THE WESTSIDER

THE VOICE OF THE WEST

ANNUAL REPORT
2024–2025

Amplifying local voices

The last year has seen Inner West Community Media through a period of expansion and growth, garnering both international and national recognition for our work.

The Westsider newspaper now has over 200 volunteer writers, while Westsider Radio has enlisted 133 volunteers. We gained 747 online subscribers and printed approximately 95,000 copies of our monthly newspaper.

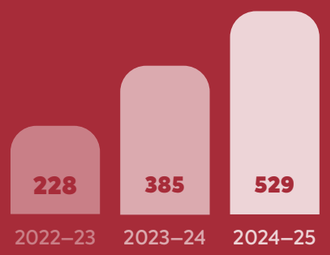
The Westsider's partnership with RMIT School of Journalism has rewarded us with several awards: two RMIT stories on Techno Park and Westgate Tunnel Project won Ossie Awards. We gained national recognition hosting LINA's annual summit in April, launching Westsider Radio at Kindred Studios.

Strong social media engagement saw Instagram grow to 10,525 followers and Facebook to 5,937. Thanks to Volunteers Victoria funding, we delivered successful podcast workshops for diverse community groups.

Kelly Kayne
Founder
The Westsider

Our partnership with RMIT won international Gold at the Global Youth Journalism Awards in Paris, while hosting LINA's national summit allowed us to launch Westsider Radio with local MPs, 150 journalists and publishers around Australia attending.

529
Stories written



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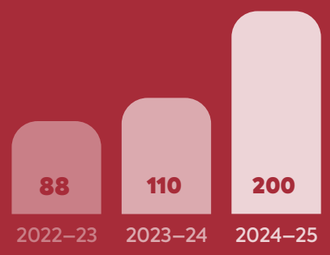
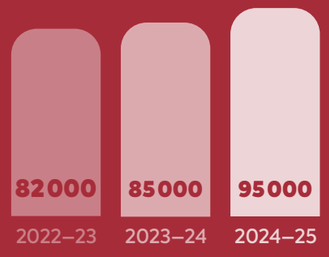
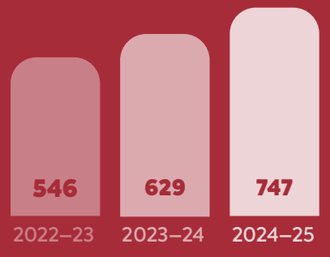
Volunteer writers



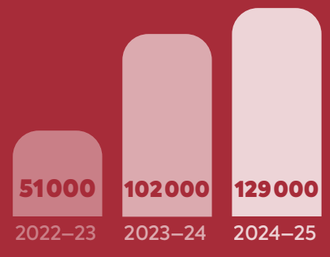
95 000
Papers printer



747
EDM subscribers



129 000
Page views



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