

SEPTEMBER 2023

# IN THE HOUSE

Ross House Association Member and Tenant News

## RHA Equipment Grant Now Accepting Applications!

FROM THE RHA TEAM

Ross House Association is proud to introduce our new RHA Equipment Grant initiative, designed to support our tenants with some of their equipment-related costs. The grant covers essential expenses like office equipment, IT infrastructure, printing, and furniture - those necessary equipment costs that help organisations tick along!

### Round One - Applications Now Open!

We're excited to offer two microgrants, each with a maximum value of \$1000. These grants are available to small and incubator tenant organisations within the Ross House community. Round One applications are now open and will close on September 15th, 2023.

Details regarding eligibility criteria, the application process, and necessary documentation have been sent to tenant's inboxes. To access these resources and apply for the grant, please refer to the PDF attached to the email.

### Round Two - Opening in 2024

Looking ahead to the first half of 2024, we're offering a single grant of \$2000, and it's open to all tenant members. We will keep you posted on the official announcement, detailing the dates and guidelines for Round Two.

These grants are available to RHA Member tenants only, Associate Members are not eligible.

### Accessibility

We understand that different tenants have different needs. If you are interested in applying for round one, but the online form doesn't suit your needs, please get in touch and we can organise an alternative method of applying.

Should you have any inquiries or require assistance, we encourage you to get in touch with Ruby at [r.jamesstrawhan@rosshouse.org.au](mailto:r.jamesstrawhan@rosshouse.org.au). Furthermore, please feel free to give our friendly front desk team a call for any support you may need.

## RHA COMMITTEE 2023

Chairperson  
Christine McAuslan  
(COSHG)

Treasurer  
Alba Chliakhtine  
(ABRISA)

Secretary  
Scot Muirden  
(CBSF)

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(Ordinary Member U3A)

Denise Boyd  
(Ordinary Member STAR)

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(Ordinary Member DRC)

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(Ex TreeProject Appointed  
Member)

Nazzareno Marchionda  
(Appointed Member RHA Staff)

Michael Griffiths  
(Ex-Officio, RHA CEO)



**ROSS HOUSE**  
ASSOCIATION

**Ross House Association acknowledges the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the traditional custodians of the lands where we live, learn and work. We respectfully acknowledge the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation and the traditional owners of the land on which Ross House is located. We pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.**



# Reflections by the RHA Chairperson

BY CHRISTINE MCAUSLAN



During August, Ross House Association Committee members were able to participate in two governance training sessions. These were facilitated by Jenny Holliday from Non Profit Training. The first session was open to Ross House members and happily, they took advantage of this free session and all available places were filled.

Legal requirements, mandatory rules and accountability need to be understood by committee members no matter what type of committee. For example, the Ross House committee has been a place to both enable member representatives' input based on values and philosophy, while also managing the need to sustain an old heritage listed building that houses our community. No matter how experienced we are on committees, there is always something to learn and reflect on with an open-minded approach. The second session was for Ross House committee members only, primarily to look to the future. However, a component of planning for the future also means being able to reflect on the past and the decisions that led us to the present.

We as a committee, are very aware of the need to bring more members on to the committee with current participants deciding or reviewing their availability to continue after the next AGM. It is common practise to highlight the fact that Ross House, as a self-managed organisation, is quite unique. However, to retain this model requires members to step forward and be part of the committee and its discussions, debates and decision-making processes. Without that input the question arises as to whether that model can be retained into the future.

We are now less than three months away from the 2023 Annual General Meeting and the election of committee members and office bearers. For those of you who value the aims and philosophy of Ross House, I urge you to consider joining the committee. Participation offers an opportunity to add to existing knowledge and skillset. It does of course mean giving of time and skills but enables a deep understanding of how the 'House' runs and all those aspects that may not be apparent as a user or supporter of Ross House.

RHA Chairperson,  
Christine McAuslan.

## Included In This Issue

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Melbourne Rail updates

Grants and Assistance

Tenant Feature: Lotus Group  
Projects

Elder Rights Advocacy Update

BCA Workshop

Kin Fest

Travellers Aid Update

DRC Belong

BIM Update

DBV Workshop





Ross House Association continues to make incredible energy savings as a result of sustainability works to the building, behaviour change and continued commitment from the entire Ross House community.



