

## **WELCOME TO OUR 25TH ANNUAL REPORT**

Westgate Community Initiatives Group Inc (WCIG) is committed to affirming the dignity of all people and the right of every individual to a meaningful role in society. As a public benevolent institution, WCIG seeks to directly relieve the poverty, distress, suffering and helplessness caused by unemployment.

In its structure and operation WCIG will be community based and open in its membership to all who agree with its aims.

WCIG is a non-profit organisation and all money and resources received or generated by the organisation, or by any of its projects will be used for the furthering of its aims and not for the pecuniary profit of its members.

In pursuit of its ideals WCIG will focus its activities in the Western Region and seek to respond to the needs of disadvantaged people by the following specific means:

 Establish employment training projects which will provide skills for employment, personal development, hope and empowerment, at no charge to those people disadvantaged by unemployment.

- Provide employment opportunities for disadvantaged unemployed people through job creation projects.
- Encourage more appropriate and creative attitudes and models for work and employment.
- Act as an advocate for unemployed and disadvantaged unemployed people through representation in the media, government and the wider community.
- Undertake research into issues that relate to the unemployment situation.

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### THE CEO'S REPORT

The past financial year was one of many challenges, of further development and growth, and of preparation for the future. It has been a year in which WCIG has continued to demonstrate its relevance to the people and the broader communities in which we serve.

WCIG continued to develop its social enterprises with the official launch of the LoveLuvo retail store; one of three new social firms built on the foundation of Cleanable.

Our Disability Employment Services was subject to tender at the end of the financial year and as a result of our successful tender bid, we were pleased to have our psychiatric specialist contract extended for a further five years.

2011 was a significant year for our Training Services in Goldmark College, with more Vocational Education and Training (VET) in Victoria in the private sphere. In Victoria we moved into a fully contestable VET market under the Victorian Training Guarantee, where policy variables determine eligibility for government

supported places. Increasing competitiveness and more providers in the market meant that we did not do as much as we had hoped and we planned to adapt to the changes indicated from 1 July.

WCIG's Youth Services developed with school focused youth services in partnership with schools and a new service, Springboard, for young people. It is our goal, with our youth services to assist young people to re-engage with education or training, or employment. All three are essential to building their futures.

People with disabilities, long term unemployed, those with low educational attainment or experience face significant barriers finding and remaining in work. In these pages you will find an introduction to some of the achievements

of the past year. Without the enthusiasm, commitment, hard work, and vision of the many staff at WCIG, none of this would be possible. I know it is traditional to say this so we wanted to celebrate the staff and this annual report does that. You will see representatives of the people who, each day, seek to assist disadvantaged members of our communities to effect the desired changes in their lives, as they work to achieve their goals.

Ron Miers CEO





### THE CHAIR'S REPORT

It has been a year of transition and challenges for the WCIG Board. The composition of the Board changed, and the new members who were elected at last year's Annual General Meeting (AGM) have taken up their role with enthusiasm.

As you will see from these pages, the operational challenges we have faced have resulted in a trading shortfall. This is largely the result of a series of expansions including a merger, the establishment of new social enterprises and is also a reflection of the contestability of training in Victoria.

Throughout these times I have been most impressed by the unwavering commitment of the Board and staff to WCIG and its fundamental objective which is to assist the most vulnerable in our community. We are determined to adapt to the challenges that a modern community-based organisation faces in order to make a difference in people's lives. As a board we look forward to the development of a new strategic plan and continuing to work towards our goals to provide the

best corporate governance standards for WCIG.

In November 2011 we were proud to celebrate 25 years of service to people and the community. This significant milestone was marked with our very first Business Recognition Awards and third Annual Board Scholarship Presentation. This special evening provided the perfect opportunity to recognise the efforts of our partner organisations and supporters who have contributed to our success.

I would like to thank my fellow board members David Cragg, Frank Jackson, Natalie Thomas and Sel Sanli, and our CEO Ron Miers and his staff for their support during the year.

