



## 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 its 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 Cllr 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 Cllr Karl Saleh OAM and Board Members Cllr 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

## THURSDAY YOUTH DROP-IN!

Are you between 12-17 years old?

Have fun and eat for FREE!

Every

**WED 3-6 PM**

**THU 3-5:30 PM**

@Riverwood Community Centre



Simply contact Jess  
on 0412 117 065

Note: parent/carer should come  
on the first session to fill in  
forms if you're under 15



Communities  
& Justice

**RCC Youth Group**  
**Every Wednesday**  
**3-6pm and Thursday**  
**3-5.30pm**

**Its Free**

**12-17 Years**

**Activities include:**

**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

## DOWN TO **EARTH** 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

Enjoy a light lunch and learn about WATER

- 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

Learn about native plants and plant one

