



LCSA

LOCAL COMMUNITY SERVICES ASSOCIATION



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We acknowledge and pay our respect to the traditional owners of the lands across the areas that we serve, particularly the Gadigal of the Eora Nation – traditional owners of the land where the LCSA office is located in Darlinghurst, New South Wales.

Always was, always will be, Aboriginal land.

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President's Report



As the peak body for neighbourhood and community centres (NCCs) in NSW, the Local Community Services Association (LCSA) has been a steadfast advocate for this work since its establishment in 1974. LCSA's membership includes over 175 locally based organisations, forming the largest community-led social infrastructure network in the state. This network is diverse, dynamic, and driven by the belief that local communities hold the knowledge, strength, and solutions to address their own challenges.

On behalf of the LCSA Board, I am delighted to present the 2024–2025 Annual Report. This past year has been one of change, opportunity, and growth for LCSA and the many neighbourhood and community centres we proudly represent. Throughout it all, we have remained committed to listening to our members, standing alongside them, and ensuring their needs guide everything we do.

A highlight of the year was LCSA's involvement in two important State Government inquiries—one into loneliness and social isolation, and another into foundational supports for children aged 0–9 with additional needs.

The aim of the NSW loneliness inquiry was to examine the prevalence, causes, and impacts of social isolation, review existing initiatives, and identify steps for the government and community to reduce loneliness. The inquiry seeks to raise awareness, develop sustainable community-based solutions, and foster collaboration to improve social connection across NSW.

Being part of this inquiry allowed LCSA to share the experiences of neighbourhood and community centres, advocate for practical solutions, and highlight the vital role our sector plays in building connected, resilient communities. The coordinated approach to ensure the participation of our members demonstrated that together our voice is stronger.

The NSW foundational supports inquiry aims to improve early intervention and disability support systems by creating person-centred, flexible, and integrated services that empower people with disability to live independently and participate fully in the community. The inquiry seeks to establish a more equitable and sustainable support ecosystem by addressing issues such as accessing support, providing guidance for families, and ensuring that community services are inclusive and responsive. Through this work, LCSA advocated for children, families, and communities, ensuring that the voices of our sector and the people we serve were heard where it matters most.

Both inquiries strengthened LCSA's continued advocacy for core funding for NCCs.

This year has also brought challenges. Many members have had to navigate significant changes to the Targeted Earlier Intervention (TEI) program through the recommissioning process, often while managing increasing demand and limited resources. We recognise how difficult this has been. Throughout these transitions, we have remained focused and committed to acting in the best interests of our members every step of the way.

In 2024, we celebrated 50 years of LCSA. The celebration held in August was a wonderful opportunity to reflect on our journey and reconnect with the many people who have shaped and supported our organisation over the decades.

Another highlight was the LCSA Connecting Communities Conference, which focused on strengthening community connections and professional development through training, networking, and discussions on the value of investing in local social infrastructure. The conference brought together members, partners, and sector leaders to share knowledge, celebrate achievements, and explore new ideas for the future.

In January 2025, we were honoured to take on the Secretariat for the International Federation of Settlement Houses and Neighborhood Centers (IFS). This role enables us to collaborate with organisations across the globe, share best practices, and advocate on international issues that influence our work locally.

Through this position, LCSA can strengthen global partnerships, contribute to international policy discussions, and bring innovative ideas back to support neighbourhood and community centres in NSW. It also enhances our leadership in sector coordination, allowing us to better support our members, promote social inclusion, and ensure that local communities benefit from both local and global knowledge and initiatives.

I stepped into the Acting President role in April 2025, and I sincerely thank our previous President, Skye Sear, for her leadership and dedication to LCSA.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our CEO, Can Yasmut, and his outstanding team. Their dedication, consistency, and unwavering commitment to supporting our sector have been pivotal to LCSA's achievements this year, enabling us to adapt, grow, and make a tangible difference for our members and the communities they serve.

I am deeply grateful to my fellow Board members for their guidance, collaboration, and tireless support in helping LCSA achieve its goals this year.

I feel we are at a point where LCSA is more cohesive and relevant than ever. Our strong working groups have been instrumental in driving collaboration, and we will continue to explore new ways to enhance member engagement. Being united and connected will be essential as we work together to achieve the outcomes we aspire to for our sector and communities.

Looking ahead, our focus remains firmly on the future of neighbourhood and community centres. We will continue advocating for strong social infrastructure funding so these vital community hubs can remain welcoming, accessible, and well-resourced places for everyone who needs them.

As we move forward together, LCSA remains committed to ensuring that the voices of local communities continue to shape policy, investment, and practice so that all community members in NSW can experience a sense of belonging, connection, and opportunity.

Thank you to all our members and partners for your ongoing support, dedication, and trust. Together, we are building stronger, more connected communities where everyone belongs and has the opportunity to thrive. Your passion and collaboration make a real difference, and we are proud to share this journey with you as we continue shaping a vibrant and inclusive future together.

Tairyn Vergara
Acting President

Chief Executive Officer's Report



As I reflect on this past year, I find myself thinking about where we have come from, where we are now, and where we are headed. This perspective feels particularly meaningful as we mark five decades of LCSA's journey.

Where We Came From

LCSA emerged from a working party of the NSW Council of Social Service in 1974, born from a recognition that neighbourhood and community centres needed their own voice and collective strength. It was fitting that Eva Cox, who was NCOSS CEO at that time, joined us at our anniversary dinner this year to cut the cake and celebrate how far we have come. That moment connected us to our origins while reminding us of the enduring relationships and shared commitment to community development that have sustained us through 50 years of social and political change.

From those early beginnings as a grassroots movement, LCSA has grown into the state's leading advocate for neighbourhood and community centres, representing over 175 organisations that form the largest community-led social infrastructure network in NSW. Our foundation in community development principles has remained constant, even as our scope and sophistication have evolved.

Where We Are Now

Today, LCSA stands as a vibrant, strategic organisation guided by our Strategic Plan 2024-2027. This framework shapes everything we do across four key areas: Community Development, Membership, Influence, and Governance. It is not merely a document but our roadmap for creating an environment where our members can thrive and deliver exceptional outcomes for their communities.

Our team has delivered an impressive range of initiatives this year. We hosted our monthly LCSA Members Forums that provided a vital space for connection and shared learning during a year when many members navigated significant changes through the Targeted Earlier Intervention (TEI) recommissioning process. Our team demonstrated both technical expertise and genuine care in supporting organisations through these transitions.

The TEI Community Strengthening Data Project continues to help tell the story of community wellbeing beyond DEX data, with our updated Community Wellbeing Survey now available in ten languages and accessible year-round. Our disaster response work has been particularly significant, as we supported members through Cyclone Alfred and flooding events in Northern NSW and the Hunter and Mid North Coast, coordinating with partners like NCOSS, GIVIT, and ADRA Australia to provide practical assistance when communities needed it most.