Natalie Lupton Chairperson









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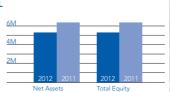
















### THE FINANCIAL YEAR

WCIG AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORTS

Summarised Statement of Comprehensive Income

There were no significant changes in the nature of the associations' principal activities during the financial year. The deficit for the financial year amounted to -\$1,024,675 (2011: Surplus \$510,258). This report is presented on behalf of The Board in accordance with a resolution for the Members of The Board dated 19 November 2012.

2012 \$

2011 \$

Cash at the end of financial year	4,986,716	6,355,757
Cash at the beginning of the financial year	6,355,757	6,455,608
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held	(1,369,041)	(99,851)
Investing activities	(770,746)	(336,247)
Financing activities	-	-
Operating activities	(598,295)	236,396
Net cash flows from:		
Summarised Statement of Cash Flows		
Total equity	5,310,636	6,335,311
Retained surplus and reserves	5,310,636	6,335,311
Net assets	5,310,636	6,335,311
Total liabilities	2,412,026	1,744,053
Non-current liabilities	21,696	-
Current liabilities	2,390,330	1,744,053
Total assets	7,722,662	8,079,364
Non-current assets	1,255,322	771,899
Current assets	6,467,340	7,307,465
Summarised Statement of Financial Position		
Surplus From Ordinary Activities	(1,024,675)	510,258
Other Expenses From Ordinary Activities	(5,281,238)	(2,416,353)
Employee Expenses	(8,256,404)	(6,392,833)
Depreciation And Amortization Expense	(286,615)	(230,366)
Revenues From Ordinary Activities	12,799,582	9,549,810



### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

#### **EMPLOYERS**

AHS Hospitality

ADEC

All Purpose People

Alsco Linen Service

Always Fresh

ANZ Bank APS Group

Asian Bazaar Imports

Athletes Foot Australian Food Group

Australian Home Care Services

B2 Cafe

Ballarat City Council Bakers Delight

BBI's/Donut King

Bell's Real Estate

Big Mouth Maloney
Big W - Watergardens

Blonde on Blonde

Bloomfields
Bluestone Recruitment

Boral Plasterboard
Brimbank City Coucil

Brimbank Leisure Centre

Broadmeadows Disability Services

Bunnings

Bursons Automotive Pty Ltd

C.B Studio Cabinet Masters

Cabways Pty Ltd
Cafe Centro Bar Bistro

Cafe Di La

Cafe Saporo Calvary Silver Circle

Campbells Cash and Carry

Care For Kids Foundation Cassandra Upholstery

Central Pipe Fabrication

Central Premix Concrete
Chalmers Industries Pty Ltd.

Chandler Recruitment

Charter Security
Chelarave Contracting

Chelsea Hair and Nails

Cherrie's Cafe
CIS at Mercy Health

City Residential Clancy's Auto Salvage

Coburg Transfer Station

Coffee N All Coles Supermarkets

Color Earth

Colorado Colour Earth Design

Consolidated Cleaning

Services

Convent Bakery Conway Fish Trading

Cope Logistics
Costello's Hotel

Cubin Design

Curzon Street Childcare
Daguerre's Café Bar Gallery

Deer Park Motors

Del Conway's Home Helpers Design Inferno Glass

DiCaprio's Restaurant

Discount Tyres

Don Kyatt Spare Parts

Donut King Doug Burgin

Doutta Galla Community Health Dual Ware E Pharmacy

Easyfix Building Solutions

Effective Supermarket Services

Elenis Hair Salon

Elite Dry Cleaners Elite Security

Elles Furniture

Elynwood Eml Melbourne

Emma McLean Kindergarten and Daycare

Enterprises Services Pty Ltd

Essential Nursing Agency

Essential Personnel
Everlasting Ironworks

Faracht Australia FBA Imports

Fencing Engage by Michael

Ferguson Plarre

Finch Industries

First Impressions Events FM Recycle

Food FX

Footscray Market Formula Boats

Fosters Australia

Fracht Australia Freddy's Fruit and Veg

Fulton Hogan Future Kids

G&E Pitliangas Garry Hopper Motor Group

Gilbarco Veeder Root Gindera Cleaning Services Global Traffic Group Gray's Tyre Service

