

Together We Do Better Reducing Gambling Related Harm



Victorian
Responsible
Gambling
Foundation



Strengthening local communities

Community Houses Association of the Outer Eastern Suburbs



CHAOS

VRGF Prevention Partnership Program 2017- 2019

This project aims to work with 31 Neighbourhood Houses in the outer Eastern suburbs of Melbourne to help reduce and prevent harm from gambling by:

Building **social connectedness** and community **resilience**, to prevent the onset of at-risk gambling behaviours.

Reducing **stigma** in terms of gambling harm and help seeking.

Educating professional staff and volunteers working in the houses about Gambling Harm.

Public Health Approach

Focuses on improving the overall health of communities rather than the health of individuals.

Focus on education and awareness raising about the impact of gambling harm. 22 the 31 houses in our region will be running some form of public awareness raising.

What are Neighbourhood Houses ?



Neighbourhood Houses bring people together to connect, learn and contribute in their local community through social, educational, recreational and support activities, using a unique community development approach.

Responding to Gambling Harm Risk Factors

Area level socio-economic disadvantage
Low connection with community
Loneliness and social isolation
Self esteem, self worth, mental health and disability
CALD



Neighbourhood Houses

400 Neighbourhood Houses in Victoria respond to locally identified needs and priorities. This diversity is reflected in the different names they are known by, which include:

Neighbourhood House

Community House

Learning Centre

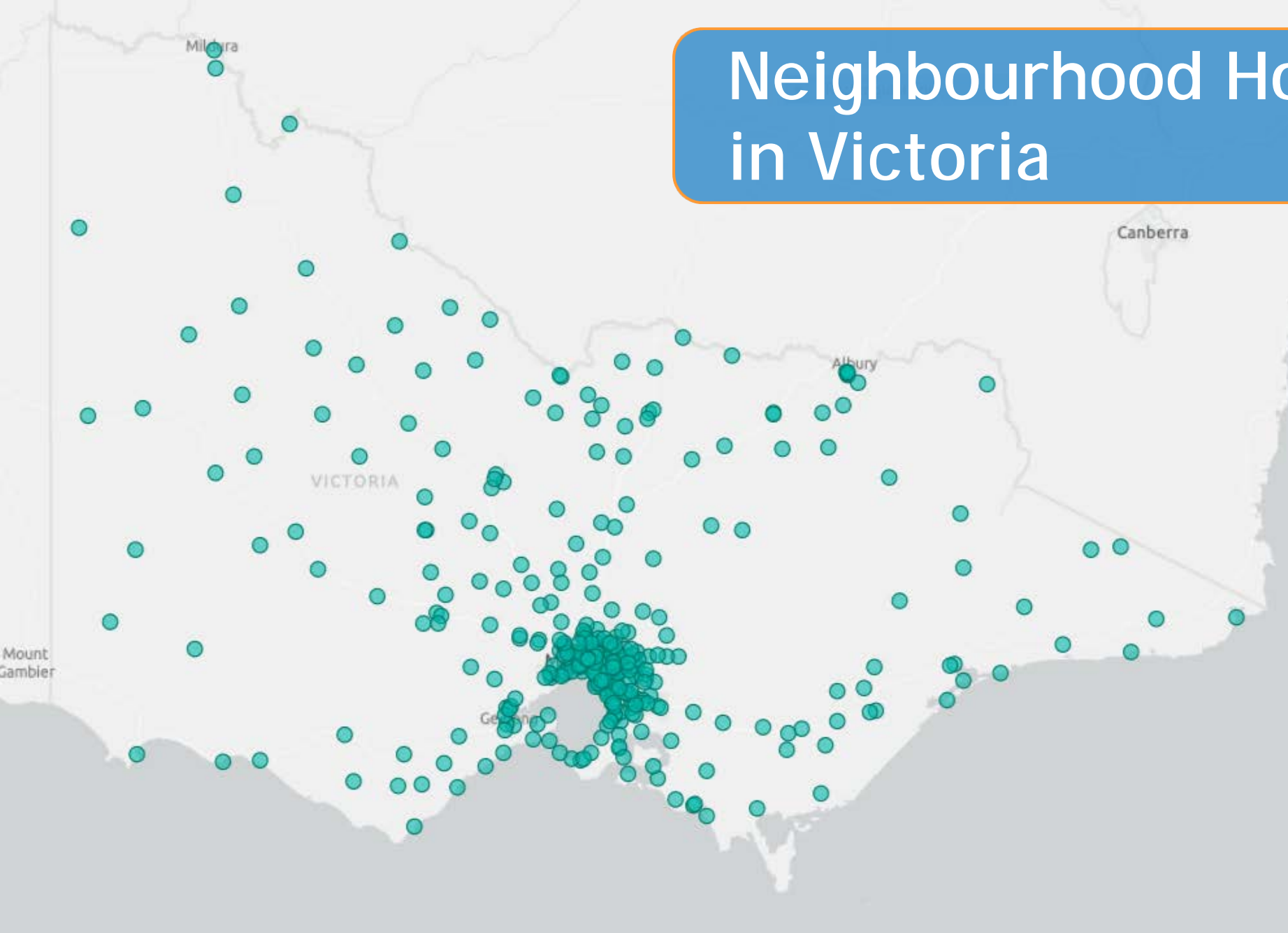
Living and Learning Centre

Neighbourhood Centre

Community Centre



Neighbourhood Houses in Victoria



Neighbourhood Houses

Most Neighbourhood Houses are partly funded by State Government, governed by volunteer committees and run by paid staff.

