

Social enterprise steps up to join Metropolitan Boards

At this critical time for community recovery, SENVIC congratulates the sector leaders appointed to five government-community partnership boards across Metropolitan Melbourne.

“It’s an exciting day for the social enterprise community” said Cinnamon Evans, Chair of SENVIC. “We have secured seats at influential tables across Victoria, ensuring the voice of social enterprise is heard alongside local government and key business and community leaders.”

The Victorian Government established the Boards to bring together experts and leaders from all levels of government, business and the community to identify and progress issues that matter in their region of Melbourne. Sitting alongside the CEOs of local government areas, their collective advice provides state and federal government with rich insights that inform the delivery of projects, programs and services to better met the specific needs of their communities.

“I’m thrilled to welcome our newly appointed community members” said Shaun Leane, Minister for Local Government and Suburban Development.

“\$1.75 million has been allocated to the Metropolitan Partnerships Development Fund, to help our Partnerships work on local projects. Projects will deliver on key priorities for local communities, like employment opportunities for young people, digital literacy for multicultural communities, and tackling isolation and loneliness.” he said.

Since their inception in 2017 the [Metropolitan Partnership Boards](#) have influenced government policy and government investment in community priorities including mental health, social housing, skills and training and open spaces and environment. This includes investments such as Victoria’s Big Housing Build and the city-shaping Suburban Rail Loop. The Metropolitan Partnerships have also helped to shape the government’s investments in transforming the way mental health and wellbeing support services are offered in Victoria.

The six social enterprise sector leaders appointed to Metropolitan Partnership Boards are:

- Inner Metro - Tim Ryan, CEO of Powerhouse and Lord Somers Camp
- Inner Metro - Rohini Kappadath, General Manager at Immigration Museum and SENVIC Social Enterprise Leaders Fellowship
- South East Metro - Susan Boyce, CEO of AbilityWorks
- Western Metro - Michael Lim, Senior Manager at YLab
- Northern Metro - Nicholas Verginis, CEO of SENVIC
- Eastern Metro - Sam Sondhi, CEO of Outlook Australia and SENVIC Social Enterprise Leaders Fellowship.

These appointments follow the regional social enterprise sector leaders appointed last year to Regional Partnership Boards in Loddon Mallee and Gippsland Regions.

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Melbourne Metropolitan Regions
 — Local Government Area boundary — Metropolitan Region boundaries — Part of Mitchell Shire

Metropolitan Partnership regions

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| Inner Metropolitan | Melbourne, Yarra, Port Phillip |
| Inner South-east | Boroondara, Stonnington, Glen Eira, Bayside |
| Western | Wyndham, Melton, Brimbank, Moorvale Valley, Morlemong, Hobsons Bay |
| Northern* | Hume, Whittlesea, Nillumbik, Moreland, Darebin, Boroondara |
| Eastern | Yarra Ranges, Manningham, Maroondah, Knox, Whitehorse, Monash |
| Southern | Kingston, Greater Dandenong, Cardinia, Casey, Frankston, Mornington Peninsula |

* The CEO of Mitchell Shire will also participate as a member of the Northern Metropolitan Partnerships as it has extensive areas of the Shire fall within the urban growth boundary and therefore within the Northern Metropolitan Region for planning purposes.