Guardian Property Management Hampstead Dental

Hays Recruitment

Hilton Hotel

Hingli Holdings Pty Ltd

Home Care Plus
Home Sustainability
Assessments

Horner Recruitment

Huy Fashion Pty Ltd I-Connect

IGA Werribee

Infight Services
Inter Industrial Service

Integrated Solutions

Jav I.T Group JCP Carpentry Design

JDJ Windows Jefferson Ford

Jesuit Social Services Jigsaw Childcare Centre

Jim's Mowing Tarneit
Joalian Pty Ltd
John Sands Australia Ltd

John Sands Australia Ltd Kensington Community High School

Kensho Pty Ltd Kevin Denis Killarney Properties

King Personnel
Kingsville Community
Centre

K-mart

Lakeside Receptions Lazv Moe's

Le Mans Toyota

Lionheart Security

Little Champs Child Care Centre

Little Poppets Childcare Centre

Littore Wines

LPG Conversions
MacKillop College

Mac's Hotel Maddisons

Magri Transport Manor Court Werribee

Aged Care
Masada International Trade
Pty Ltd

Pty Ltd Maxwell Engineering Pty Ltd

McArthur Management Services

McMahons

McPeake Painting and Building Services

Mega Products
Melton Glass and Shower

Screens Pty Ltd

Melton Pre School and Child

Care Centre

Melton Shire Council Melton Special School

Mercure Hotel
Mercy Aged Care

Merrimu Services
Meridina Pest Control

Mesh and Bar

Metrofile Pty Ltd

Millennium Electronics

Mint Group Mio Posto Cafe Monion

Moon Cleaning
Moreton Hire

MTM Aluminium Window Vic Pty Ltd

Muffin Break MYM Timber Network Clothina Rosanna Village Childcare Super Chef Job Futures Ltd Apprenticeships Victoria Newmarket Tayern Royal Free Masons SV Painting Local Learning & Ascot Vale Special School Employment Networks -Newport Building and Rsm Admin Services Ptv Ltd. Swift Ptv Ltd Asylum Seekers Resource Wynbay, Maribyrnong/ Garden Supplies Centre RTS Transport TH Marshall Taxation Moonee Valley, Brimbank/ Newspower Brimbank Melton Australian Apprenticeships Safeway Tasman Retail Centre - Werrihee Central Maidstone Community Salesforce Taylors Lakes Hotel Northern Autistic School Australian Training Network Contro Sanctuary Lakes Golf Club Toletra Northern Gardens Aged Maribyrnong City Council Banksia Gardens Community Schiavello Bros Pty Ltd Tessy's Hair Classic Care Centre Maribyrnona Community Sechi Hair Novotel The Element Shop Centre Bayside Secondary College Securecorps Cleaning The Global Group Nursing One World Matchworks - St Albans Braybrook College SF Transport The Mop Squad Brimbank City Council Omni Care Meadow Heights Learning Shop On Call Personnel SGA The Shoe Gallery (Vic) Brotherhood of St. Lawrence Ptv I td Melbourne Citymission Oshcluh Sian Desians Buckley Park Secondary The Tradesperson's Orvgen Research Centre College Oxford Cold Storage Signcraft Secretary Orvgen Youth Health Contacaro Oz Staff Silvy's Cleaning Services The Yarraville Club Inc. Outlooks Melton Center for Adolescent Ozwide Flectrical Simply Nursing Thornbear Cleaning Services Health - Young People Scouts Victoria P&C Brushes Sirens Restaurant & Bistro Health Service Tiletek Industries Sachi Hair Pedders Suspension Sistems Golf Centre for Multicultural TKG Sheetmetal Shire of Melton Youth SKM Recycling Pelican Child Care TLs Transport Australia Social Firms Australia Centrelink - Airport West South Kinasville Community Peter Rowland Catering TNT Express Centre The Smith Family Centrelink - Area North Phoenix Street Child Care Total Staffing Solutions Central Victoria Southbank Apartments Victoria University Pinnacles Hospitality And Toyota Centrelink - Broadmeadows Southern Cross Insurance Tourism Victoria University - Tafe Brokers Trentham Tucker Division Centrelink - Footscray Plantic Technologies Limited Spotlight Stores Trusses Plus Ptv Ltd Visv Link Centre Centrelink - Melton Plants Galore Wholesale Nursery St Basil's Home For Aged Uniting Aged Care Werribee Tigers Football Centrelink - Sunshine Care Club Universal Pallets Plasterers R Us Centrelink - Watergardens St. John Of God Wesley Mission Plastic Bend Fabrication Werribee Terrace Aged Care Centrelink - Newmarket St Vincents Childcare Western Local Community Wesfarmers Kleenheat Gas PLM Property Services Centrelink - Werribee Partnership Staff Australia Ptv I td Port Phillip Prison Child First Western Region Health Stallion Station Ptv Ltd West Main Ptv Ltd Poultry N More Pty Ltd Consider This Training Centre Star Enterprises Vic WPC Group Prime Medical Yarraville Community Centre Create Star Track Express Wyndham Lodge Racecourse Hotel YMCA CVGT State Side Conveyancing Zoom Recruitment & DASWest - Youth Outreach Rampage (BP Laverton) Consulting Pty Ltd SUPPORTERS OF Stegbar Pty Ltd Team Randstad Recruitment **OUR WORK** IN PARTNERSHIP WITH Steppina Stone Debney Park Secondary Ready Workforce Altona Meadows Kindergarten College Australia Light Foundation Community Centre Rebound Sheet Metal Stones Bakery DHS Engineering Australian Vietnamese Amaroo Storm Car Wash (Wizard Women's Association Disability Works Australia Re-Creation Health Club AMES Employment Car Wash) Centacare Djerriwarrh Employment & Red Tongue Cafe Amile Adovocacy Services Inc Sundance Racking Pty Ltd Education Services Djerriwarrh Education and Reflections Group Pty Ltd Anglicare - Counselling Sunshine Door Coatings **Employment Services** Duke Street Community Service Retravision - Hoppers Centre Sunshine Dry Cleaners Hobson's Bay City Council Crossing Apprenticeships Plus Employment Focus - Glenrov