Our policy and advocacy work has been strategic and impactful. Central to this has been our pursuit of core funding for neighbourhood and community centres - funding that recognises the essential social infrastructure role NCCs play in building connected, resilient communities. The development of the Shared Commitment to Collaboration with the Department of Communities and Justice represents a significant milestone in this journey. This document, intended to be launched in the second half of 2025 by Minister Kate Washington, will enshrine community development principles and the future of NCCs into government policy. It speaks to a shared vision for NCCs to be recognised for their extraordinary social value and place as essential social infrastructure, not merely as service providers.

Our involvement in two major state government inquiries - on loneliness and social isolation, and on foundational supports for children with additional needs - provided powerful platforms for advocacy. The loneliness inquiry was particularly significant, with LCSA and five member organisations invited to give evidence at parliamentary hearings. Together with fourteen member submissions, we made a compelling case for core funding that would resource the unfunded community connection work that is in the DNA of neighbourhood and community centres. The inquiry process proved both educational and advocacy-focused, helping decision-makers understand the countless and sometimes unexpected ways that loneliness manifests in communities.

In January 2025, we assumed the Secretariat for the International Federation of Settlements and Neighbourhood Centres, positioning Sydney and LCSA at the centre of a global community development movement. This role enables us to collaborate with organisations worldwide, share best practices, and bring innovative ideas back to support our members. Our partnership with National Chengchi University in Taiwan, including hosting twenty-four delegates at our Connecting Communities Conference, demonstrates the rich international connections now available to our network.

Speaking of the conference, I want to thank our conference sponsors and supporters who made the event possible. The two-day gathering brought together 138 delegates for masterclasses, keynote presentations, panel discussions, and workshops that strengthened professional development and sector connections. It was a highlight of the year and a powerful demonstration of our collective commitment to learning and growth.

Where We Are Headed

Looking forward, I am excited about the opportunities before us. The challenges facing our sector are real - funding uncertainties, increasing demand for services, natural disasters impacts and cost-of-living pressures. But our strategic plan provides clear direction, and our momentum on core funding advocacy and the Shared Commitment positions us well for continued progress.

We will keep working to ensure that neighbourhood and community centres are properly resourced and recognised as essential social infrastructure. We will continue advocating for a policy environment that values community development principles and enables our members to do their best work. We will deepen our international connections while remaining focused on local community needs. And we will keep listening to our members, adapting our support to their evolving circumstances.

Acknowledgements

I extend my heartfelt thanks to the LCSA Board for their guidance, wisdom, and unwavering support throughout the year. To our Acting President Tairyn Vergara and outgoing President Skye Sear, thank you for your leadership and dedication to our mission.

To our staff team, I am immensely proud of your dedication and the quality of your work. Your commitment to excellence and your genuine passion for advancing the interests of our members shine through in everything you do. Thank you for making LCSA the respected, effective organisation it is today.

To our funders, particularly DCJ, thank you for your continued confidence in our work and your investment in the community sector. Your support enables us to deliver the programs and services that make a tangible difference for our members. To our many partners - peak bodies, government agencies, community organisations, academic and philanthropic stakeholders, and service providers - you know who you are. Thank you for working alongside us in this complex environment. Your collaboration strengthens our impact.

Most importantly, I want to thank our members. Your loyalty over the past fifty years, your commitment to your communities, and your trust in LCSA inspire everything we do. Every policy submission we write, every forum we convene, every training session we coordinate, every advocacy conversation we have is done with one purpose: to create an environment where you can thrive.

Can Yasmut
Chief Executive Officer

Who We Are



Local Community Services Association (LCSA) is the peak body of Neighbourhood & Community Centres in NSW.



Our Values

LCSA embraces the values of diversity, integrity, connectedness and inclusion. Our values underpin our work and are integral in achieving our purpose and strategic priorities.



Our Purpose

LCSA is a membership organisation representing the diverse interests of locally governed not-for-profit organisations in NSW. Our purpose is to provide collaborative leadership. We do this by connecting and resourcing members and communities to promote social justice principles in public policy, service delivery and day-to-day community life.



Our Vision

LCSA's overall vision is for vibrant local community organisations supporting stronger, more inclusive communities.

To achieve this vision, LCSA will:

- retain its existing membership base.
- explore ways to grow its footprint by engaging with community development organisations and local government.
- work hard to ensure Neighbourhood Centres are well resourced across NSW.
- work to convince political leaders to recognise the value of Neighbourhood Centres and their resources and legislate them as essential social infrastructure.
- encourage its members to work within a Community Development Framework
- resource members so that they can make an impact on the implementation of the UN Sustainable Development Goals
- promote its network as Champions of Social Justice.



What We Do

As a leading membership organisation, LCSA has several critical roles:

- Engage with and represent the interests of members.
- Support members to build capacity including community engagement, community development and organisational governance.
- Promote engagement, collaboration and communication between our members, communities, government and other stakeholders to support secure regional connections and local communities.
- Share and disseminate sector information and resources to members and stakeholders.

Our People

Board

Office Bearers:

- **President:** Skye Sear
(The New School of Arts Neighbourhood House) until 7 Apr 2025
- **Acting President:** Tairyn Vergara
(The Parks Community Network) from 7 Apr 2025
- **Vice President:** Tairyn Vergara
(The Parks Community Network) until 7 Apr 2025
- **Acting Secretary:** Margaret Tipper
(WESTIR) until 5 Nov 2024
- **Secretary:** Janet Green
(The Junction Neighbourhood Centre) from 5 Nov 2024
- **Treasurer:** Paul Sekfy
(Coffs Harbour Neighbourhood Centre)

Ordinary Members:

- Fran Stead
(Cowra Information and Neighbourhood Centre)
- Tina Reynolds
(Orana Support Service Inc.)
- Vicki Wilde
(Karabi Community and Development Services) until 5 Nov 2024
- Elizabeth O'Neill
(Orana NSW) from 5 Nov 2024



Staff

- **Chief Executive Officer:**
Can Yasmut
- **Policy and Research Manager:**
Maddy Williams
- **Communications & Engagement Manager:**
Anthony Brown
- **Capability Building Manager:**
Bronwyn Hutchings
- **Project Support Officer:**
Keummi Joo
- **IFS Operations Manager:**
Michael Shreenan
- **Public Innovation Coach:**
Julie Williams
- **Accountant:**
John Ferguson

Volunteers

- Vivian Hanich
- Lyn Lormer

Student Placements

- Sophia Wang
(National Chengchi University, Taiwan)
- Yi-Feng Chang
(National Chengchi University, Taiwan)
- Aileen Chen
(National Chengchi University, Taiwan)

