

Social Enterprises

in
Melbourne's Inner North



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About this booklet

One way the Inner North Community Foundation supports local prosperity is by supporting social enterprises. The Foundation has compiled a list of social enterprises in the inner north, primarily located in the municipalities of Moreland, Darebin and Yarra¹.

Information presented in this booklet is compiled from the websites of the social enterprises themselves, and please contact them directly for further information about their services. The information in this booklet may change and we have more than likely missed something at the time of compilation². Please get in touch info@innorthfoundation.org.au if you wish to provide feedback, updates, or additions.

What is a social enterprise?

As defined by the [Centre for Social Impact at Swinburne University](#), social enterprises:

- are led by an economic, social, cultural, or environmental mission consistent with a public or community benefit;
- trade to fulfil their mission;
- derive a substantial portion of their income from trade; and
- reinvest the majority of their profit/surplus in the fulfilment of their mission

Why support local social enterprise?

When people and organisations support social enterprises, not only do they receive quality services and goods at competitive prices, they also support the social and/or environmental purpose behind the enterprise. In particular by supporting local social enterprises, the socioeconomic benefits stay in the community and help build a stronger sense of place and community while minimising travel distance and carbon footprint.

How we can support social enterprises

There are many ways to support social enterprises and one of the best ways is to buy from them. The next time you are having a meal, needing catering, gardening, home or property cleaning/maintenance services, why not check out the social enterprises which are operating in your neighbourhood?

¹ Op shops run by the major charitable organisations are also social enterprises but have not been included in this listing. You may wish to contact the organisation directly or look up <http://opshop.org/> to find one in your suburb.

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CATEGORY	NAME	DESCRIPTION	ADDRESS	SUBURB	FIND OUT MORE
MEALS / CATERING	1. ACspresSO Cafe	ACspresSO has employed a trained barista. Trainees, who are on the “work for the dole” program, will rotate through the cafe and the pantry program developing a range of skills that they can take out into the world of work. The pantry provides food parcels for people in the local community who are struggling to make ends meet.	2 Regent St	Richmond	http://www.acso.org.au/acspresso/
	2. ASRC Catering	Providing catering services as well as social and economic empowerment for people seeking asylum. The catering team comprises ASRC asylum seeker members led by experienced mentor chefs.	321 St. Georges Road	North Fitzroy	http://www.catering.asrc.org.au/about/
	3. Charcoal Lane	Provides guidance and opportunity to young people, many of whom are Aboriginal and in need of a fresh start in life. The aim of the program is to create a skilled workforce for the hospitality industry, providing leadership and mentoring to help vulnerable young people achieve their potential and gain long-term independence.	136 Gertrude Street	Fitzroy	http://www.charcoallane.com.au/
	4. Crepes for Change	Event catering and crêpe van that roams Melbourne's streets, markets and festivals with 100% of profits going to the alleviation of youth homelessness in Australia.	Various	St Kilda	http://crepesforchange.com/
	5. Cultural Catering	A catering service with a diverse cultural menu drawing on the culinary skills of local women and reflecting the community living in public housing estates in Richmond and Collingwood. Operated by BANH Inc., which incorporates both the Belgium Avenue Neighbourhood House and Collingwood Neighbourhood House.	9 Belgium Avenue	Richmond	http://banh.org.au/index.php?page=cultural-catering
	6. Feast of Merit	100% of profits go towards supporting social entrepreneurs in Australia, Africa and Asia seeking to improve the lives of people living in poverty.	117 Swan Street	Richmond	http://ygap.com.au/our-inputs/feast-of-merit/
	7. Lentil as Anything	A not-for-profit vegetarian restaurant that challenges patrons to decide for themselves a fair price for their dining experience. This enables everyone, regardless of financial circumstances to have an equal “place at the table”.	562-564 High Street 288 High	Thornbury Preston	http://lentilasanything.com/

