



SEPTEMBER EDITION



Riverwood Community Centre Welcomes New General Manager Matthew Martin

Riverwood Community Centre (RCC)
Board and Directors are pleased to
announce the appointment of incoming
General Manager Matthew Martin.
Matthew has over 20 years' experience
working in the for-profit and not for
profit sectors in leadership roles in the
disability and community services. He
has a master's in social policy, Advanced
Diploma in Management, and a Graduate
Diploma in Education,

His roles have included overseeing NDIS services, Employment Services, Human Resources, Quality Assurance, Information Technology and Marketing and Communications. He also has hands on experience working in secondary schools, TAFE, the criminal justice system, afterschool, and vacation care and running a community garden and cafe.

Matthew commented on his new role, "I am delighted to be joining Riverwood Community Centre team as its General Manager. This unique, wonderful, and progressive Centre is very closely aligned to my own skills, experience, and passions."

"I look forward to working with the RCC Board, Staff and stakeholders to maximise opportunities and deliver exceptional community services and experiences to our local Community.

My focus will be to ensure RCC lives it values and we achieve

our mission of building a future that embraces diversity and encourages sustainable strategies that support an inclusive community."

Matthew Martin commenced his role as GM on 22 of August 2022. You can contact Matthew on 02 9533 0100



Dedicated to supporting our community

We are grateful to have staff members who genuinely love to help and support our community. Our family support team hand out up to 100 hampers every week and continue to provide weekly emergency food relief to our local community in partnership with OZ Harvest and Bakers Delight. Food parcels and bread are distributed to people facing diverse challenges in our community on a weekly basis.

Our Aged care social support workers and volunteers continue to provide daily ongoing activities as well as cook freshly cooked meals to our aged care members







Every year, our Asian social support groups at Riverwood Community Centre celebrate the Moon Festival. This year the Chinese group were happy to share their cultural activities with our mixed group. They all enjoyed mooncakes, storytelling and making paper Moon Lanterns.



Our community partner
One Meal - it makes a
difference" continues to
provide our community's
most vulnerable with
food and much
more.Held every Monday
afternoon at the
Riverwood Community
Centre.



DOWN TO EARTH workshop on 15
September, brought together Gardeners
at the Riverwood Community Gardens
and members of the surrounding
community in a session designed to
encourage communities to work together
in harmony - towards enhanced food
security as well as sustaining a greener
environment.

Kathryn Schott the Biosecurity Officer at CB Council – was the main presenter and provided practical information on managing weeds; alternative ways of composting; and various fertilisers – which the participants all found easy to incorporate into their current gardening practices.





For Child Protection Week, RCC held a community workshop on the 13th September an information session for parents and grandparents.

RCC partnered with the Department of Communities and Justice Client Services – Lakemba and Burwood; as well as the Sydney Local Health District.

The Program was supported by Multicultural NSW under the WE STAND HERE TOGETHER program.



For Father's Day at the Riverwood
Community Centre, the aged care arabic
social group and our General manager
Matthew Martin were entertained with an
adorable fathers day performance by our
little stars from the long day care centre.
Happy Father's day to all the amazing
dad's out there, we hope you all enjoyed

your day.



Youth drop in going strong every Wednesday from 3-6pm, thanks to all our community partners Street Industries, Humanity Matters, All Saints Greek Orthodox Church and CDAT for their ongoing support.





RCC's amazing Family Support worker Ina organised a Financial Planning workshop on the 29th August at our Punchbowl Community Centre. It was a great opportunity to get support from Accredited Financial Counsellor Sausan Rasheed from the Salvation Army.



Riverwood Renewal 2022 -Have Your Say information session, was held Saturday 27th August 2022.



RCC held a FREE Music therapy session at punchbowl community centre. First session was on Tuesday 26th July. The workshop was to focus on using music (sound and vibration) to improve wellbeing and resilience.



In loving memory of our beloved Queen Elizabeth II A LEGACY LIKE NO OTHER

Riverwood Community Centre lowered its flags to half-mast the morning our majesty passed away.

The Chairman of RCC Clr Karl Saleh OAM, paid tribute to the Queen's passing on behalf of the Centre and our Local community .

"Her Majesty the Queen a loving mother, grandmother, great grand-mother. She devoted her life to public service and was an ever-present in the lives of so many, for so long".

"She has left an amazing legacy, was an intelligent, kind and courageous woman."

Riverwood
Community Centre
Chairperson Clr Karl
Saleh OAM and
Board Members Clr
Badrah Waiba and
Tony Mubarl were
honoured to visit
Government House
to pay their respects
on the sad passing
of the late Majesty
Queen Elizabeth II
on behalf of our
local community.



UPCOMING EVENTS



RCC Youth Group
Every Wednesday
3-6pm and Thursday
3-5.30pm
Its Free
12-17 Years
Activities include:
Basketball, Table Tennis, Pool T

Basketball, Table Tennis, Pool Table Access to the gym and a freshly cooked meal

RCC Youth Group get together every week

Aged Services Social Support Groups meet weekly at locations across the Canterbury Bankstown and Georges River areas. Our groups give older people the opportunity to meet others who speak the same language, share their cultural background or share a common interest. They celebrate cultural events, share their culture with others. learn more about Australia, and participate in outings.



Riverwood Community Centre
Aged Services supporting the elderly

UPCOMING EVENTS

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WORKSHOP

'aiming at making our world greener'

Join us...

21st October 2022

Riverwood Community Garden

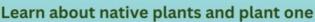
1pm-3pm

151 Belmore Rd North Riverwood

For further information please contact Losena 9533 0100

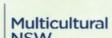


- -It's Important to Know more
- What is living in the Riverwood water;
 - Where the water Comes from:
 - How we can Care for it; and
- How to Enjoy the Riverwood Wetlands











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