2024-2025 Highlights

138

delegates attended the LCSA Connecting Communities Conference (19&20 Aug 2024)



Connecting Communities Conference

19 & 20 August 2024
Aerial UTS Function Centre
Ultimo, NSW

336

people attended our monthly online LCSA Members Forum

64

people registered for the Hidden Vulnerabilities: Cybersecurity and Community Services in NSW - FREE Webinar (29 April 2025)

6

IFS Asia Pacific Network meetings



global connections
for local social justice
The International Federation of
Settlements and Neighborhood Centers



29

members completed Accidental Counsellor Training

16

members participated in Trauma-Informed Community Development Training

15

members attended our inaugural Solidarity with Palestine Discussion (19 June 2025)

53

people attended the Introduction to Portable Long Service Leave for the Community Services Sector Information Session (14 Apr 2025)

59

Email communication sent to LCSA Members

1,300 followers



731

followers



12,062

reach



OUR PURPOSE



LCSA is recognised as the lead advocate for Neighbourhood and Community Centres (NCCs) and community development in NSW, and that NCCs are recognised and resourced as leaders in community development, providing services and essential social infrastructure in their communities.

KEY STRATEGIC AREAS AND GOALS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

LCSA is the leading voice for community development, and collaborative practices

LCSA is recognised by funders, other peak bodies and organisations, and the broader community as the peak body and leading voice for community development

Community development is better understood and used in the sector

Community development is understood and valued outside the sector

National and international partnerships on community development are created/ maintained

MEMBERSHIP

As a membership organisation, LCSA partners with members to act on issues that impact on them and their communities

Reviewed and updated LCSA membership

Membership support and LCSA advocacy and action based on an understanding of members, their circumstances, and needs

Informed and engaged members

Capacity building for members

Regional member engagement and member led initiatives

INFLUENCE

As a state peak body and part of an international and national movement, LCSA advocates and influences policy and practice to support strong, resourced communities

Collective advocacy on issues impacting members and their communities

Strategic advocacy with partner agencies and other peaks to influence government policy and actions

Research to develop an evidence base for the work of NCCs and to influence policy development and advocacy

Proactive and responsive policy development and advocacy in response to current and emerging issues

GOVERNANCE

LCSA is a well governed organisation that models and supports effective governance in members

A clear definition of NCCs and accompanying policies

An up to date LCSA Constitution

A strong, positive LCSA organisational culture

Good practice in internal governance

Policy & Advocacy



Inquiry into the prevalence, causes and impacts of loneliness in NSW

The Loneliness Inquiry presented an enormous opportunity for neighbourhood and community centres (NCCs) in NSW to highlight our role as social connectors and to collectively advocate for core funding.

On 9 September 2024, we put out a ‘Call to Action’ to encourage our members to join LCSA in making a submission to the Inquiry. We followed this up by providing our members with a template to assist their submission, hosted 2 online writing parties and provided one-on-one support to get as many submissions over the line as possible.

There were 20 submissions overall (14% of all submissions) inclusive of:

- LCSA’s submission
- 14 LCSA member submissions
- 2 supporting letters from NCOSS and Fams
- 3 individuals writing in support of their local NCC

Together, we outlined the role that neighbourhood and community centres play as place-based organisations, in alleviating loneliness and social isolation at the community level, and made a recommendation for core funding for all NCCs in line with LCSA’s Policy Platform.

Thanks to our collective advocacy effort, LCSA and 5 of our member organisations were invited to give evidence at the Inquiry Hearings held on 6 & 7 February 2025.

LCSA was proud to stand alongside our members as they advocated for recognition of the social infrastructure role of NCCs in NSW through the provision of core funding.

Each representative illustrated the countless and sometimes unexpected ways that loneliness shows up in their communities and spoke passionately about the work of their organisation in supporting and connecting people as well as facilitating community-led changes and initiatives that make a difference.





Inquiry into Foundational and Disability Supports Available for Children and Young People in NSW

The purpose of this Inquiry was to report on child development, early intervention services and other foundational and disability supports available for children and young people with developmental concerns, delays, differences or disabilities in NSW.

Following LCSA's submission to the Inquiry in April 2025, we were pleased to be invited to speak at the Hearing. LCSA Acting President Tairyn Vergara, CEO Can Yasmut and Policy and Research Manager Maddy Williams represented LCSA at the hearing.

LCSA spoke about how the practice of community development can be beneficial in the delivery of foundational supports and the role of NCCs in supporting children with disabilities and their families, including through the TEI program. We also talked about our recommendation to harmonise and de-identify data of children with disabilities across the social services spectrum for better visibility of needs and to drive policy and investment.

Tairyn shared her insights as CEO of Parks Community Network as well as personal insights as a parent to a child with a disability.

NSW Neighbourhood & Community Centre Policy

On 20 August 2024, LCSA officially launched the NSW Neighbourhood and Community Centre Policy at our conference event in Sydney in the presence of our members and the Minister for Families and Communities, Kate Washington MP.

The NSW Neighbourhood and Community Centre (NCC) Policy provides a vision and principles for NCCs for the future, and outlines what they are, what they do and how they operate.

The document provides NCCs in NSW with a broad framework to guide their role and functions as they work towards meeting their community's aspirations and diverse needs while maintaining sustainable and efficient operations.

The NSW NCC Policy was developed in consultation with LCSA members, government and other community service organisations and forms part of a policy suite LCSA provides for members.

Shared Commitment to Collaboration for Neighbourhood and Community Centres in NSW

This year LCSA worked closely with DCJ staff and Minister Kate Washington to draft a document outlining a shared commitment to collaborate for neighbourhood and community centres.

The Shared Commitment is about how we work together for strong, vibrant local communities. It speaks to a shared vision for Neighbourhood and Community Centres to be recognised for their extraordinary social value and place as part of an essential social infrastructure network, and as service providers.

The launch of the Shared Commitment document is scheduled for the second half of 2025 and will be attended by Minister Kate Washington, DCJ staff, representatives of LCSA and our members.

Targeted Earlier Intervention (TEI) Recommissioning

The TEI Recommissioning process dominated LCSA's policy and advocacy work this year. The scale of change, delays in announcements, and uncertainty around funding created significant pressure across the sector—particularly for neighbourhood and community centres and sector development organisations whose work sits in the Community Strengthening stream. Many of these organisations, including LCSA members funded under TEI, faced challenges in planning and sustaining services during this period of transition.

Throughout this process, LCSA remained a stern advocate for Community Strengthening and its integration within the broader child protection system. Our role was to translate shifting information into clear guidance, elevate member concerns, and push DCJ and government for transparency and better processes.