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			Street 1-3 St Heliers Street	Abbotsford	
	8. Long Street Café	A café that provides three-month hospitality traineeships to young people seeking asylum and refugees in order to improve their employment prospects.	45 Lt Hoddle Street	Richmond	http://www.longstreetcoffee.com/
	9. Scarf	Scarf is a social enterprise which runs Monday Night Dinners in borrowed restaurants, providing training opportunities to young people who face barriers to work. The two-course set menu is cooked by a head chef and served by trainees and their mentors.	Various		http://scarfcommunity.org/
	10. Sorghum Sisters	A catering service specialising in African cuisine. It was started by three women from refugee backgrounds and showcases the passion, creativity and culinary skills of African women.	Corner Drummond & Palmerston Streets	Carlton	http://www.sorghumsisters.com.au/
	11. Streat	Cafe and catering enterprise which aims to address youth homelessness by providing training and employment to disadvantaged young people aged 16-25.	62-70 Cromwell Street	Collingwood (new HQ café and flagship site)	https://www.streat.com.au/
	12. The Merri Table	Organic café/restaurant run as part of CERES Community Environment Park.	Corner Roberts and Stewart Streets	Brunswick East	http://ceres.org.au/social-enterprises/cafe/
	13. The Cutting Table	Café/restaurant that is part of The Social Studio, a social enterprise improving the lives of young Australians from a refugee or migrant background and who may have experienced barriers to accessing education and/or securing employment.	126-128 Smith Street	Collingwood	http://www.thesocialstudio.org/food/
	14. Wild Timor	Sourcing organic, ethical and direct traded coffee from Timor Leste. Proceeds go towards health, water, education and other development projects in Timor.	282 Sydney Road	Coburg	http://www.wildtimorcoffee.com/cafe.html

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CLEANING/ PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	15. ASRC Cleaning	Providing commercial and domestic cleaning services which can be booked by customers in Melbourne whose house or property is easily accessible by public transport. Employees are ASRC members who are seeking asylum.	214-218 Nicholson Street	Footscray	https://www.asrc.org.au/home/our-services/how-we-help/social-enterprises/cleaning-service/
	16. Clean Force Property Services	Provides property maintenance services and employment and training for people with disabilities and from social housing backgrounds. Clean Force is owned and managed by WISE Employment .	22-24 Railway Place East	Preston	http://www.cleanforce.com.au/
	17. GBE Electrical Services	Supporting the next generation of electricians by employing electrician apprentices from groups under-represented in the electrical trade. Parent company is WISE Employment	22-24 Railway Place East	Preston	http://www.gbeco.com.au/
	18. ReBuild	A venture that is part of the Bridge Project run by YMCA, offering quality facility maintenance services while supporting and employing disadvantaged youth.		Carlton	http://bridgeproject.ymca.org.au/get-involved/rebuild.html
PLANTS/ GARDENING SUPPLIES & SERVICES	19. Brite Plants and Herb Farm	Brite Plants is the wholesale nursery division of Brite Services, an Australian Disability Enterprise that provides employment and training for people with disabilities.	Corner Belfast Street and Dallas Drive	Broadmeadows	http://briteind.com.au/brite-plants.html
	20. CERES Permaculture & Bushfood Nursery	Part of CERES Community Environment Park	Corner Roberts and Stewart Streets	Brunswick East	http://ceres.org.au/social-enterprises/nursery/
	21. Peppertree Place Nursery	Volunteer-run community nursery and café with regular food swaps.	512 Sydney Road	Coburg	https://www.kildonan.org.au/social-enterprises/peppertree-place/

