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Vicnet is a division of the State Library of Victoria that provides internet access and information technology services to the Victorian community – helping to fulfil the State Library’s aim of providing ‘access to information for everyone’. Its purpose is to support government in strengthening communities, using information communications technology.

Vicnet provides internet services at affordable rates, and some free services, to not-for-profit community organisations, such as sporting, recreational, multicultural, educational, health and arts groups. It also provides services to the government, education and welfare sectors.

Internet and email access

Vicnet can help community groups to get online and keep in touch, with broadband internet and email access. Vicnet offers a range of services at reasonable rates, including dial-up and broadband connections, plus technical service and support. Initial consultation is free. To get started, your organisation will simply need a computer and a telephone line.

Web pages and domain hosting

Vicnet’s free web-page service enables community groups to create their own websites by providing web space (10 MB of free space), an FTP account, technical advice and support. Thousands of community organisations already have web pages on Vicnet’s server. Pages on the Vicnet server have web addresses that include the Vicnet host name.

Vicnet also offers domain hosting for organisations wanting their own domain name. Charges apply for domain-name registration, set-up and an annual fee.

Website development

Vicnet's website development service helps community groups to achieve professional, up-to-date and interactive website publishing – ranging from simple one-page sites to complex content-management systems. Multilingual-content services are a speciality, and Vicnet can help to set up online membership and bookings systems, forms and surveys. Charges apply for these services.

Community information portal

Vicnet's community information portal is a website where all Victorians can access and share community information online. The portal can be found at www.vicnet.net.au.

The portal has more than 10,000 links to organisations and businesses, from sports clubs and schools to historical societies and art galleries. Links are organised in categories including community, culture, education, recreation, family, government, health and travel. There is also a calendar of community events and other useful links.

It's easy (and free) to put a link to your website on the portal. (Priority is given to Victorian websites, and sites containing information about Victoria or of interest to Victorians.)

You can also place an event listing on the portal, to promote an upcoming event. To add your website or event listing, just follow the links from the portal home page.

More information

To learn more about Vicnet's resources, services and products, please phone 03 8664 7001 or go to www.slv.vic.gov.au/vicnet

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