Employment Plus - Footscray Essendon Keilor College Footscray City Secondary College Footscray Community Arts Centre Footscray Police Galvin Park Secondary College Gatehouse - Youth Resource Centre Gilmore Girls College Golf World Good Shepherd - St Albans Gordon Institute of TAFF GROW - Better Together Headspace - Western Melbourne Heathdale Christian College Heaths Road Library -Homework Support Hobsons Bay City Council Hobsons Bay Police Hobsons Bay Youth Services Hog's Breath Café Watergardens Hoppers Crossina Secondary College Horizons IFGT Inner West Area Mental Health Service - The Royal Melbourne Hospital Interact Iramoo Community Centre ISIS Primary Care **JobProspects** Josephs Corner Kastoria Bus Lines Keilor Youth Accommodation Kurrunjung Secondary

Legal Aid Sunshine Living Jungle MacKillop College -Werribee Services Centre College College MEGT Mercy Hospital Health Millennium Hi-Tech Miniart College Services Mulberry House

Life Business Consultancy Mackillop Family Service -Family & Community Main Road Fast Child Care Mambourin Enterprises Manor Lakes P-12 Specialist Manpower Trolleys Ptv Ltd Maribyrnong City Council Maribyrnong Secondary Matchworks - St Albans Matchworks - Footscray Matchworks - Werribee McDonald's Delahev Melbourne City Mission Melton Secondary College Metro West Housing Mid West Area Mental Migrant Resource Centres Moonee Valley Youth

Mulberry House - MI Fellowship New Hope Foundation NMIT Olex

Niddrie Secondary College Norwood Association College Open Family - Youth Resource Centre Latitude Youth Housing Operation Newstart Laverton Community Centre Orygen Youth Health Laverton Secondary College

Outlets Co-Operative Community

People Living with HIV/AIDS Victoria Phoenix Child Care Centre

PilotLiaht

Point Cook Senior Secondary College Positive Living Centre

Programmed Quantin Binnah Community Centre

Relationships Australia

RMIT AFI Research Library Rocket - Youth Residential Rehabilition Program St. Albans