To support members effectively, LCSA operated on several fronts. The TEI Recommissioning Advisory Group became a critical space for in-depth, honest conversations that were not possible in larger forums. These monthly meetings allowed representatives from member organisations to explore the deeper implications of recommissioning settings, anticipate risks, and shape LCSA's advocacy priorities. Insights from these discussions informed our direct engagement with DCJ, the Minister's office, and partner peaks.

The LCSA Members Forum amplified this work by providing a safe and supportive space for neighbourhood and community centres to connect, share frustrations, and seek clarity on TEI developments. Items regularly discussed at these monthly meetings included TEI recommissioning updates, timelines, and contract implications. These sessions ensured members funded under TEI had access to the latest information and could collectively navigate the uncertainty. Guest speakers from sector development organisations and partner peaks also contributed to these forums, reinforcing the importance of collaboration across the sector.

Alongside this, LCSA worked collaboratively with other TEI Peaks — NCOSS, Youth Action, AbSec, and Fams — both within the Early Intervention Central Council (the centralised governance and advisory group convened by DCJ) and through joint advocacy beyond it.

This collaboration was essential in addressing system-level issues, concerns about communication, the treatment of Community Strengthening activities, contracting implications, and the need for realistic, community-led approaches in TEI.

Ministerial Roundtable Discussion

Minister Kate Washington held a number of roundtable discussions to engage with the community sector during the TEI Recommissioning. LCSA coordinated representatives of 7 member organisations who each shared highlights from the work they are doing in their communities around the state and touched on some of the current issues being faced.

LCSA provided a presentation on some of the challenges and opportunities for NCCs within the Community Strengthening Stream of TEI.

Following the discussion, the Minister shared

"So good to hear from LCSA members today at my latest stakeholder roundtable. Without question, neighbourhood centres and community organisations play such an important role right across our state."



TEI Recommissioning timeline of key activities and advocacy

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- 3 July 2024**
Ministerial Roundtable convened by LCSA. Minister Washington attended, along with seven LCSA member organisations showcasing their Community Strengthening activities.
 - 11 July 2024**
Call-out to members for feedback on TEI Service Specifications to inform our joint submission.
 - 10 October 2024**
LCSA submission on Draft TEI Program Specifications, reinforcing sector concerns and advocating for Community Strengthening approaches.
 - 17 October 2024**
Meeting with Minister Washington's staff seeking clarity on recommissioning settings, ACCO investment, and contract implications.
 - 13 November 2024**
Sector update regarding contract extensions and emerging information from DCJ.
 - 13 December 2024**
Announcement of 5.5-year TEI contracts commencing January 2026, following a six-month extension, providing long-needed certainty for staffing, planning, and sustainability of core community-building work.
 - End of 2024**
TEI Evaluation Final Report released, highlighting TEI's positive impact on reducing child protection contact and its economic benefits.
 - January 2025 onward**
Continued engagement with LCSA's TEI Advisory Group, partner peaks, and DCJ to resolve outstanding details (e.g., ACCO investment targets, district plans, alignment with Foundational Supports).
 - March 2025**
Second feedback submission noting that most recommendations from the original submission were not implemented; requested review and written response.

Submissions

As part of our policy and advocacy work, LCSA collaborates with our members and other state peak bodies to write submissions to relevant enquiries, consultations and state budgets in order to influence policy decisions and outcomes for local communities and the community sector.

In 2024-25 we made the following submissions:

- [Draft Targeted Earlier Intervention \(TEI\) Program Specifications](#)
(Submitted, October 2024)
- [Inquiry into the Prevalence, causes and impacts of loneliness in New South Wales](#)
(Submitted, November 2024)
- [Pre-Budget Submission](#)
(Submitted, December 2024)
- [Inquiry into Foundational and Disability Supports Available for Children and Young People in NSW](#)
(Submitted, April 2025)

Solidarity with Palestine

On 19 June 2025, LCSA invited members to an online conversation around solidarity with Palestine. At a time of disturbing global events, LCSA felt strongly about the need to uphold a commitment to our shared values of social justice, human rights and self-determination and not remain silent on issues impacting the communities where we live and work.

LCSA wanted to create a safe space where our members could share any concerns they have about speaking up as charitable organisations in the Australian context, and talk through practical ways our sector can educate communities about the genocide in Gaza and advocate for the human rights and dignity of the Palestinian people.

The online discussion brought together 15 of our members and focused on hearing about what was happening in their communities on this issue and how community organisations like neighbourhood centres can show solidarity with Palestine.

Capability Building



Trauma-Informed Community Development Training

LCSA was pleased to provide another opportunity for 16 members to complete the Trauma-Informed Community Development online training in October 2024.

The two-day training package is designed for staff and volunteers of organisations who provide capacity building activities and support for individuals and communities affected by trauma.

The training helped participants develop an understanding of trauma and its impacts as well as strengthen their capacity to respond effectively and support community wellbeing.

Facilitated by Carolyn Cousins from Tuned In Consulting, this was the sixth time we've hosted this training, with 117 people completing it so far.

Accidental Counsellor Training

The Accidental Counsellor Training is designed for staff or volunteers who are non-counsellors working in neighbourhood and community centres and community service organisations.

Facilitated by Carolyn Cousins from Tunedin Consulting, 29 LCSA members completed the one-day online training session held in November 2024.

Community-led Disaster Resilience Webinar

LCSA supported Resilient Villages Blue Mountains to organise and host an online event to highlight the importance of community-led disaster resilience.

The webinar brought together 81 people from grass-roots community associations and organisations who are living and working in the Blue Mountains, Lithgow, Nepean and Hawkesbury areas and are working on the frontlines of disaster recovery and risk reduction for the benefit of their communities.

Support Services

Throughout the year LCSA provides a range of support services and activities for our members.

Below is a list of some of services we provided:

- Strategic Planning
- Governance Support
- Training & Professional Development
- Public Innovation & Coaching
- Presentations & Guest Speaking
- Representation & Advocacy
- Consultation
- Disaster Response Support
- Information, Referral & Advice

Resilience & Disaster Management

Neighbourhood and community centres play a critical role in disaster preparedness, response and recovery. They provide information, referrals, practical support and assistance to community members directly impacted by disaster events, particularly those who are most vulnerable.

Given the scale and increasing occurrence of natural disasters in NSW, LCSA looks for opportunities to work with government agencies, emergency services and other key organisations to improve collaboration and build long-term resilience and capacity in local communities.