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FRUIT & VEG / GROCERIES	22. CERES Fair Food	Organic food sourced from local farmers and grocery producers at fair prices; provides employment to asylum seekers and new arrivals. Food orders delivered to homes and via a network of volunteer Food Host pick-up points across Melbourne's inner suburbs. Profits support environmental education at CERES Environment Park.	6/198 Beavers Rd	Northcote	http://www.ceresfairfood.org.au/
	23. Outlook Market at Darebin Resource Recovery Centre	Proceeds are directed towards the mission of disability and social inclusion - half of Outlook staff have a disability or come from a disadvantaged background. The amount of recyclable material collected contributes to job creation at Outlook Environmental.	Kurnai Avenue (off Henty Street)	Reservoir	https://outlookvic.org.au/environmental/
	24. Sisterworks	A social enterprise that supports women with asylum seeker, refugee or migrant backgrounds to gain independence and become integrated into Australian society	393 Swan Street	Richmond	http://www.sisterworks.org.au/
	25. The Social Studio	Using the vehicle of fashion and hospitality business, including a clothing label, retail shop, digital printing studio, café and a catering business to help improve the lives of young Australians from a refugee or migrant background who have experienced barriers to accessing education and/or securing employment. (See also The Cutting Table)	126-128 Smith St	Collingwood	http://www.thesocialstudio.org/
COMPUTING / TECHNOLOGY	26. Green PC	Part of Infoxchange, an enterprise selling refurbished computers donated by organisations. Each computer is thoroughly cleaned, tested and updated before being offered for sale to community groups, low income individuals and the general public. GreenPC seeks to enable people on low incomes to access viable technology and to reduce the environmental impact of "outdated" technology by prolonging its lifespan and usability.	33 Elizabeth Street	Richmond	http://www.greenpc.com.au/who-we-are
	27. Infoxchange	Provider of technology solutions to help not-for-profits achieve their goals.	33 Elizabeth Street	Richmond	https://www.infoxchange.org/au
ART /	28. Abbotsford	Multi-arts precinct with historical significance now operated by	1 St	Abbotsford	http://abbotsfordconvent.com.au/visit

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CLASSES / VENUE HIRE	Convent	the Abbotsford Convent Foundation (ACF), a not-for-profit organisation. The Convent is home to over 100 studios, two galleries, cafes, a bandroom, an outdoor cinema, a radio station, a school, and an abundance of green open space. Each year the Convent welcomes a diverse range of art projects, rehearsals, workshops, exhibitions, markets, events and festivals.	Heliers Street		
	29. Arts Project Australia	This studio and gallery exist to nurture and promote artists with an intellectual disability as they develop their art practice. The artists' work is promoted and exhibited as contemporary art, and studio artists are represented in mainstream art exhibitions and events.	24 High Street	Northcote	http://www.artsproject.org.au/
	30. CERES Environment Park	CERES (pronounced 'series') – Centre for Education and Research in Environmental Strategies – is a place where people come together to share and participate in meeting their social and material needs in a sustainable way. A not-for-profit community organisation which runs environmental education programs, urban agriculture projects, green technology demonstrations and a number of social enterprises.	Corner Roberts and Stewart Streets	Brunswick East	http://ceres.org.au/
OTHERS	31. IDS Bookkeeping	All profits made by IDS Bookkeeping go towards supporting people with a disability by providing training leading to an accredited qualification and meaningful employment, enabling them to provide services to businesses across Melbourne.	60 Leicester St	Carlton	http://idsa.org.au/services/#ids-bookkeeping
	32. Pollinate Energy	A social business based in Australia and India which aims to provide India's urban poor with access to solar lights and other sustainable and affordable products. Proceeds of solar light sales in Australia go towards improving the lives of the urban poor communities in India.	713 Brunswick Street	North Fitzroy	https://shop.pollinateenergy.org/
	33. Positive Charge	Established by the not-for-profit Moreland Energy Foundation Limited (MEFL) to provide advisory services and programs to help households, community groups and businesses to save energy and money.	233 Sydney Road	Brunswick	http://www.positivecharge.com.au/
	34. Thankyou	Bottled water, food, body and baby care products available in retail outlets in Australia. Proceeds of sales go towards improving access to safe water, hygiene and sanitation around	108-112 Langridge Street	Collingwood	https://thankyou.co/

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	35. Who Gives a Crap	100% recycled toilet paper. Proceeds go towards helping to build toilets and improve sanitation in the developing world.	11 Argyle Street	Fitzroy	https://au.whogivesacrap.org/collections/all
	36. Women's Property Initiatives	A not-for-profit, Registered Housing Provider and licensed estate agency with a mission to build a secure future for disadvantaged women and their children. Developing quality, affordable and safe around in Moreland and around Melbourne to house women and children fleeing family violence, in which rents will be capped below market rates.	189 Flinders Lane	Melbourne	http://www.wpi.org.au/
	37. Youthworx	Making videos with a social conscience; proceeds from Youthworx Productions go into Youthworx Media to help marginalised young people find their feet through accredited training courses and work placement.	1/29 Tinning Street	Brunswick	http://youthworxproductions.org.au/