Royal Melb Hospital Adult Psychiatric Unit Saltwater Clinic

Salvation Army Housing Support

Shoe Guy Camberwell Simply Dishy

South Kingsville Community

South West Area Mental Health Services South West Community

Centre Spirit West Services

St Albans Connect

St Albans Migrant Resource Centre

St Albans Rotary Club

St Kilda Youth Service Staughton College

Strathmore Secondary College

Subaru Interactive -Docklands

Sunshine Hospital Adult Acute Care Psychiatric Unit

SwissCom The Grange P-12 College

The Malka Group The Smith Family The Tigers Club Thomas Carr College

TJ's

Tisa Fine Foods

Tracy the Placement People Transpacific

Travencore School

Try Youth and Community Services

UnitingCare - Werribee Support & Housing

University of Ballarat **VFCCI** 

Vic Deaf School Victoria Police Youth

Resource Office Victoria University

Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture

Vision Australia Visy Link Center

VisvLinks Waratah

Werribee Banner - Fairfax Community Network

Werribee Community Centre Werribee Support and

Housing Wesley Employment Services - Footscray

West Footscray Community Centre

Western Region Health Centre

Western Suburbs Legal Service

Westside Hotel

Williamstown Community &

**Education Centre** Williamstown Community

Centre Williamstown High School

Wise Employment Working Edge

WPC Group Wyndham City Council Wyndham Learning Community

**YACVic** 

Yarraville Community Centre YMCA Youth Justice North

Melhourne Youth Law - Wyndham Legal

Service Youth Now

Youth Projects

Youth Resource Center -Wyndham

#### CONTRACTORS

Australian Government Department of Education Science and Training

Australian Government Department of Education. Employment and Workplace Relations

Australian Government Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education

Victorian Government Department of Education and Early Childhood Development











### **GOLDMARK COLLEGE**

With eight offices located in Melbourne's west and a newly opened office in Ballarat, WCIG Goldmark College is dedicated to working with people who traditionally experience barriers to employment and/or education. Our training services aim to re-skill individuals with a view to improving their ability to enter or re-enter the workforce by improving their career and employment prospects.

WCIG Goldmark College delivers relevant and innovative training from Certificate I through to Advanced Diploma level. We are committed to skilling people in areas of demand, where employment opportunities exist. This is achieved through ongoing consultation with industry stakeholders and the delivery of training that meets, and exceeds, industry standards.

We also deliver training onsite with professional development sessions and traineeships developed to meet an organisation's needs. We deliver, assess and award nationally recognised qualifications specialising in Aged Care, Child Care, Hospitality, Retail, Business Administration, Asset Maintenance and English as a Second Language (ESL).

### COMMITTED TO TRAINING EXCELLENCE

Our courses are delivered by qualified facilitators who have extensive experience in their area of specialisation. At WCIG we have a strong commitment to keeping class sizes to a minimum and with the introduction of interactive classrooms at our Broadmeadows campus, we are now proud to offer participants the opportunity to undertake a tailored and hands-on learning experience.

#### **OUR ACHIEVEMENTS**

- •WCIG Goldmark College was launched.
- •On average 120 people access WCIG's training services per month.
- •New WCIG office opened in Ballarat.

- •Delivered short vocational training courses to 480 participants.
- •Delivered full qualification certificates with a combination of State Government funding, Skills for Victoria funding and Fee for Service training to 1023 participants.
- •Training delivered across eight WCIG campuses including Werribee, Sunshine, St Albans, Footscray, Moonee Ponds, Melton, Broadmeadows and Dallas.
- •Partnerships established to deliver training for Wesley Mission, Ballarat City Council, Melton Shire, Banksia Gardens Community Centre, Visy Link Centre, Centacare and the Australian Vietnamese Women's Association.





# MANAGED INDIVIDUAL PATHWAYS (MIPS)

Managed Individual Pathways (MIPS) is a Victorian State Government initiative delivered by WCIG in participating Secondary Schools in Melbourne's west. A comprehensive careers support service for students aged 15 years and above, the program provides practical guidance and support to young people making the transition from education into training and employment.