# Building and Maintenance

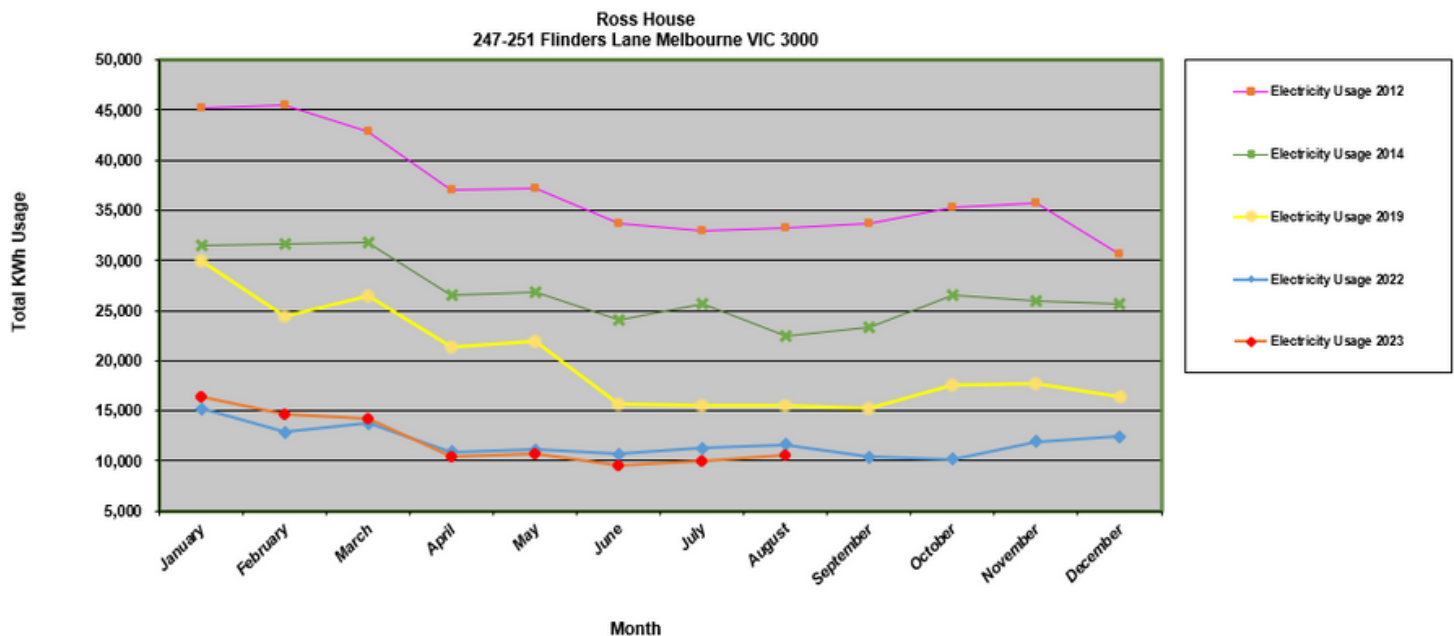
## FROM THE ROSS HOUSE TEAM

There is always a lot going on in this big old building of ours, so please make sure you keep an eye out for the building maintenance emails that circulate regularly.

Current and completed works:

- Our new tenant's office, Aspire Learning Resources (level 4) is currently under construction - the expected completion date is the 2nd week of September.
- We will soon have a new meeting room on Level 4! This room will replace Meeting Room 1.1 (18 pax). More details to follow in the upcoming weeks.
- Sadly our large window display glass panel was recently damaged for a second time but this is now fixed. However, to avoid this happening again, we are installing a street view camera and break glass alarm.
- The Hayden Raysmith Meeting Room electronic screen has been removed and replaced with a permanent white wall for AV.

Electricity Comparison From 2012 to 2023







# Melbourne Metro Rail Update

FROM THE ROSS HOUSE TEAM

These are the planned and current works for the Melbourne Metro Rail Project.

Construction works within the Town Hall Station precinct during August include:

- structures and lining works within the central cavern
- station entrance structure construction within the Flinders Quarter site
- building renovation and construction of the 'Flinders Link' passenger connection within Campbell Arcade
- works within Royston Place
- lift installation works within the Degraves Subway
- station build out works at City Square
- reinstatement works on Flinders Street requiring northern footpath closure at the Flinders Quarter site entrance, including pavement restoration works
- train testing through the tunnel.

If you have any questions regarding these works, or would like more information on the project, please visit [www.metrotunnel.vic.gov.au](http://www.metrotunnel.vic.gov.au) or phone 1800 551 927.

*If you have something you would like to contribute to the next RHA Newsletter, please email Katie or Carol at [rosshouse@rosshouse.org.au](mailto:rosshouse@rosshouse.org.au)*



## Friendly Reminders!

FROM ROSSHOUSE

- Please turn lights off if you are the last to leave your floor or office.
- Please close meeting room doors when you exit.
- If you need any AV training, please contact the Front Desk to book this in at least a fortnight before your booking.
- Please do not leave any unwanted furniture in the corridors of Ross House as it blocks access and makes the place look untidy. If you need assistance, please get in touch with the RH team.
- Please keep communal spaces, including kitchens, clean and tidy for use by others.

## Equipment User Guides

We have been developing a series of AV and equipment guides to assist you in using the Ross House facilities. Find them on our website at

[rosshouse.org.au/facilities/ross-house-user-guides/](http://rosshouse.org.au/facilities/ross-house-user-guides/)

For further information, please contact the Front Desk on 03 9650 1599 or at [rosshouse@rosshouse.org.au](mailto:rosshouse@rosshouse.org.au)



# Grants and Assistance Programs

BY ROSS HOUSE ASSOCIATION

These are some of the grants and assistance programs currently available that we think look good.

