



2015-2017 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

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BETWEEN DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL AND
THE DAREBIN NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE NETWORK

Purpose and Scope

This Memorandum of Understanding formally acknowledges the partnership between the Darebin Neighbourhood House Network (DNHN) and Darebin City Council (Council) and provides a foundation for collaboration and partnership development.

The Memorandum of Understanding:

- Articulates a shared vision, principles and commitments to build a strong, inclusive, healthy and connected community.
- Provides a foundation for collaborative partnerships to address the needs and issues of the wider community.
- Does not limit the rights of signatories to participate in any other activities or relationships.
- Has no legal binding.

Vision

To build a strong, inclusive, healthy and connected Darebin community which is supported and resourced to:

- identify and strengthen opportunities, issues and needs and develop responsive strategies.
- participate in lifelong learning opportunities and develop communities of learning.
- support the needs and wellbeing of all community members through shared resources, volunteering, participation, self-help and mutual support.

Principles

The working partnership between the DNHN and the Council will embody the following principles:

- A collaborative and cooperative approach to partnership.
- The sharing of skills, knowledge, planning and resources.
- A respectful, collaborative and robust relationship.
- A commitment to open dialogue for effective problem solving.
- Working collaboratively with government, community groups and other organisations.
- Developing the capacities of Council, DNHN, and the Darebin community.
- Delivering projects and programs in partnership that achieve our shared vision.

Obligations of the Parties

By signing this Memorandum of Understanding, all parties agree to:

- Develop and review an annual service agreement.
- Jointly develop an annual Action Plan which forms the basis of partnership activity and works to achieve the partnership's vision.
- Allocate appropriate resources to achieve partnership goals and implement the plan.
- Jointly develop a process to review the action plan and its implementation.



This MOU will be reviewed in 2017.