This year LCSA's activities to support resilience and disaster management included:

- Partnering with organisations and agencies to deliver capacity building projects (Northern Rivers Recovery and Resilience Program, Community Sector Disaster Capability Project and the CODA Project)
- Supporting members during and after two major flood events (collaborated with NCOSS, GIVIT & ADRA Australia to support organisations impacted by the floods in the Far and Mid North Coast of NSW in March & May 2025)
- Providing capacity building training in Trauma-Informed Community Development and Accidental Counsellor
- Sharing the latest emergency information, weather reports, warnings, links to support, services and resources through our statewide network of local community organisations on social media, websites and through our email communication channels.
- Advocating for neighbourhood and community centres to be properly resourced in order to continue providing critical support and services to local communities on the ground during natural disaster events.



Northern Rivers Recovery and Resilience Program (NRRRP)

LCSA participated in a Project Steering Committee (PSC) for an Australian Red Cross Community-led Resilience Project funded by the Australian Government, and sponsored by NSW Reconstruction Authority, via the NRRRP 2023-25.

The project aimed to deliver a minimum 280 resilience-building activities to 70 communities in 7 LGAs (Clarence Valley to Tweed). LCSA provided guidance and advice to Red Cross throughout the project, in collaboration with other members of the PSC, including state government and emergency service agencies.

Community Organisation Disaster Adaptation (CODA) Project

As an extension of the Community Sector Disaster Capability Project (CSDC) which finished in June 2024 - NCOSS, supported by LCSA and AbSec were successfully awarded further funding through the Disaster Relief Fund 2. Contracts for the new project, called the Community Organisation Disaster Adaptation (CODA) Project, were not signed in this financial year, however LCSA was involved with NCOSS in preparatory work on partner deliverables and requirements from both the Commonwealth and State government agencies.

Engagement & Events



LCSA Connecting Communities Conference 2024

138 delegates gathered together at Aerial UTS Function Centre in Sydney on 19 & 20 August for LCSA's Connecting Communities Conference 2024.

The event kicked off with 3 masterclass sessions on Monday afternoon, followed by a full day conference program. Binowee Bayles provided the Welcome to Country, while LCSA's Chief Executive Officer, Can Yasmut, led proceedings as our event Emcee. Plenary sessions included keynote speeches from Minister Kate Washington, Robert Fitzgerald and Nevo Zisin.

Other highlights included a panel discussion on grassroots community development and 8 workshop sessions for delegates to choose from on a diverse range of topics.

Although LCSA and our members are more connected than ever on a regular basis through our online meetings, forums and advisory groups - there's nothing quite like the energy of being in one room together and feeling like you're part of a collective movement for positive community-led change. This was evident when spontaneous applause broke out during Robert Fitzgerald's speech in which he articulated very clearly and succinctly the true value and importance of neighbourhood and community centres in NSW.

50-year Anniversary Celebration

The LCSA Conference finished on a high with a spectacular 50-year anniversary celebration dinner, where many previous LCSA Executive Officers and Presidents were in attendance, along with a few special guests including Eva Cox, Dom Knight, Cara Varian (NCOSS) and Susan Watson (Fams).

Apart from socialising and enjoying a nice meal together, the evening program included acknowledgements and recognition of LCSA's origins and history, an incredible musical performance from Hamani Tanginoa, a number of stories from previous staff were shared and a birthday cake was cut to mark the occasion.



LCSA Conference 2024

19 & 20 AUGUST, 2024





LCSA Members Forum

The LCSA Members Forum provides an opportunity for staff and volunteers of neighbourhood & community centres around New South Wales to connect on the first Tuesday of each month to discuss current issues, share information and receive updates on LCSA projects and events.

This year 336 members attended the 10 meetings that were hosted online.

Unsurprisingly, the TEI Recommissioning dominated discussions at this year's Members Forum. The monthly gatherings provided a safe and supportive space for neighbourhood and community centres to connect, share frustrations about the Recommissioning process, and seek clarity on TEI developments.

Those in attendance discussed TEI recommissioning updates, timelines, and contract implications. The regular meetings ensured that members funded under TEI had access to the latest information and could collectively navigate the uncertainty.

Other invited guests who spoke or presented at our Members Forum included: Australian Red Cross, Council for Intellectual Disability (CID), Paul Ramsay Foundation, Youth Action, NSW Council of Social Service (NCOSS), and LCSA student placements from the National Chengchi University, Taiwan.

IFS Asia Pacific Network

The IFS Asia Pacific Network (APN) continues to be a vibrant collective of individuals and organisations across the Asia Pacific region, united by shared values of community development, social justice, inclusion, diversity, and democratic principles.

In 2024–2025, the network further expanded its reach and deepened partnerships, hosting 6 online meetings attended by up to 20 participants from countries including Australia, Taiwan, India, Sri Lanka, Hong Kong, Singapore, New Zealand and Indonesia.

Meetings featured expert presentations and engaged discussions on regional and global issues such as the community development movement in Indonesia, disability inclusion, volunteering strategies, sustainable income opportunities, family and children's services in vulnerable communities, youth work, and the opportunities and risks of community development within the global movement.

We thank Bill Yan for being Chair of the IFS APN meetings.

A major milestone for the year was the successful IFS APN Exchange Study Tour to Sydney in August 2024, coordinated by IFS, APN & LCSA in collaboration with 24 visiting Taiwanese practitioners and academics.

The network remains dedicated to fostering community-driven development and international cooperation across the region.



Introduction to Portable Long Service Leave for the Community Services Sector

Commencing on 1 July 2025, the NSW government introduced Portable Long Service Leave for the community services sector. The new scheme aims to provide a significant benefit for the community services industry, giving workers the ability to carry their long service leave entitlements as they move between employers, helping to improve retention, stability, and fairness across the sector.

LCSA engaged our members more than a year out before the scheme was to be introduced. We shared information about the proposed scheme and encouraged individuals and organisations to provide input and feedback to a survey that NCOSS conducted to help inform the scheme and raise any issues or concerns before its implementation.

On 14 April 2025, LCSA hosted an online information session with our members and the NSW Long Service Corporation to help ensure employers across the sector were aware of their obligations and had a chance to ask any questions. The event was highly valued and well attended with 53 members joining the session.

Cybersecurity and Community Services in NSW

At a time when cyber threats are increasing in sophistication and targeted in nature, not-for-profit community organisations face disproportionate challenges when it comes to cybersecurity and digital privacy. NFPs are often responsible for protecting highly sensitive personal data but have limited resources and expertise to protect it.

On 29 April 2025, LCSA hosted a webinar where 64 of our members heard NCOSS and WorkVentures share the outcomes of a joint project that looked at cybersecurity and essential services in NSW. The report found community organisations face significant challenges in protecting their data and IT systems and that without support from the NSW and Federal Governments, many organisations are at risk of a data breach.