WCIG prides itself on delivering a MIPS program that is both flexible and responsive to the needs of Victorian students with a special focus on working with at-risk youth. Through a process of consultation and collaboration with a dedicated MIPS case manager, students develop an individual pathway that is tailored specifically to their own career objectives and future aspirations.

MIPS provide young people with access to valuable information that enables them to make informed choices about their future.

#### THIS IS ACHIEVED BY:

- Giving students a clear understanding of the opportunities that education, training and employment can bring.
- Assisting students in making the transition from school to further education, training or employment.
- •Initiating referrals to support services in and out of school if required.
- •Tracking and supporting students once they finish their secondary schooling.

#### **OUR RESULTS:**

Through the delivery of our MIPS program we have worked with Victorian students to develop 2510 Career Action Plans in the 2011/2012 financial year.



## WCIG DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

WCIG Disability Employment Services assist people living with psychiatric, physical or sensory disability in gaining meaningful and sustainable employment. We believe that people with disability should be supported in their efforts to join the workforce and our DES team works hard to engage both job seekers and employers to make this happen.

### CONSOLIDATION. RENEWAL. EVOLUTION.

The 2011/12 calendar year saw a complete review of our DES operations and a great deal of energy invested in the submissions made as part of the 2013-2018 DES tender process. The review was the catalyst for changes to the way we deliver our services, changes that have resulted in greater efficiencies and stronger partnerships.

The DES team comprises many talented employment consultants, team leaders and partnership coordinators each committed to creating lasting changes in the lives of people living with disability.

#### **OUR RESULTS**

- Calder Service area achieved the highest rating of 5 stars.
- Our Westgate Generalist contract achieved a rating

- of 4 stars and our Westgate Specialist contract achieved
- •New partnerships with Norwood Mental Health Services, Midwest Area Mental Health Services Harvester Clinic, Waratah Mental Health Clinic, Melton Special School and Orygen Youth Health.
- •Providing support and resources to assist participants into self employment including Landscaping, Driving Schools, Handy Man, Fencing and Home Maintenance; creating long term sustainable self-sufficiency for several participants.
- •Identified a service gap in the Western Region and established a new outreach service in Bacchus Marsh.

- Facilitated the 'Rocket Young Person Program', an initiative through Western Regional
- •Established a partnership with Disability Works Australia which has seen participants placed into positions with VFL and AFL clubs.
- •Delivered 'Time to Work'

   the Port Phillip Prison
  Program that delivers job
  preparedness training to
  prisoners in the Marlborough
  Unit (Intellectual Disability
  Unit).
- •Training program established with AGesture that provides more than 50 long-term unemployed participants with employment whilst they study towards obtaining a Certificate III in Warehousing.





## **YOUTH CONNECTIONS**

Youth Connections assists young people who are at risk of becoming disengaged from education, family and the community. Our qualified Youth Workers support young people at every stage of their transition; addressing the barriers that keep them from completing their studies or undertaking further training.

Designed to be responsive to the individual needs of clients, the program offers a one-on-one case management service for young people who have left school, or are thinking of leaving school with a view to assisting them to gain a Year 12 (or equivalent) level of education. It also provides an array of comprehensive and adaptable outreach services in the community so that young people are better connected to educational opportunities.

#### **OUR ACHIEVEMENTS**

- •477 young people accessed Youth Connections in the WynBay area and 322 young people in Maribyrnong/ Moonee Valley area.
- •534 young people achieved at least one outcome relating to remaining/engaging in education, training or employment.

- •Delivered sexual assault workshops to Wynbay agencies and You Go Girl, a fun and dynamic workshop aimed at promoting positive body image.
- Partnered with Werribee Secondary College to facilitate a homework group for young humanitarian refugees.
- Delivered 'Get Your Learner On'; a weekly learner driver license training for YC participants.
- •Supported the WynBay Power football team in partnership with Latitude Youth Housing, RecLink and local police to provide on-field mentoring to at-risk participants.
- •Sponsored the Weerama Festival in partnership with Werribee Youth Resource Centre and Werribee Police.