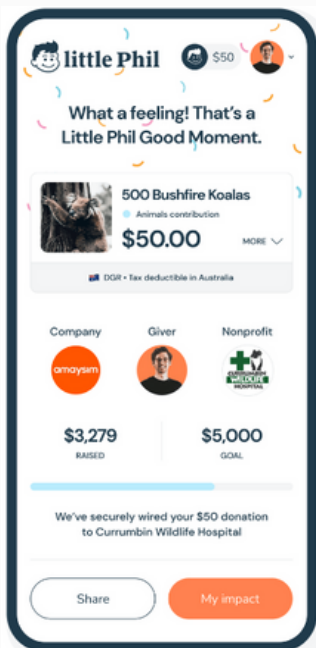
## Little Phil Foundations Non-profit Technology Grant

The Little Phil Foundation is providing grants of up to \$1,000 to eligible non-profit organisations to procure digital technology to help keep their organisation secure and prosperous in the digital age.

### Application Details

Ready to embrace the potential of technology for your nonprofit's growth? Apply now at [www.littlephil.org/lp-foundation](http://www.littlephil.org/lp-foundation) before the grant funding is exhausted.

For further information, please visit [www.littlephil.org/lp-foundation](http://www.littlephil.org/lp-foundation).



## Connecting Carers in the Community Grants

Carers Victoria is inviting Victorian carer support groups, community groups, not-for-profit communities, and local government organisations to apply for grants to support carers within their local communities to enhance social connectedness and reduce isolation among carers.

The 'Connecting Carers in their Community' grants program is funded by the Victorian Government and is intended to support all Victorian unpaid carers. This includes people who are: caring for a person with a disability caring for a person with a mental health issue or illness, or who is experiencing addiction caring for a person who is frail aged a young carer caring for a sibling or parent/grandparent or a person caring for a family member or friend with a chronic illness.

Additional priority is given to carers who are: living in rural, regional or isolated areas of Victoria, living in an area that has been affected by fire, flood, or another emergency event from First Nations communities, from multi-cultural backgrounds in newly settled communities from LGBTIQ+ communities.

### What funding is available?

Funding between \$20,000 and \$40,000 is available to Victorian-based community organisations.

To find out more information, please visit [www.fundingcentre.com.au/grant/G13302/apply](http://www.fundingcentre.com.au/grant/G13302/apply).



## Freemasons Foundation Victoria Grant

Freemasons Foundation Victoria invites charities registered with the Australian Charities and Not-For-Profits Commission (ACNC) to apply for a FFV Community Grant for programs in Victoria.

### What funding is available?

Grants between \$5,000 and \$50,000 are available.

Applicants are not required to have Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status. It is anticipated that all applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application in December and payment will be made in February.

Funding areas include community development, education, health and research and indigenous programs.

For further information, please visit <https://creative.vic.gov.au/funding-opportunities/find-a-funding-opportunity/creative-ventures-program>.



# Self Advocacy Matters

CONFERENCE

# Who We Are

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023

10:30am-3:00pm

Queen Victoria Women's Centre  
210 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne

It's **FREE** but you must book a ticket through  
[info@reinforce.org.au](mailto:info@reinforce.org.au) or call **03 9650 7855**

- Morning tea and lunch provided
- Giveaways
- Music & more!

**reinforce**  
self advocacy



# Tenant Feature: Lotus Group Projects Inc

ROOM 3.8

## Who is Lotus Group Projects Inc?

Lotus Group Projects Inc is a coordinated self-help & mutual support collective of people, most of whom identify with having a neurological impairment but supporters are also welcome to join.

## What do we do?

When funding allows, Lotus Group offers community awareness raising workshops and projects promoting inner peace and displaying the skills of people with disabilities. The group meets regularly providing mutual support and planning projects in Ross House.

Lotus Group is coordinated by a tertiary qualified and experienced coordinator, also a self-advocate, who encourages and supports group members to participate and take leadership roles, including self-advocacy, when participating in project development teams. Group members improve skills and grow greater self-confidence from sharing group participation.

There is no cost to attend Lotus Group and this will continue throughout 2023.

## What's on?

We have group "come and try" days and newcomers are always welcome but best to confirm we are still meeting by phoning or texting Lyn on 0413239236

Referrals from support workers, carers and allied health workers also welcome.

## More about Lotus...

Lotus Group Projects Inc has been a member of Ross House for over ten years and is now a returning tenant! The Lotus Group Projects Inc's new office is on Level three - sure to say g'day to Lyn if you see her around the building.

Lotus is also a member of Collective of Self-Help Groups (COSHG) who provide advice and support for the group.

For more information, please contact Lyn Macdonald on 0413239236 or email [lotusgroupabi@gmail.com](mailto:lotusgroupabi@gmail.com).

