develop a paid and volunteer workforce that is recognised for its skills and experience and has access to quality training opportunities relevant to the diverse needs of the sector

Key Result Area 2: Engagement and Promotion: CANH will proactively advocate for and raise the profile of the sector

- Goal 1: Increase recognition of the importance and social value of neighbourhood and community houses
- Goal 2: Expand partnerships with Government (local, state, federal), business, industry, community and other agencies and services
- Goal 3: Advocate for increased funding to the sector

Key Result Area 3: Leadership: CANH will model and be characterised by quality service delivery

- Goal 1: Model responsive, accountable and quality service delivery underpinned by effective governance and quality management systems.
- Goal 2: Demonstrate leadership that proactively supports and develops resilient, inclusive local communities