- Coordinated Footscray Railway Park project which comprised weekly activitie and workshops for young African men
- •Lead Agent in the schoolfocused youth service projects Link-ed, Link-in and Planting for Futures at Buckley Park Secondary College, Copperfield College and Baden Powell College.
- •Delivered the Wyndham At-Risk pilot in partnership with DEECD, WynBay LLEN, Wyndham Council, Galvin Park and Hoppers Crossing Secondary Colleges.



### PREVOCATIONAL TRAINING

Committed to providing employment pathways, WCIG delivers a range of prevocational training designed to provide students with essential skills to successfully commence a traineeship, apprenticeship, further education or employment.

# THE AUSTRALIAN APPRENTICESHIPS ACCESS PROGRAM (ACCESS)

The Access Program provides vulnerable job seekers with nationally recognised prevocational training and support options in industries with skills shortages.
Delivered by WCIG, the Access Program has a unique holistic approach to job creation in aligning quality training with practical experience to ensure that participants gain necessary skills for employment.

### NATIONAL GREEN JOBS CORPS (NGJC)

The NGJC program equips young people (17-24) who have previously struggled to engage with/remain in education and training, with essential life skills. Focussed upon training to fill emerging opportunities in 'green'/climate change related industries, this comprehensive, hands-on

26-week program combines work experience and skill development with accredited training.

Facilitated by WCIG and funded by the Commonwealth Government participants are involved in a range of 'green-focussed' activities, including the basics of conservation, cultural heritage and the protection and rejuvenation of local environments. Working together to restore community sites, participants benefit not only from the technical component of the program but also from the mentoring provided and experiencing strong teamwork

#### **OUR ACHIEVEMENTS**

•Provided prevocational training in Aged Care, Children's Services, Business Administration and Hairdressing to 114 participants.

- •Delivered training in more locations including Newport, Broadmeadows, Footscray, Preston, Moonee Ponds, Ringwood and Werribee.
- •WCIG's Access team collaborated with more than 20 employers to recruit participants.
- •Completed NGJC community project at the Australia Light Foundation. Participants created a large community garden, BBQ/gathering areas, extensive pathways, plantings and grassed recreational areas.
- •Delivered two NGJC programs, each with 20 participants.
- •Assisted over 50% of NGJC participants commence employment or further education.
- •Engaged 70% of NGJC participants in training. Students obtained a Certificate II in Horticulture, training in First Aid and OH&S (Construction White Card).







LOVELUVO











## LOVE LUVO SHOP AND MANUFACTURING

Based in Seddon in Melbourne's inner-west, LoveLuvo is both a retail store and manufacturing business committed to providing employment opportunities to people living with mental disability.

The LoveLuvo concept store is open six days a week and sells a wide range of high quality and environmentally friendly products for the home and body. With a focus on Australian made products, a visit to LoveLuvo will delight the senses with everything from 'green' cleaning products to handmade scented soaps, unique kitchenware, fragrant soy candles and luxurious body lotions on offer.

At the rear of the premises is the manufacturing arm of LoveLuvo which currently produces unique tote bags, miscellaneous textile homewares and soy candle melts for the retail shop. We are also pleased to now be producing corporate promotional bags with professional screen-printing facilities on-site.

#### **OUR ACHIEVEMENTS**

- •WCIG Social Enterprise Group reached a combined income of close to 1.8 million dollars in the last financial year.
- Officially launched LoveLuvo
- Providing ongoing employment opportunities for over 100 staff.
- We developed the Social Enterprise Group to consolidate the display of partnership between WCIG and its social enterprises.





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# CLEANABLE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Cleanable Property Maintenance Services was the first of four social firms that now comprise WCIG's Social Enterprise Group and we are proud to have been among the first organisations in Victoria to embrace the social enterprise movement. Our mission is to address the barriers to social inclusion experienced by people living with disability by providing sustainable employment opportunities within an adaptable and commercially viable workplace.

WCIG established Cleanable in 2005 as a start-up social enterprise to create jobs and transitional employment pathways for job seekers living with mental illness. Seven years on, our initial offering of commercial cleaning services has grown to include domestic cleaning and office maintenance, and we have extensive experience in servicing clinical environments within the health sector.