Lotus Group Projects can also be found on Facebook:  
<https://www.facebook.com/LotusGroupProjects/>.

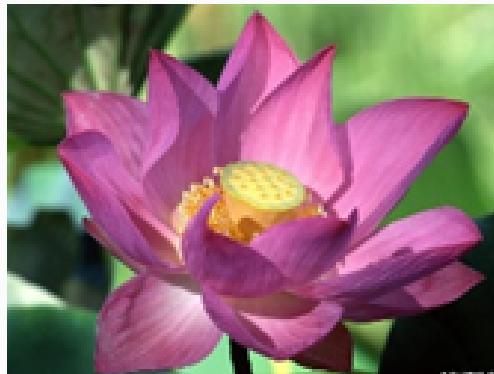


Image description: A pink lotus flower with green leaves in the background.

*If you would like your RHA member or tenant organisation to feature here, please email [rosshouse@rosshouse.org.au](mailto:rosshouse@rosshouse.org.au)*







# Schizy Inc Farm Art Program

## Collingwood Farm



### Plein-air sketching and painting with Felicity Gordon

12 x places available to artists with diverse complex mental health interested in learning and developing observational drawing skills.

No experience needed.

Practical hands-on learning.

Course start: Wednesday 27 September

4 x Wednesday afternoons - October

**Contact:** [studio@schizy.org](mailto:studio@schizy.org)

for info and register.





# Community connections expanded with Elder Rights 'Advocacy's Aged Care Volunteer Visitors Scheme

## BY ELDER RIGHTS ADVOCACY

Elder Rights Advocacy (ERA) launched the Aged Care Volunteer Visitors Scheme (ACVVS), a state-wide program, on 1 July 2023.

This program, funded through the Department of Health and Aged Care, is a newly named expansion of the Community Visitors Scheme.

The program's primary objective is to establish and nurture social connections by providing friendship and companionship through our dedicated volunteers. With this initiative, Elder Rights Advocacy aims to alleviate the adverse effects of social isolation experienced by older people.

The Aged Care Volunteer Visitors Scheme is a free service for any older person residing in an aged care home, waiting for or receiving a home care package. We aim to deliver the program to 785 older people across Victoria, with volunteers visiting weekly or fortnightly.

To learn more about the Aged Care Volunteer Visitors Scheme and to register your interest as a volunteer or to refer an older person to this program, please get in touch with Elder Rights Advocacy at 1800 022 887 or email [acvvs@era.asn.au](mailto:acvvs@era.asn.au).



Image description: An elderly man and a woman are sitting on chairs in a garden setting, raising a glass of tea to one another.

## Elder Rights Advocacy at the Victorian Seniors Festival

Learn, Love, Live - your best life and come join the fun at the 2023 Victorian Seniors Festival this October!

Now in its forty-first year, the Victorian Seniors Festival attracts over a hundred thousand seniors to get active, try something new, meet new people and sample what is on offer in their local area.

Elder Rights Advocacy will be at the Celebration Day, Federation Square, on Sunday 1st October 2023, 1pm – 7pm.

Come and talk to us at our marquee. Know about our expanded and newly named Aged Care Volunteer Visitors Scheme (ACVVS) across Victoria, our Aged Care advocacy support and information. Ask about our education sessions if you are an aged care service provider or community group.

The festival returns on 1 October 2023 and features:

- Live and local events across the state, delivered by local councils, community groups and clubs.
- Eight days of free public transport for Victorian Seniors Card holders from 1 to 8 October 2023.
- Return of flagship events held in Melbourne's CBD and regional Victoria, including the Celebration Day at Federation Square.

For more information about the festival, please visit their website > <https://www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/victorian-seniors-festival>.

Elder Rights Advocacy provides free and independent information to support Victorians using aged care services. For a confidential enquiry, contact us on 1800 700 600.

**Victorian  
Seniors  
Festival  
2023**



# Winter Warmer RH Member and Tenant Event

BY ROSS HOUSE ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday 26th July 2023, members and tenants of Ross House came together to enjoy a bowl of delicious soup and hearty treats, at the Ross House Winter Warmer Event.

On the day, we heard from our fantastic community about what was happening in their organisation. It was wonderful to hear about the amazing work and activities that were taking place behind the scenes.

RHA would like to thank everyone who attended the event, especially to those who took to the floor to speak for a few minutes.

We are very proud to call you our members and tenants - thanks once again for attending and sharing your story, keep up the great work!

Our next member and tenant event is our end of year celebration - more details to follow!



Image description: Ross House Members and Tenants coming together in the Hayden Raysmith Room to enjoy a hearty feast.



## STAY CONNECTED AND SIGN UP TO THE WEEKLY E-BULLETIN

Ross House produces a weekly e-bulletin that highlights upcoming workshops and webinars for NFP organisations, and member and tenant events.