Neighbourhood Centre Week 2025

Neighbourhood Centre Week (NCW) is a nationwide initiative held in the second week of May each year to celebrate the role of neighbourhood centres in local communities across the nation.

This year's theme 'Ripples of Change' helped to highlight the fact that every week neighbourhood and community centres (NCCs) provide opportunities for people to participate in activities, projects and events that generate positive experiences, conversations, connections and action. Over time these small actions generate ripples of change that build momentum, shaping stronger, more connected and resilient communities.

Many of our member organisations were engaged in promoting NCW by hosting events, activities and programs. From Family Fun Days, Information stalls, Market Days, Food Banks and BBQ lunches, the week provided an opportunity to collectively increase the visibility and profile of NCCs both locally and across the state.

LCSA didn't host a NCW event this year, however staff dropped into 10 of our member centres in the Sydney metropolitan area to support their activities. Several politicians acknowledged NCW with posts on social media, speeches in the parliament, or by attending local events in person.

Neighbourhood Centre Week

12 - 18 MAY, 2025

LCSA members engaged in celebrating Neighbourhood Centre Week by hosting events, activities and programs. From Family Fun Days, Information stalls, Market Days, Food Banks and BBQ lunches, the week provided an opportunity to collectively increase the visibility and profile of Neighbourhood and Community Centres, both locally and across the state.



Partnerships & Projects



Exchange Study Tour

Following the success of the first Exchange Study Tour to Taiwan in 2023, it was LCSA's turn to play host to 24 Taiwanese delegates in Sydney for a 7-day Exchange Study Tour in August 2024.

The Tour's itinerary featured key experiences such as attending the LCSA Connecting Communities Conference, exploring Sydney landmarks, engaging with Indigenous culture and practice, understanding approaches to youth work and visiting neighbourhood centres to learn how they adapt their programs to community needs.

The Exchange Study Tours are the result of a growing connection between attendees at the IFS Asia Pacific Network (APN) meetings, which LCSA hosts online, bimonthly. These professional and cultural exchanges are designed to expand community development practices in the Asia Pacific region.

Student Placements

LCSA hosted three students from the Graduate Institute of Social Work at National Chengchi University, Taiwan, over a six-week period in July/August 2024.

The partnership between LCSA and Chengchi University has developed over the last three years thanks to our ongoing relationship with Professor Frank Wang (pictured on the right with LCSA's CEO, Can Yasmut).

The students - Sophia Wang, Yi-Feng Chang, and Aileen Chen, focused on issues such as multicultural women's services, youth services, family and children's services, and homelessness. Throughout their placement, the students gained comprehensive exposure to the community sector in NSW and acquired valuable comparative insights into Australia's approaches to social challenges in contrast with those in Taiwan.

Our time together proved to be a mutually enriching experience, fostering a robust exchange of knowledge and understanding in community development, social policy, and public advocacy. A highlight of their time at LCSA was a visit to the NSW Parliament, offering firsthand insights into the policy environment in Australia.



Exchange Study Tour

9 - 23 AUGUST, 2024



In August 2024, a delegation of twenty-four Taiwanese practitioners and academics participated in a seven-day professional learning exchange in Sydney, coordinated by LCSA and the International Federation of Settlements and Neighbourhood Centres (IFS) Asia Pacific Network. The exchange study tours between countries are designed to expand community development practices in the Asia Pacific region.

The tour's itinerary provided a valuable opportunity to explore community development practices in Australia and different funding models for neighbourhood centres, with a focus on Indigenous culture, youth services, and community resilience. Delegates had the chance to present on community development work in Taiwan, attend the 2-day LCSA Conference, and visit a diverse range of community organisations.



Delegates travelled around Sydney and up to the Central Coast to engage in learning and activities with input from the following organisations: Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corporation, AbSec, Tribal Warrior Aboriginal Corporation, San Remo Neighbourhood Centre, Kincumber Neighbourhood Centre, The Place Charlestown, and Kurri Kurri Community Services.



TEI Community Strengthening Data Project

Funded by DCJ, the [TEI Community Strengthening Data Project](#) focused on updating the Community Wellbeing Survey in May 2025 with a re-launch for organisations to use anytime of the year, not just during specific snapshot months.

The Community Wellbeing Survey was developed by LCSA and a Reference Group of TEI funded organisations to measure community wellbeing, identify local and emerging needs and help tell the story behind DEX data, such as cost-of-living pressures, natural disasters and other community-level events.

The optional and anonymous survey has now been updated to:

- Make the survey available in ten languages commonly used in NSW
- Better manage the survey on a new platform

All TEI organisations delivering Community Strengthening activities are invited to offer the survey to their clients and community members using a reusable link to capture data on a sense of belonging, participation, the level of trust and access to services and resources experienced in communities. The input and feedback can be used to gain a deeper understanding of where TEI services and resources can be targeted.

Zero Hunger in Schools

Zero Hunger in Schools is a partnership project between the United Nations Association of Australia (NSW Division), Capgemini and LCSA to address food insecurity for children. The initiative advances the UN Sustainable Development Goal 2 – Zero Hunger - by strengthening local community responses.

The project centres on the YumYum app, a secure platform linking schools and community centres with local donors such as supermarkets, caterers and community businesses. Teachers and support staff can post real-time food needs; donors can offer available high-quality food that would otherwise go unused.

The model goes beyond food redistribution by building local connections, engaging businesses, and encouraging community-led solutions.

Food insecurity affects 1 in 5 Australian children each year, negatively impacting their energy, concentration, emotional wellbeing, and educational performance. With more than 5 million tonnes of food going to waste annually, the Zero Hunger in Schools program offers a smart, community-driven solution that delivers real-world impact.

LCSA members are encouraged to participate to embed a community development approach to food security, mobilise local stakeholders, and ensure children have reliable access to nutritious food.



Leadership & Influence



LCSA participates in regular meetings, networks, advisory & reference groups, working party's and forums to help lead and influence positive change and outcomes for the community sector and our members. Our involvement includes input and collaboration at all levels - local, regional, district, state, national and international.

Some of our regular engagement activities for 2024-2025 include participation in:

- Forum Of Non-Government Agencies (FONGA)
- EI Central Council (Bi-monthly meetings with DCJ and TEI Peak Body CEOs)
- Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Reference Group (NSW Electoral Commission)
- Australian Neighbourhood Houses and Centres Association (ANHCA) State Peaks CEO/EO Forum
- Australian Neighbourhood Houses and Centres Association (ANHCA) State Peaks Policy Forum (monthly meetings)
- Australian Neighbourhood Houses and Centres Association (ANHCA) State Peaks Communications Forum (monthly meetings)
- International Federation of Settlements and Neighbourhood Centers (IFS)
- NSW Ministerial Advisory Council on Ageing (MACA)

LCSA becomes IFS Secretariat

From 1st January 2025, LCSA officially became the new host of the International Federation of Settlements and Neighbourhood Centers (IFS) Secretariat.

