

# Resources

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# Houses at Parliament campaign

Homelessness and allied services across Victoria are asking State and Federal Governments to construct 60,000 new public and community homes and to enact a plan to end homelessness.

To find out how you can get involved, click here: <u>https://www.vhn.org.au/</u>

WEBSITE

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You can find more information about the Western Homelessness Network, key homelessness guidelines and about information in the West here: <u>https://nwhn.net.au/</u>

There is a WLASN member page here: https://nwhn.net.au/about-us/westernhomelessness-network/wlasn-memberpage/

Your agency's LASN member can give you the password.

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# **Governance of the Western Homelessness Network**

#### **Victorian Homelessness Network**

Network of the nine Victorian regional networks and the Victorian Indigenous Homelessness Network. Attended by the Chair, Networker and Network auspice from each Regional Network, with DFFH, Council to Homeless Persons, Safe and Equal and CHIAVic.

Undertakes work of shared concern across the nine Regional Homelessness Networks.

### Western Homelessness Network (WHN)/WLASN

One of the nine Regional Homelessness Networks in Victoria. The Network meets every six weeks as the Western Local Area Service Network (WLASN).

The 25 Specialist Homelessness funded services in Melbourne's west (managing 100 programs) have voting membership and must abide by LASN decisions. The LASN welcomes associate member agencies that do not vote. DFFH is non-voting member.

The role of the Network is to improve the shared coordinated homelessness system for clients and undertake work of shared concern for member agencies.

#### WLASN Steering Group

Elected from the WHN agencies to oversee the Network's strategic plan and to guide the work of the Network and Networker.

Working Groups of the Network make recommendations to the WLASN and undertake work allocated by the Network.

#### Access Point/THM Working Group

Attended by all the access point and THM services across Melbourne's north and west, including Frontyard and Women's Housing Ltd, to improve consistency across services.

#### Homelessness/Family Violence Working Group

Working to improve cross sector collaboration, with a focus on use of emergency accommodation. This Group is working on the Motel Database and the Homelessness/ Family Violence Protocol.

#### 'Houses at Parliament' Working Group

Coordinated WHN participation in Homelessness Week and the 'Houses at Parliament' advocacy campaign.

#### **Consumer Participation Working Group**

Attended by practitioners from the Northern and Western Homelessness Network. Prepares the annual consumer survey and recommends responses to the LASNs.

#### Rough Sleeping Responses Working Group

Time limited working group to map the LASNs' responses to people sleeping rough, to build consistency and feed into the Practice Guide. (Not yet commenced)

#### Innovation Technology Working Group

Time limited Working Group to identify any technological strategies to improve responsiveness of the service system.

#### Youth Working Group

A Working Group to improve LASN responses to young people. Attended by representatives of WLASN services responding to young people.

#### Housing & Support Partnership Agreement Working Group

Time limited working group to update this Agreement about supporting renters in transitional housing.

#### Practice Guide Working Group

Time limited working Group to develop a shared WLASN Practice Guide, documenting the coordinated system.