Sign up on the homepage of our website at [rosshouse.org.au](http://rosshouse.org.au) (scroll to the bottom of the home page) or by [clicking here](#).

View previous publications by visiting our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/rosshouseassociation/](https://www.facebook.com/rosshouseassociation/) and following the links!

# Blind Citizen's Australia's Connect 2023

BY BCA

You are invited to join Ross House tenant, Blind Citizens Australia (BCA) at their upcoming Connect on Policy Conference, which takes place on Saturday 23rd September from 10am to 5pm.

This year, BCA Connect on Policy will provide you with the opportunity to share your thoughts on BCA's current and future work.

During our online conference, you can make suggestions on things you would like the organisation to address or focus on; from systemic advocacy to project ideas, peer support opportunities and anything else that promotes connecting, empowering and informing people who are blind or vision impaired.

We will also be announcing the recipients of this year's David Blyth Award and the BCA Certificates of Appreciation. The event will be held via Zoom, so we encourage anyone from Australia to come along.

[www.bca.org.au](http://www.bca.org.au)

Image Description: Decorated purple and white graphic containing the BCA logo and text that summarises the information above.

# BCA Connect 2023



**Our largest  
online  
conference**

23rd September

10:00am – 5:00pm AEST



**Find more information on our website**



Blind Citizens Australia [bca.org.au/bca-connect-2023/](http://bca.org.au/bca-connect-2023/)



# Kin Fest on Flinders Lane

BY RHA

Ross House is teaming up with the Nicholas Building Association and other local partners to bring Kin Fest to Flinders Lane. Set to take place on December 2nd and 3rd, Kin Fest promises a diverse range of experiences that celebrate local art, culture, and community.

The festivities kick off on Saturday, December 2nd with Street Bazaar, transforming Flinders Lane into a lively and vibrant street festival.

Ross House is proud to host its own stall from 12pm to 6pm (specific times to be confirmed). Ross House will also be providing rooms for one of the key attractions – “Love and Rage”. An engaging program of workshops and discussions. Running on both Saturday and Sunday, December 2nd and 3rd, this event will partly take place within Hayden Raysmith, Jenny Florence, and Meeting Room 2.2.



Image Descriptions: A street party in the evening with crowds of people amongst various marquees.

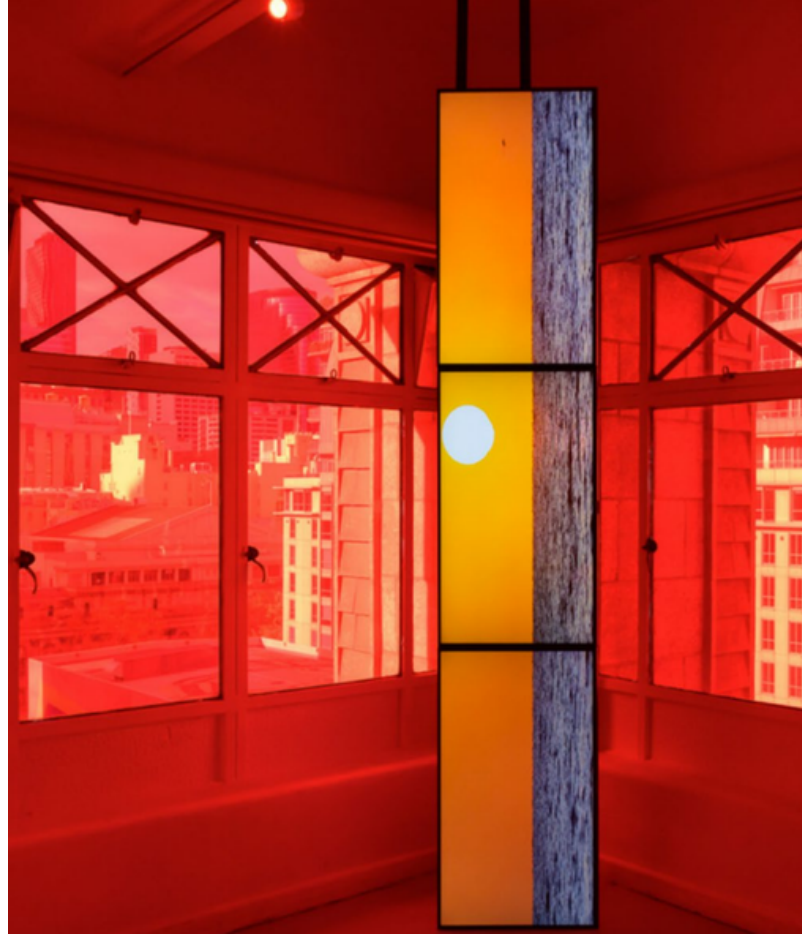


Image Descriptions: A red-lit room with windows to emphasise an art display - tree trunk in front of orange sunset.