LCSA, a longstanding and respected member of the IFS with a decade of involvement, has been instrumental in promoting social innovation and empowerment within IFS's global framework. In particular, LCSA has helped to grow the movement in the Asia Pacific region through regular online meetings, Exchange Study Tours and fostering collaboration and networking opportunities amongst members. Thanks to Mike Shreenan for his leadership as the IFS Operations Manager.



Treasurer's Report



I present the annual financial report for the 2024–2025 year for our association.

This year, we continue to manage within our overall budget limits and meet the required outputs for our funded activities. LCSA incurred a relatively small deficit however we have maintained a healthy equity based on our income levels and will be able to continue to operate in a robust manner representing our members interests and delivering our funded services in a dynamic, respected and contributory manner.

The Board resolved to mark LCSA's 50th anniversary by designing and promoting a conference with strong member representation and content and, coupled with an anniversary dinner. These events represented an additional one-off cost that by all accounts were valued and worthwhile.

LCSA received funding from the NSW Department of Communities and Justice of \$527k compared to \$553k in the previous year. The two program areas were the Community Services Peaks Program and the TEI Program (Community Strengthening Data Project).

The total income for the year was \$766k compared to \$762k for the previous year, with additional other income and fees for services. Membership income was steady. Our additional incomes and by creating some efficiencies, allowed the Board to minimise the deficit. LCSA recorded an operating deficit of \$6,417 for the year ended 30 June 2025. This is an arguably acceptable result, given that there was some significant cost incurred in the 50th anniversary activities.

2025 marks the first full year of LCSA hosting the International Federation of Settlements and Neighbourhood Centres (IFS) having been selected by the IFS Board in 2024. Income from IFS membership began in April 2025 and falls outside this year's audited accounts.

IFS finances will be audited separately since the organisation operates on a calendar year financial cycle and will feature in the next period's (25/26) audited financial report.

I again commend the Chief Executive Officer, the Finance Subcommittee, and the support of our accountant/bookkeeper, John Ferguson, for this acceptable outcome. LCSA's Balance Sheet shows a sound financial position at the end of the reporting period with a cash balance of \$333,127 and members funds (equity) of \$253,697. From 1 January 2025, LCSA allocated funds toward the employment of project staff for the Community Organisations Disaster Adaptation (CODA) project, a partnership led by NSW Council of Social Service (NCOSS), funded by NEMA and the NSW Reconstruction Authority. Delays in this contract finalisation resulted in the need to record \$38,500 as income in arrears in the balance sheet. Efforts in the 25/26 financial year will focus on recovering this amount.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards. A summary is included in this Annual Report and a full report may be accessed on the LCSA and ACNC websites. I acknowledge the work of our Auditors, Meagher Howard and Wright.

I also want to thank my fellow Finance Subcommittee members, Tairyn Vergara, Janet Green and our CEO for their assistance in monitoring our budget and associated risk management. I remain grateful for the continued opportunity to participate on the LCSA Board in support of our exemplary membership who champion local community development and advocacy, and provide essential social infrastructure across our State.

Paul Sekfy
Treasurer

Financial Statements

Income Statement for the year ended 30 June 2025.

	2025 \$	2024 \$
INCOME		
Conference Income	110,834	130,549
Fees for Service	29,525	28,898
Grants	575,694	552,946
Membership Income	39,850	38,510
Other Income	9,482	10,913
TOTAL INCOME	765,385	761,817
EXPENSES		
Accounting Fees	26,000	22,375
ANHCA	-	6,006
Audit Fees	3,250	3,000
Bank Fees	99	184
Cleaning	116	-
Coaching/Consultancy	200	767
Computer Expenses	2,471	392
Conference	121,862	170,876
Conference/Forums	705	1,710
Depreciation	979	200
Donations	46	-
EC Meeting Expenses	7,234	23,682
Equipment/Furniture	268	-
Insurance	8,186	7,540
IT Expenses	4,457	3,082
Lodgement/Legal Fees	-	214
Meeting Expense	1,307	532
Office Expenses	242	354
Postage/Courier	233	-
Printing/Photocopier	925	245
Program Cost	444	11,416
Removals	607	-
Rent	28,129	24,620
Resources	3,821	1,002
Salaries & Oncosts	503,483	451,752
Sponsorship	23	-
Staff Travel	26,654	31,799
Stationary	249	1,049
Storage	6,968	6,547
Subscriptions	4,869	3,110
Telephone/Internet	1,843	3,746
Training	4,980	1,800
Venue Hire	303	227
Video Conferencing	827	78
Website	10,020	9,632
TOTAL EXPENSES	771,802	787,939
Surplus/(loss)	(6,417)	(26,122)
Retained earnings at the beginning of the financial year	260,114	286,236
Retained earnings at the end of the financial year	253,697	260,114

Balance Sheet for the year ended 30 June 2025.

	2025 \$	2024 \$
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	333,127	356,708
Trade Debtors	15,462	6,997
Other current assets	58,791	30,360
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	407,380	394,065
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Property, plants, and equipment	-	979
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	-	979
TOTAL ASSETS	407,380	395,045
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade Creditors	3,960	2,816
GST Collected	16,035	17,967
GST Paid	(2,459)	(4,507)
Income in Advance	17,000	19,282
Provision for Annual Leave	47,428	39,546
Provision Long Service Leave	47,641	30,855
Other current liabilities	23,179	28,972
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	153,684	134,931
TOTAL LIABILITIES	153,684	134,931
NET ASSETS	253,697	260,114
MEMBERS' FUNDS		
Retained earnings	253,697	260,114
TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS	253,697	260,114

The Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of the Local Community Services Association was prepared and presented by Meagher, Howard & Wright (CPA) Suite 806, Level 8, 35 Spring Street, Bondi Junction, NSW 2022 on 15 October 202g.

A detailed audited financial report is available for members on the [LCSA website](#) to view or download or can be obtained by contacting the LCSA Office.

Our Partners

LCSA engages with community organisations, peak bodies, government agencies, politicians, tertiary institutions, private businesses and individual contractors to help enhance our work and support the best outcomes for LCSA members and progress the community sector in NSW.

We extend our thanks to the following individuals and organisations that gave support, provided funds, partnered or collaborated with LCSA in 2024-2025.