Some provide childcare. Most can provide pre-accredited adult education courses and some are Registered Training Organisations.

All offer opportunities to participate, learn, volunteer and be part of your community.

Neighbourhood Houses

Activities are generally run at low or no cost to participants.

Among the most common are:

- Health and wellbeing activities
- Art and craft
- Computer training / digital literacy
- Community events
- Community lunches / Social eating groups
- Self help and support groups
- Seniors' groups
- Life skills education
- Play groups
- Internet access
- English as a Second Language



No of Users



190,520

People visit NHs
each week

505

People per
House/week

Filling the Black Hole



Neighbourhood House offer low cost social engagement activities in a range of areas.



Many also provide informal community spaces where people can spend time without participating in formal activities

Referral Partner

Neighbourhood Houses are great referral agencies

The safe and welcoming environment invites trust

Staff refer people to a range of services including Financial Counselling and Gamblers Help Services

Partnerships

Strengthening local communities
Community Houses Association of the Outer Eastern Suburbs



3,539

Active partnerships in
NHs every month

That's an average of

9.4

per NH per month

Annet Ozsoy

Community Awareness Raising

Cradle to grave service so ideal organisations to partner with to raise awareness and educate the community about gambling related harm.

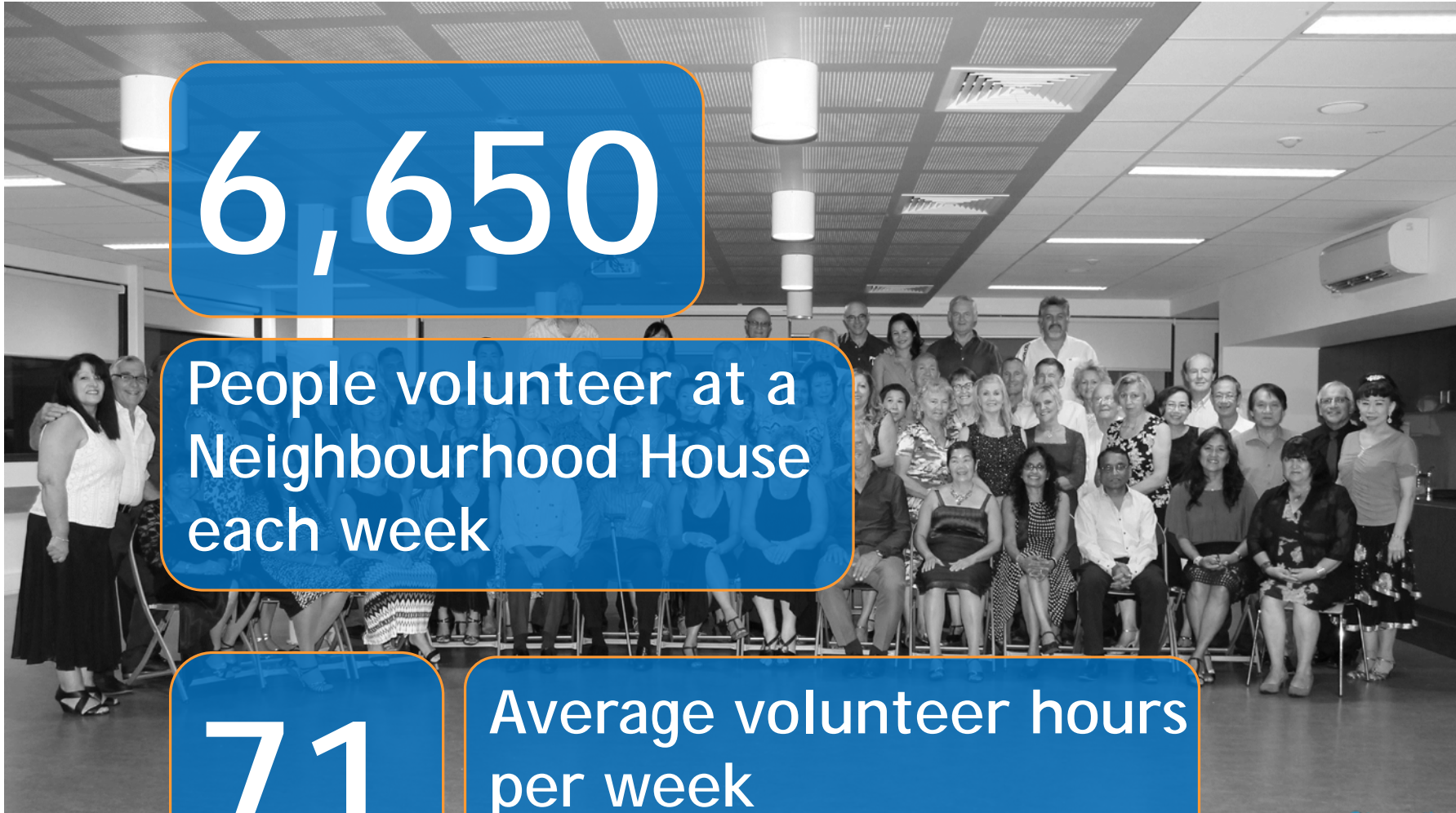
Volunteering Opportunities

6,650

People volunteer at a
Neighbourhood House
each week

71

Average volunteer hours
per week



Venue for your Group



Neighbourhood Houses
support on average

2,449
groups per month

183

Neighbourhood
Houses auspiced

508
groups

Strengthening local communities

Community Houses Association of the Outer Eastern Suburbs



CHAOS

QUESTIONS



Thank You

Cathy Fyffe

Ph: 0425 704 253

Email: cathy@chaosnetwork.org.au