As a venue and program partner, Ross House Tenants have been invited to participate in a variety of ways. We are thrilled to showcase (so far):

- Brazilian Dance Workshop with Abrisa
- Art Performances by Schizy Inc
- Open Script Readings with Victoria Drama League
- Merchandise and handmade goods for sale by Deafblind Victoria and Lotus Group
- Handknit and Crochet Guild open library

While the program is no longer open for new performances, there are still plenty of opportunities for involvement. Tenants and members are invited to showcase their products, share information, and interact with festival-goers at the Ross House stall.

Additionally, we will be encouraging tenants to contribute marketing materials or artwork for the community boards on levels 2, 3, and 4. Be on the lookout for emails regarding this over the next few weeks.

Through simulated disability – such as using mobility aids or wearing glasses that simulate vision impairment – training participants gain a sense of what it means to navigate a space with a disability.

This year, Travellers Aid has delivered sessions for groups from organisations including Lendlease, the Shrine of Remembrance, V/Line and CDC Victoria with overwhelmingly positive feedback and outcomes.

The training is developed and delivered in collaboration with people who live with a disability. These co-facilitators guide participants through the simulation and are available to share their lived experience and answer questions that people might not usually feel comfortable asking.

Travellers Aid is currently looking to grow our team of co-facilitators to continue to represent a range of disabilities.

If you are a person with a disability and are interested in getting involved with this training, please contact Jodie Bateman at [jodie.bateman@travellersaid.org.au](mailto:jodie.bateman@travellersaid.org.au).

Inclusion comes from awareness. And one of the best ways to build awareness is to give people a taste of the lived experience of those with disability.

Travellers Aid's experiential disability awareness training helps event organisers, tourism and hospitality venues, transport providers, businesses, councils and policy makers understand how people with disability might experience their spaces and services.



**Image Description:** Four people, including two vision impaired with white canes, are standing together at a bus stop.



# Belong Launches Face to Face Meetings at Ross House

BY DISABILITY RESOURCES CENTRE (DRC)

You may have heard about Belong, DRC's free network led by and for people with disabilities. It's a space to build connections, share experiences and feel completely at ease. Whatever your culture, gender identity, geography or disability you are welcome here.

Belong folks mostly meet online but we are very excited to share that from September we will be trialling face-to-face meetings at Ross House.

Our first face-to-face will be on Wednesday 13th September 12pm - 2pm. After a group check in we will be painting banners to take along to the protest for accessible tram stops on Sydney Road on Sunday 17th September.

# BELONG

Bringing our community together

If you have not yet joined the network please sign up here: <https://drc.org.au/belong/>

Alternatively, you can call 0452 124 844 or register via the QR code below.

For further information about DRC, please visit [www.drc.org.au](http://www.drc.org.au).



## RHA Governance Training

BY RHA

Ross House Association recently conducted two Governance Training sessions for the membership and RHA committee. These workshops were hosted by Jenny Holliday, Ross House member, Non Profit Training.

Some of the topics discussed during the sessions were good governance, understanding the committee's role in planning, oversight and monitoring the finances, developing a framework for managing risk and identifying and managing conflicts of interest.

The two workshops were a great success and we had some excellent feedback from the RHA Committee and community.

Thank you to everyone who attended, we hope to plan another session in the near future - stay tuned for more information!



# Inclusive Meetings Training

BY VOICE AT THE TABLE (VATT)

## What is Voice at the Table?

People with cognitive disability are often excluded from committees and consultations. The Voice at the Table Project seeks to create change and ensure that people with cognitive disability can have a real and equal voice on boards, committees, and consultations. This includes people with intellectual disability and acquired brain injury.

## What do we do?

- Training for people with cognitive disability about speaking up
- Inclusive meeting training for organisations
- Meetups for people with cognitive disability who have done training
- Radio show on community radio 3CR.

## Who is the inclusive meetings training for?

- Staff working for organisations wanting to make sure that people with cognitive disabilities have a say. For example, committee members, support staff, or people organising consultations.

## What do you learn?

- Why inclusive practice is important
- To identify and understand the barriers to participation for people with cognitive disability
- Ways to make your meetings welcoming
- Skills and techniques for getting people with cognitive disability to open up and speak confidently.



## How is training delivered?

- Online or in person
- Training is co-designed and co-facilitated by people with cognitive disability inline with the VATT motto, 'Nothing about us without us'
- Using plain and easy English.

## How long is the training?

- 3 hours at Ross House
- Dates are - 26th September & 19th October 26, 12:30pm - 3:30pm

## What is the cost?

- Free
- VATT is funded by the Department of Social Services.

## How can I find out more?

- Please contact Peter Whelan, VATT Inclusion Team Leader - [peter@voiceatthetable.com.au](mailto:peter@voiceatthetable.com.au) or [training@voiceatthetable.com.au](mailto:training@voiceatthetable.com.au) / 0493 701 954 (Wednesdays and Thursdays).

For further information, please visit [www.voiceatthetable.com.au](http://www.voiceatthetable.com.au).



# Acquired Brain Injury – Lived Experience

BY BRAIN INJURY MATTERS

Ever wondered why a person with a brain injury might behave the way they do?