Adhering to the principals of a social firm model and with an integrated workforce that comprises 25% of staff living with mental illness, Cleanable has successfully established a business model that is adaptable to the needs

of our staff. Modifications required for our staff with disability are built in to the design and operation of our workplace –with great effectas the business continues to experience significant growth

#### **OUR ACHIEVEMENTS**

- •WCIG Social Enterprise Group reached a combined income of close to 1.8 millior dollars in the last financial year.
- Awarded ISO9000 Accreditation.
- Providing ongoing employment opportunities for over 100 staff.
- Launched new Cleanable website.

 Secured a 2 year contract with the Regional Rail Link Authority which is overseeing the delivery of the largest rail project in Australia's history.





A social enterprise partnership



## **OUTSIDE BRANCH**

Outside Branch, formerly known as Open Space Maintenance, is part of the WCIG Social Enterprise Group and provides sustainable employment for people living with disability. Established by Work Force Plus in 2009 and based in Broadmeadows, Outside Branch has since provided continuous service to Hume City Council's Parks and Open Space. In 2010 Westgate Community Initiatives Group (WCIG Inc) acquired Work Force Plus and took over the management of Outside Branch.

Outside Branch maintains Meadowlink, an open space in Broadmeadows for the Department of Planning and Community Development. Our commercial maintenance department facilitates works for Mercy Heath in association with Melbourne City Council providing affordable general maintenance from painting, plastering to the re-hanging of doors and any other 'handyman' jobs.

In 2012 Outside Branch signed a 3 year contract with Hume City Council to provide a Tree Care Package for established trees at numerous sites across Hume's local government area. We have also expanded our service offering and are now pleased to offer domestic gardening and maintenance services.

#### **OUR SERVICES INCLUDE**

- •Tree planting and maintenance in parks and streetscapes.
- Mulching trees and garden beds in parks and gardens.
- Weed control licensed for application of farm chemicals.
- ulletBroad acre slashing.
- Domestic lawn mowing and garden maintenance.
- •Home and office maintenance.
- Rubbish pickup and removal.
- •Landscape construction and restoration
- Park table and bench restoration and maintenance
- Park track construction and restoration.

#### **OUR ACHIEVEMENTS**

- WCIG Social Enterprise Group reached a combined income of close to 1.8 million dollars in the last financial year.
- •Successfully tendered for Hume City Council three year tree planting contract.
- Provided ongoing employment opportunities for more than 100 staff, 25% of whom have disability.
- •Developed new Outside Branch branding in partnership with Heine Jones
- •Created new Outside Branch website.





A social enterprise partnership





## **ONSITE CATERING**

Onsite Catering is the latest addition to the WCIG Social Enterprise and was launched in 2011 in proud partnership with Orygen Youth Health. The launch celebration was attended by many staff, local figures, council members and representatives from similar organisations. During this enjoyable event, Onsite Catering showcased their usual skill and diligence in preparing quality menu items for all tastes.

Located at the Orygen Youth Health facilities in Parkville, close to Melbourne's CBD, WCIG's Onsite Catering manages the popular Vista Café which caters for morning tea and lunch for more than 250 staff and visitors. In addition to this, the Onsite Catering team also provide catering for the internal and external training and in-house corporate events with a fully equipped commercial kitchen onsite.

Quality, fresh ingredients and that old fashioned customer service approach has been a key ingredient in the success of Onsite Catering and as is the case with each of WCIG's social enterprises, the business is a means by which sustainable employment opportunities are created for people living with mental

illness. Through our WCIG Social Enterprise Group, our mission is to address the barriers to social inclusion experienced by people living with disability, in particular those living with mental disability. By providing long term employment opportunities within an adaptable, commercially viable workplace, we are advocating for a society in which workplaces are accessible for people of all abilities.

#### **OUR ACHIEVEMENTS**

- •WCIG Social Enterprise Group reached a combined income of close to 1.8 millior dollars in the last financial year.
- •Launched Onsite Catering in 2011.

- Launch of new branding, developed by Heine Jones, in August 2012.
- Providing ongoing employment opportunities for over 100 staff.





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