

## Partnerships with King Close Residents.

King Close is a village of 58 one and two bedroom units owned by DHS and managed by WAYYS. All residents in the village are aged 55+. There is centrally located to the units a community centre which is utilised by local residents as well as visiting senior CALD groups.

The first project we partnered on with residents was the “secret garden” which was the vision of one of the residents who wanted a place for residents to be able to grow and share produce.

The garden was built in July 2008 with the help of Bunnings volunteers who contributed time and materials to the project. They built one raised bed and then two other beds in which fruit trees were planted.

To finish of the area WAYYS installed a new BBQ and extended concrete to ensure safe access to the new raised bed by all residents. They have also now upgraded the outdoor furniture and this is a wonderful area for residents to gather and relax.



The second initiative that we partnered on was the creating of a Public Internet Access Site in the community Centre. These sites are funded by VicNet (State Library of Victoria) and provide free internet access for residents. The money we were successful in obtaining purchased three new, good quality computers and two years worth of internet access as well as training sessions for residents, some of whom had no experience of computers at all.

WAYYS supplied new computer desks and chairs and Community Renewal staff supported volunteers through grant process and implementation phase of project.

The site also provides access to the external CALD groups who access the centre. The site and bookings are managed by local residents.