Join us for a unique and insightful workshop on understanding and supporting someone to navigate the challenges of brain injury.

Facilitated by people with lived experience, this workshop aims to help support workers, support coordinators, caregivers, or anyone interested, to better understand what it's like to live with a brain injury.

## Topics will include:

- What is an Acquired Brain Injury (ABI)?
- Causes of ABI
- Physical, cognitive, and emotional challenges of ABI
- Tips and strategies for working with people with ABI

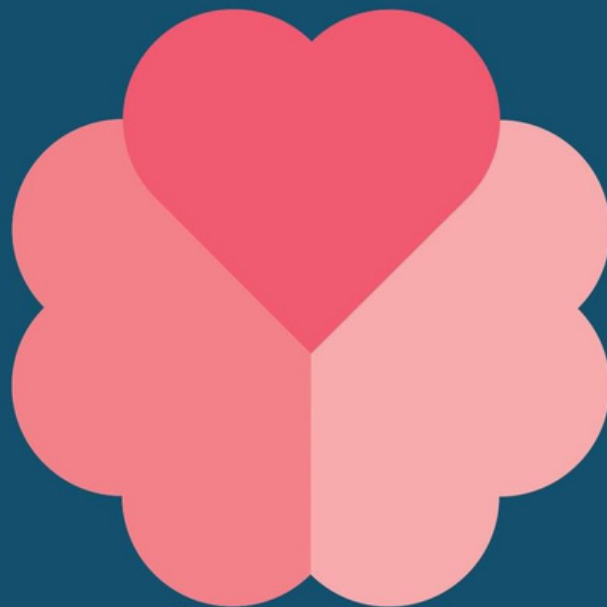


Image Description: Pink BIM logo on a blue background.

Our knowledgeable facilitators will also share their personal stories, giving a real-world insight into living with brain injury. Don't miss out on this valuable opportunity!

## When is the workshop?

Monday 25th September 2023, 10am - 12pm  
Jenny Florence Room, Level 3, Ross House

To find out more information, please visit  
<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1106369>



## CALLING FOR ARTICLE AND PHOTO SUBMISSIONS

FOR THE 2022-23 ROSS HOUSE  
ANNUAL REPORT!

What has your organisation been up to over the last financial year?  
Send your articles and photos to [membership@rosshouse.org.au](mailto:membership@rosshouse.org.au)



# DeafBlind Awareness Workshop

BY DEAFBLIND VICTORIA

Deafblind Victoria (DBV) is a self-advocacy group run by and for Deafblind people in Victoria, Australia.

The main activities of DBV are:

- Deafblind social events and peer support
- Deafblind awareness workshops
- Producing and sharing information and resources
- Advising and consulting about deafblindness

Ross House Members and Tenants are invited to join Ross House Tenant, DeafBlind Victoria (DBV) at their free upcoming Deafblind Awareness Workshop.

This session will be a fantastic opportunity to learn about deafblind community and culture.

Topics on the day include integrating activities, deafblind communication, technology, barriers, and accessibility.

**Where?** Hayden Raysmith Room, Level 4, Ross House

**When?** Wednesday 27th September 2023, 10:30am – 12:30pm

BYO lunch with opportunity to network after the event.

Please RSVP to Heather Lawson on [dbvheather@gmail.com](mailto:dbvheather@gmail.com) by Wednesday 20th September 2023.

For further information about DBV, please visit [www.deafblindvictoria.com](http://www.deafblindvictoria.com). You can also visit their office at Ross House on level 3, Thursdays 10am-4pm for DBV Connect.

DeafBlind World

A workshop about deafblindness  
developed & presented by DeafBlind people



The DeafBlind World workshop is a two-hour session to help you communicate with DeafBlind people.

Improve your engagement with DeafBlind people.

# Non Profit Training

Ross House member, Non Profit Training, provides training for not-for-profit organisations, associations and charities across Australia.

Tailored online and face-to-face training services, they educate and empower non-profit organisations, to enable them to focus on their purpose and deliver better outcomes to the community. Below is their upcoming schedule:

Online Governance Training Melbourne  
9 September 2023, 10am – 3.30pm  
\$330 (GST incl.) per person.

Online Grant Writing Training Melbourne  
14 September 2023, 10am – 3.30pm  
\$330 (GST incl.) per person.

Online Leadership Training Melbourne  
12 & 19 October, 11am – 4.30pm  
\$660 (GST incl.) per person.

Online Finance Training Melbourne  
19 October 2023, 11am – 4.30pm  
\$330 (GST incl.) per person.

Online Governance Training Melbourne  
24 October 2023, 11am – 4.30pm  
\$330 (GST incl.) per person.

Online Board Chair Training Melbourne  
25 October 2023, 6 – 9pm  
\$190 (GST incl.) per person.

To find out more information, please visit  
[www.nonprofittraining.com.au](http://www.nonprofittraining.com.au).



