

# Kathy Hosie

She holds a Diploma Community Services (Community Development) and Diploma of Financial Counselling.

Has worked in the community sector for 21 years, in a variety of roles. Financial counsellor for 10 years. Coordinator of the Banking Issues Working group, under the umbrella of the peak body. Lobbying government for changes to legislation around unfair lending practices and changes to hardship provisions for customers in financial difficulty. Identifying systemic issues around fees and charges and working with credit providers to make changes to unconscionable lending practices. Board member and then Chair of the peak body for Financial Counselling, Financial and Consumer Rights. Working with funding bodies and key stakeholders representing the members of the peak body.

Committee member and then President of the Dandenong Neighbourhood House for 8 years.

Victorian State Manager of the No Interest Loans (NILS) program with Good Shepherd for 5 years. Providing training, support, local network meetings, for various community organisations around Victoria involved in providing access to NILS loans.

Joined Monash Oakleigh Community Support and Information Service (MOCSIS) as Committee member 6 years ago, 4 years as the President. Coordinator of the volunteer staff at this volunteer only emergency relief agency. Introduced the NILS program to MOCSIS, providing access to clients wanting a loan. Implemented change from paper-based record keeping to using the CISVic database for client records. Working face to face with the clients, staying in touch with the changing complexity and needs of the most vulnerable in our community. Representing MOCSIS in wider public forums. Working closely with Monash Council in their ongoing support of MOCSIS. Member of Monash Council led Oakleigh leadership group.