

### WHAT WE DO

Riverwood Youth service provides a safe and friendly environment for young people to connect with their peers and Youth Workers. We are open five days a week and our youth team provide young people with services such as casework, advocacy and referrals, educational and recreational workshops and activities according to identified needs.

Contact our Youth Service through Facebook at: www.facebook.com/riverwood.communo Call or text us on: 0426 602 347



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We maintain close links with other community-based services in the area to ensure that young people can access the best support available.



Riverwood Community Centre has been at the heart of the community for more than 40 years. We offer quality programs to support individuals, families and community groups in a caring and inclusive environment. We respect and celebrate our rich cultural diversity, embrace our volunteers and encourage participation, connection and inclusion in our community. We are managed by local people for local people.

Our Youth Service Team offer young people in our community programs and activities in a safe and supportive space. We aim to ensure that young people are provided with an enhanced opportunity to grow and achieve the best possible outcomes.

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**SERVICES** 

AND ACTIVITIES **FOR YOUNG** PEOPLE AGED 12 - 17 YEARS



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# Our programs and activities highlight options and choices for young people to overcome obstacles and empower them. They respond to the needs of young people and are designed to be inclusive.

#### **YOUTH ASSISTANCE**

Our programs and activities are free and easily accessible to young people. Male and Female Youth Workers are available to offer support, advice and referrals to other services based on individual needs. Our Youth Workers are skilled in dealing with homelessness, alcohol and other drugs, gambling, advocacy and court support including WDO (work development orders).

#### **DROP IN CENTRE**

We provide young people with access to recreational and educational activities within a safe and supportive environment. Drop In activities include: music, basketball, gym, pool, computer games, internet, team sports and weekly free BBQ's.

#### **INTERNET ACCESS**

Young people can come to the centre to use the our internet hub for research, for their study assignments, to access drug and alcohol information programs, create a resume or learn about other services that help young people.

#### HOLIDAY PROGRAM

This service provides an activity program during school holidays, young people contributed suggestions of what they would like to do and where they would like to go. These ideas and suggestions formed the basis of the holiday programs designed by the Youth Team.

#### **#GIRLCODE**

#GirlCode is a program for young women. The aim of the program is to provide a safe space for young women and girls of different ages and cultures to come together, have conversations, learn life skills, and maintain good health and well-being.

## MORE ABOUT OUR YOUTH DROP IN CENTRE

Our Youth Drop In Centre is open every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoon, from 3.00pm to 5.30pm. Drop In is based in our youth space with a large mural designed by young people, as well as the centre's basketball court and meeting rooms.

Drop In is supervised by our qualified youth workers who develop programs and activities that respond to the needs and interests of young people.

To provide a holistic service, we work closely with local community service organisations.

Drop In activities include:

- **✓** Sport and fitness
- Board games and pool
- ✓ Cooking, Xbox gaming
- **✓** Music
- ✓ Arts and craft activities

A popular event is our weekly free BBQ which always attracts a large number of young people.



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