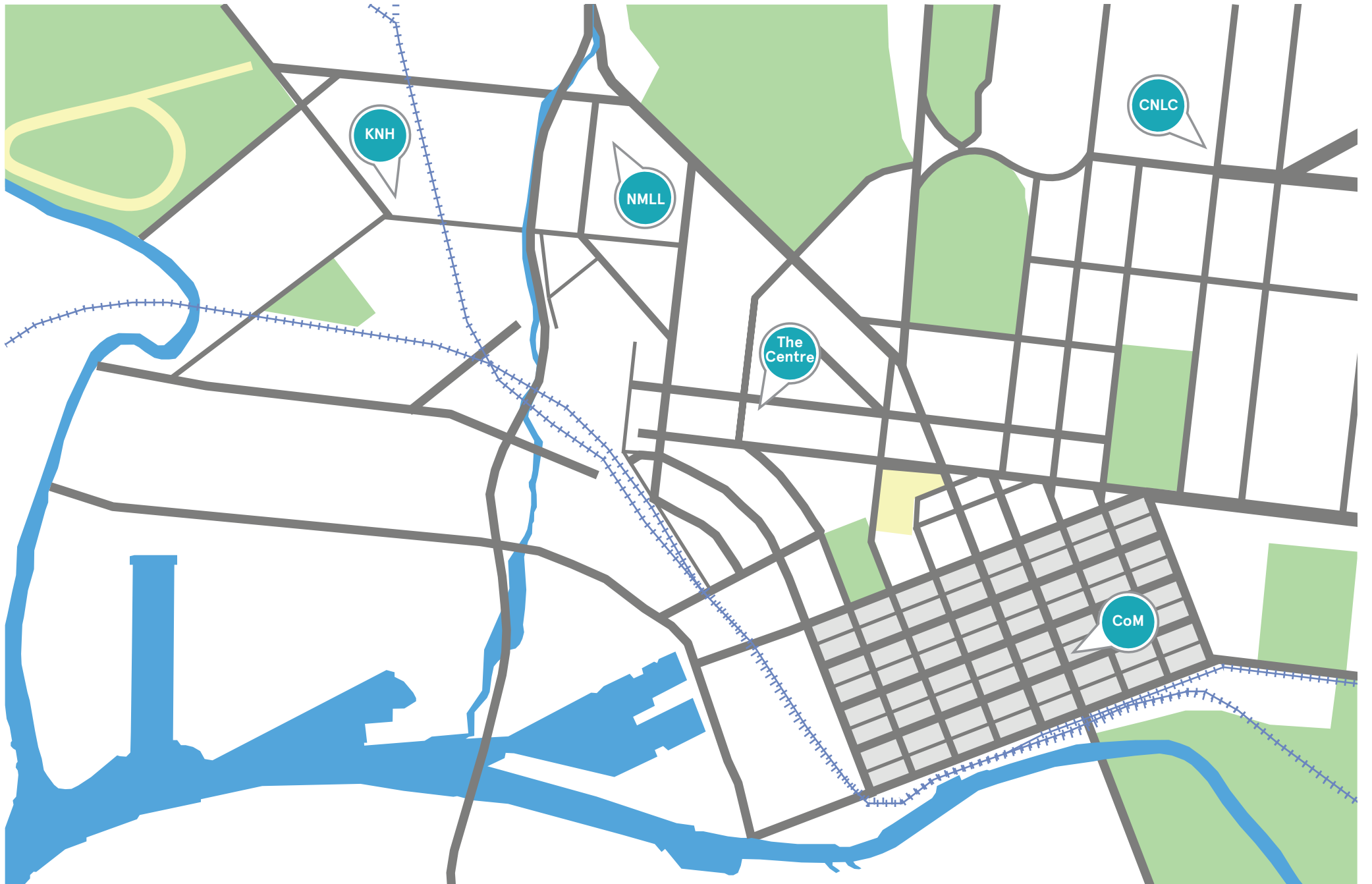


City of Melbourne and Neighbourhood House Collaboration Statement

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Shared Community Development Values

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 (Neighbourhood Houses Victoria).

Neighbourhood Houses work within a community development framework and are governed by a volunteer Committee of Management. This builds social connections and networks that are based on trust, respect and reciprocal interaction – known as social capital.

The work of Neighbourhood Houses is guided by ten principles:

**Community
Ownership**



**Community
Participation**



Empowerment



**Access and
Equity**

**Life Long
Learning**

Inclusion



Networking

Advocacy



Self Help

Social Action

(Neighbourhood House Good Practice Guide 2012 <https://www.nhvic.org.au/documents/item/718>)



Neighbourhood Houses within the City of Melbourne are welcoming and inclusive places for people of all abilities and backgrounds. They are committed to building stronger and more resilient communities using a strength-based approach that empowers individuals to be self-determining and realise their potential.

Similarly, the City of Melbourne works across life stages and interests to support residents through a broad range of services, infrastructure and programming. It is committed to social inclusion; aiming to facilitate opportunities for all people to participate in the social, economic and civic life of the City, irrespective of ability, background, class, gender and orientation (Council Plan 2017-21).

A City for People

Aiming to maintain Melbourne as a “city for people”, the City of Melbourne:

- welcomes people from all walks of life so they feel safe, and can participate fully in their community.
- supports people to have access to appropriate housing, education, healthy food, and spaces for recreation and community services.
- adapts to meet the needs of a growing, changing population.
- supports better life opportunities and outcomes for all, particularly the vulnerable.

Community Grants and Partnerships Framework

The Community Grants and Partnerships Framework enables the City of Melbourne to partner with not-for-profit organisations to:

- empower our communities to identify and respond to local areas of need
- partner with community organisations to deliver shared outcomes
- activate community participation amongst residents
- build capacity within the community sector



Collaboration Vision

Working together to create a cohesive and inclusive city that empowers people to fully participate in community life

Relationship Principles

In order to achieve our vision, we commit to fostering reciprocal relationships and constructive ways of working which recognise and respect our unique organisational structures, approaches and processes.

Our personal interactions will come from a place of trust, respect and understanding.

We'll seek to learn from one another and maintain open and honest communications.

We'll provide each other and the communities we're connected to with advance notice of opportunities to be involved in local activities and consultation.

Our cooperation will be motivated by an authentic belief that place-based community development is integral to the building of resilient neighbourhoods, and it's this, to which we must keep ourselves accountable.



Roles and commitments

Neighbourhood Houses

neighbourhood capacity building	
information and opportunity brokerage	
coordination of local area network	
advocacy for priority issues	

City of Melbourne

Community Grants and Partnerships Framework funding and expertise	
free professional development training	
active participation in neighbourhood building activities	
share local data, technical advice and support	





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