NSW Department of Communities & Justice	The Harwood Institute for Public Innovation & Social Planet
NSW Reconstruction Authority	Capgemini & United Nations Association of Australia - NSW Division
Service NSW	Carolyn Cousins (TunedIn Consulting)
Domestic Violence NSW	National Chengchi University, Taiwan and Professor Frank Wang
Parliamentary Friends of Neighbourhood Centres	Nazli Munir
NCOSS, AbSec, Fams & Youth Action	WorkVentures
Paul Ramsay Foundation	Counterpoint Community Services
International Federation of Settlements and Neighbourhood Centres (IFS)	Long Service Corporation
Australian Neighbourhood Houses and Centres Association (ANHCA) and our fellow state peak bodies in:	Institute of Community Directors Australia
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighbourhood Centres Queensland • Neighbourhood Houses Victoria • Neighbourhood Houses Tasmania • Community Centres South Australia • Linkwest 	Evolve Group Network
Sidney Myer Fund	Sector Connect
Fetching Events & Communications	Justice Connect
Anti-Discrimination NSW, SpacetoCo, Shared Reading NSW, Mable, Australian Red Cross & Australian Services Union	Kinchela Boys Home, Tribal Warriors, San Remo Neighbourhood Centre, Kincumber Neighbourhood Centre, The Place: Charlestown Community Centre, Kurri Kurri Community Services and AbSec.
	Mountains Community Resource Network & Resilient Villages Blue Mountains
	Australian Red Cross, GIVIT & ADRA Australia

Thanks to all those who didn't get a mention here but have partnered or supported us and our members in some way throughout the course of the year.

Our Members

Advance Diversity Services

Armidale Neighbourhood Centre

Bankstown Community Resource Group

Belmont Neighbourhood Centre

Belong Blue Mountains Community and Neighbourhood Services

Berkeley Neighbourhood Centre

Berkeley Vale Neighbourhood Centre

Better Connected Community Services

Blacktown Area Community Centres

Bligh Park Community Services

Boambee East Community Centre

Boronia Multicultural Services

Bucketts Way Neighbourhood Group

Canterbury City Community Centre

CASS Care

Chester Hill Neighbourhood Centre

Coffs Harbour Neighbourhood Centre

Community Action for Better Living

Community Disability Alliance Hunter

Community First Step

Community Industry Group

Community Junction

Community Links Wellbeing

Community Management Advisory Project

Community SOS Central Coast

Coolaburoo Neighbourhood Centre

Coonamble Neighbourhood Centre

CORE Community Services

Counterpoint Community Services

Cowra Information & Neighbourhood Centre

Deniliquin Community Hub

Drummoyne Community Centre

Dubbo Neighbourhood Centre

Dundas Area Neighbourhood Centre

Dungog Shire Community Centre

Eden Community Access Centre

Edgeworth Memorial Neighbourhood Centre

Engadine Community Services

Forster Neighbourhood Centre

Gateway Family Services

Glebe Youth Service

Glen Innes & District Community Centre

Glossodia Community Information & Neighbourhood Centre

Gosford Regional Community Services

Graceades Community Cottage

Green Point Community Centre

Greenacre Area Community Centre

Griffith Community Centre

Gundagai Neighbourhood Centre

Gurehlgam Corporation

Guyra Neighbourhood Centre

Harris Park Community Centre

Hawkesbury Community Outreach Services

Highlands Community Centres

Hope Connect

Humanity Matters

Immigrant Women's Speakout Association

Inclusive and Diverse Communities

Inner Sydney Voice

Jubilee Community Services

Karabi Community & Development Services

Kempsey Neighbourhood Centre

Kincumber Neighbourhood Centre

Kings Cross Community Centre

Kingsgrove Community Aid Centre

Kogarah Community Services

Kooloora Community Centre

Ku-Ring-Gai Neighbourhood Centre

Kyogle Together

Life Eternal Trust Australia

Lithgow Information & Neighbourhood Centre

Liverpool Neighbourhood Connections

LocalKind Northern Beaches

Macarthur Diversity Services Initiative
(FOCUS Connect)

Macedonian Welfare Association of NSW

Maitland Neighbourhood Centre

Merana Aboriginal Community Association
for the Hawkesbury

Mid Richmond Neighbourhood Centre

Mountains Community Resource Network

Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre

Multicultural Neighbourhood Centre

Murwillumbah Community Centre

Narrabri & District Community Aid Service

Neighbourhood Central

Neighbourhood Centres of Bellingen Shire

Neighbourhood Hub Macarthur

Nepean Community & Neighbourhood Services

New England Family Support Service

Newtown Neighbourhood Centre

Nimbin Neighbourhood & Information Centre

North West Community Services

Northern Rivers Community Gateway

NSW Spanish and Latin American Association
for Social Assistance

Orana Community Centre

Orana NSW

Orana Support Service

Our Community Place

Outer Liverpool Community Services

Peppercorn Services

Port Kembla Youth Project

Port Macquarie Neighbourhood Centre

Pottsville Beach Neighbourhood Centre

Prosper (Project Australia)

Resilient Lismore

Richmond Community Services

Riverwood Community Centre

Samaritans Information and
Neighbourhood Centre

San Remo Neighbourhood Centre

Sapphire Neighbourhood Services

Scone Neighbourhood Resource Centre

Sector Connect

Shoalhaven Neighbourhood Services

Singleton Neighbourhood Centre

Social Futures

South Eastern Community Connect

Southern Women's Group

Southern Youth and Family Services

Strong Nation Community Services

Sugarvalley Neighbourhood Centre

Surry Hills Neighbourhood Centre

Tamworth Family Support Service

Temora Community Centre

Tenterfield Social Development Committee

The Canopy

The Junction Neighbourhood Centre

The Hills Community Aid & Information Service

The Neighbourhood Centre

The New School of Arts Neighbourhood House

The Parks Community Network

The Place: Charlestown Community Centre

The Settlement Neighbourhood Centre

The Women's Cottage

Thurgoona Community Centre

Tomaree Neighbourhood Centre

Toukley Neighbourhood Centre

Tripoli and Mena Association

Ulladulla & Districts Community Resource Centre

Unanderra Community Centre

Upper Hunter Community Services

Uralla Neighbourhood Centre

Warilla Neighbourhood Centre

Warragamba Silverdale Neighbourhood Centre

Warrawong Residents Forum

Warrumbungle Shire Council

Wellington Information & Neighbourhood Services

WESTIR

Westside Community Centre

Winmalee Neighbourhood Centre

Women Up North Housing

Woodrising Neighbourhood Centre

Woodville Alliance

Woolgoolga Neighbourhood Centre

Wyong Neighbourhood Centre

Yarrahapinni Community House

Young and District Community Hub

Thank you to all our members, for your continued partnership in building a stronger, more connected, and more inclusive NSW.

Your work changes lives every single day, and it is our privilege to support you in that essential mission.

*Thank you to all
our members.*



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