## Non Profit Training

### Community Calendar

- 15th September - RHA Grant Submissions Due
- 2nd October - Call out for RHA Committee Nominees
- 3rd October - Flinders Lane Festival (Kin Fest) Program Launch
- 22nd November - RHA AGM
- 2-3rd December - Flinders Lane Festival (Kin Fest)
- 14th December - Ross House End of Year Event

If you would like to add your event to our Community Calendar, in our next In the House, please email [rosshouse@rosshouse.org.au](mailto:rosshouse@rosshouse.org.au).



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Sell, give Donate Facebook  
group!**

**[www.facebook.com/groups/2124908287663214](https://www.facebook.com/groups/2124908287663214)**





# Window Displays at Ross House

BY ROSS HOUSE ASSOCIATION

The Ross House team would like to thank the membership for their wonderful window displays! We know how much effort and planning goes into each display so we wanted to share our most recent ones with you. We have sadly had a couple of breakages to our large window display. We would like to thank our members who missed out and rescheduled their displays because of this.

Our most recent small display however was from Ross House tenant, Elder Rights Advocacy! Thank you for making our window so informative and engaging.

If you would like to find out more information about our window displays, please get in touch with Katie or Carol at [rosshouse@rosshouse.org.au](mailto:rosshouse@rosshouse.org.au).



Image Description: ERA banner and organisation pamphlets displayed in a window.

# Schizy Inc Window Display - October 2023

BY SCHIZY INC

Schizy Inc is one of the most established and innovative disability lived experience led arts organisations in Australia. Schizy Inc provides personal and community development opportunities in the arts, supports vocational pathways, and improves access and inclusion for creative people with diverse and complex mental health.

Projects include SINC performing arts collective, SiDAS studio, Mojo Festival of Arts for World Schizophrenia Day and nature-based creative activities and healing.

Schizy Inc will be decorating the large window display (in October) for Mental Health Month with the 2023 'We all have a role to play'.

To find out more about Ross House tenant, Schizy Inc, please visit them in their office on Level 3, Ross House or online at [www.schizy.org](http://www.schizy.org).



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# Ross House Updates

BY RHA

## Tenant moves

Let's welcome our newest tenants!

**Lotus Group Projects** has moved onto Level 3 - a previous tenant of Ross House - welcome back!

[www.facebook.com/LotusGroupProjects](http://www.facebook.com/LotusGroupProjects).

**Aspire Learning Resources** has moved onto Level 4 - current renovations for their office are underway.

[www.aspirelr.com.au](http://www.aspirelr.com.au)

## 2024 Room Bookings

It's time to start thinking about room bookings at Ross House for 2024!

As a member organisation of Ross House Association, you have priority for 2024 meeting room bookings - more details will be provided in the upcoming weeks.

# A huge thank you!

BY RHA

A huge thank you to everyone at Ross House for taking part in our recent fire drill. The evacuation was a huge success and it took us less than five minutes to get everyone out of the building and to the evacuation point. Well done all!

A special thanks to our Fire Wardens for volunteering their time to assist on the floors - this really helps us navigate everyone out in a calm and safe manner.

We will have more information about our next drill soon. Thanks again!



Image Description: RHA tenant working in Ross House

## Annual Report Submissions

You will have recently received an email from us regarding the Annual Report Submissions. This is really great opportunity to showcase the amazing work that your organisation has been up to over the past year.

All submissions should reach us by **Thursday, September 15th, 2023**. However if you would like to contribute and won't be able to submit in time please let us know and we can work something out.

Please send submissions to [membership@rosshouse.org.au](mailto:membership@rosshouse.org.au).



## PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR PEEP FORMS!

A friendly reminder to those groups who have not returned their PEEP forms - please send them to us ASAP on [rosshouse@rosshouse.org.au](mailto:rosshouse@rosshouse.org.au).

Personal Emergency Evacuation Plans (PEEPSs) are crucial as they enable us to support your needs in times of emergency.





# Congratulations Ruby!

A huge shout out to Ruby James-Strawhan who has recently embraced a new role at Ross House as our Engagement and Communications Officer.

Ruby will be guiding marketing and communications, driving RHA community development initiatives, managing the back end of the website, and looking after membership enquiries.

So far in her role she has proudly launched the new RH equipment grant and been involved in the organising of the Flinders Lane Festival - Kin.

Congratulations Ruby, we are extremely lucky to have you in this new role!

## THANK YOU FOR PAYING YOUR INVOICES ON TIME

RHA would like to thank everyone for paying invoices on time.

A friendly reminder to cancel any room bookings (via your online account) that you are not using. This will avoid any confusion and cancellation charges on invoices. If you need help, please contact the Front Desk on (03) 650 1599 / [rosshouse@rosshouse.org.au](mailto:rosshouse@rosshouse.org.au).



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Please send submissions to: [rosshouse@rosshouse.org.au](mailto:rosshouse@rosshouse.org.au)



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