

Maldon Neighbourhood Centre score card

Playgroup

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“NEIGHBOURHOOD Houses will be under financial pressure and may be forced to cut back services if they do not receive a funding boost,” warns Wendy Lovell, state Member for Northern Victoria.

There are over 400 Neighbourhood Houses in Victoria, including our own Maldon Neighbourhood Centre (MNC). Coordinator John Bainbridge said that neighbourhood centres, also known as community centres, play a critical role in the community by providing various services and programs.

“Funding is hardly an issue exclusive to neighbourhood houses,” said John. “However, some are really being called upon to tighten up. Some of those who do early childhood care are tightening up. Adult and community further education? A lot of neighbourhood houses are tightening up there, too. So, yes, some have to make tough decisions.”

MNC is committed to their programs - seeing the value in its outputs far exceed its inputs.

What does the ‘score card’ for MNC look like?

“Last year’s survey basically says that we get funding of \$221,000, but the value that we produce to the community is more than fivefold, which is excellent,” said John. “We can do this because of volunteers... they are the key part of what we do. It’s because of volunteers that we could start the Maldon Pantry, and we started Maldon Toy Library in the last 12 months... because of volunteers.”

John said he’d be delighted to welcome any volunteers to come on board. “For us to put on the market every month takes a number of volunteer hours. Visit us at the Maldon Neighbourhood Centre, chat to us about what you are interested in, how much time you have... even an hour or two can help enormously.

“On that note, did I happen to mention we need a new treasurer...?”

Barry Robinson

Real Impact.	Real Value.
INCOME	\$221,135
VALUE	\$1,128,672

This figure includes the value of:

- Improved quality of life through social connections: \$214,174
- Volunteer contributions: \$145,324
- Emergency relief provided: \$4,090
- Services provided: \$74,286
- Adult Community Education: \$683,289
- Early childhood education and care: \$29,520

Emergency relief value includes:

- Food and groceries: \$4,090
- Services value includes:
 - Computer/internet usage: \$480
 - Facilities use or hire: \$40,200
 - Respite & assistance: \$720
- Auspicing other organisations: \$5,162
- Community lunch, frozen or other meals: \$21,600
- Fee for service activities: \$1,623
- Power Saving Bonus: \$6,500

Employment value

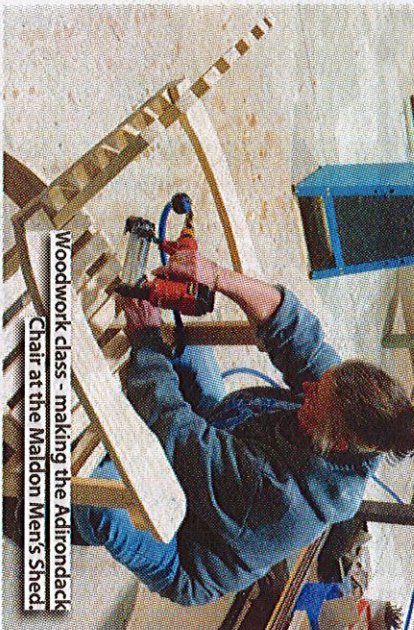
Including 2.1 direct and 0.8 indirect Full Time Equivalent positions

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These values are produced by Neighbourhood Houses Victoria based on data provided by the 2022 Neighbourhood Houses Survey. Only a limited range of activities where a determinable valuation method exists are included.



Wine appreciation tour - Community Bus trip



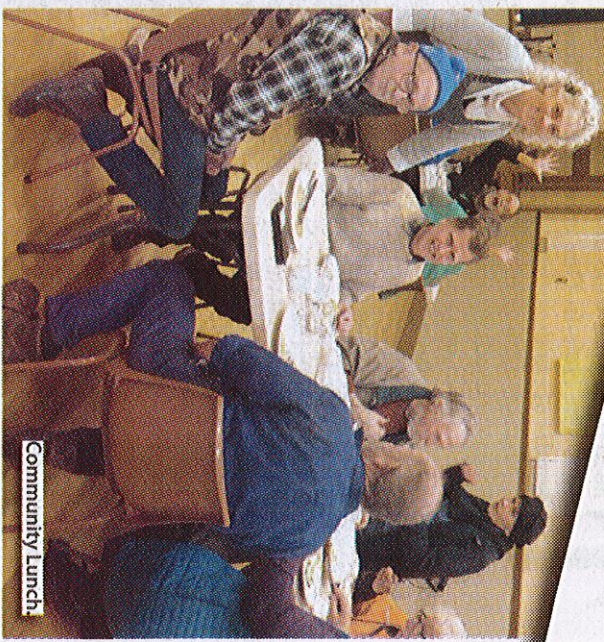
Woodwork class - making the Adirondack Chair at the Maldon Men's Shed



Community Bus



Out of Town Walk



Community Lunch



Maldon Market



Town-Wide Garage Sale Day