

DECEMBER EDITION

FROM THE BOARD, MANAGEMENT AND STAFF OF
RIVERWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE WE WISH YOU LOVE
PEACE AND JOY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT MADE OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY SO SPECIAL!

The Riverwood Community Centre's Christmas party was attended by over 100 valued service users and community partners. The hand made cards and presents from RCC's children's services and the sweet and savoury gift boxes were a massive hit. Music from local musician Zhang, dancing from Jessica from RCC's Youth Services and the kids from RCC's Long Day and drummers from Bent el arez were so memorable as was Santa's visit to the OSHC kids and presents donated by the Ponyara Pre-school.





Riverwood Community Centre would like to congratulate our Community Leader Award winners:



Chris Minns, Jihad Dib, Mark Coure, David Coleman and Karl Saleh presented the awards to:

- David Halliday – State Emergency Service
- Samey Minkara - Street Industries
- Jenny Holt – Club Rivers
- Jenny Hantzopoulos – All Saints Greek Orthodox Church and
- Sheng Bin Liu – Riverwood Community Centre Volunteer



AGED CARE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS



Our Aged Care social groups celebrated Christmas hosted by our amazing staff and volunteers whilst being entertained with an adorable performance by our little stars from the long daycare centre.





FAMILY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS



Riverwood Community Centre's Family Christmas Hamper Morning Tea was a massive success thanks to our amazing community partners: Club Rivers, Canterbury Bankstown Council, Belmore Youth Committee (BYC) of All Saints Greek Orthodox Parish and Community Belmore.

The kids faces were filled with joy and happiness opening their presents.

Big thanks to Salma Taleb from our TEI team and her merry group of helpers for organising.





YOUTH PROGRAM

The Youth School Holiday kicked off with a leadership workshop, BBQ and Christmas presents and gift vouchers donated by the wonderful parishioners at the All Saints Greek Orthodox Parish - Belmore Youth Committee (BYC) and Community Belmore, Canterbury Leagues Club and Club Rivers.

Children and teens were most excited to receive presents from the Canterbury Bulldogs legend Hazem El Masri.

Canterbury Leagues has worked with Riverwood in the past and donated \$3000 in vouchers and \$2000 worth of toys and sports gifts. Club Rivers also donated over \$1000 worth of vouchers for the School Holiday program.

Christmas really has come early to the kids at Riverwood Community Centre!





Riverwood Men's and Women's Shed has re-opened

A morning tea was held on 22/12/2022 to reopen the Riverwood Men's Shed after closure due to the Covid-19 Pandemic at the Men's Shed - located at Ground Level, Lincoln Building, 4 Roosevelt Ave, Riverwood.

Over 40 keen community members turned up to register their interest in regularly attending the Men's Shed when it goes back to full swing in the new year.



Riverwood Community Garden was delighted to have a visit from the host of Gardening Australia, Costa Georgiadis.

Costa and Darryl from Grow it Local were so warm and friendly towards all the gardeners and handed out seeds and even did a little weeding.

Thank you to Mark Coure the Member for Oatley for organising and Nick Katris the Mayor of Georges River Council.



In a fantastic public presentation on 14th October The Hon Tony Burke received a signed copy of the "Uluru Statement From The Heart" from the Riverwood Community Centre Chairperson Clr Karl Saleh OAM, Uncle John and Auntie Liz, General Manager - Mathew Martin, Board Members Tony Moubarak and Clr Badra along with First Nations residents, community members and RCC staff.

A copy of the Statement signed on Friday July 8, 2022, at The Riverwood Community Centre during the NAIDOC Week celebration invites Australians to walk together to build a better future by establishing a First Nations Voice to Parliament enshrined in the Constitution.

A Voice to Parliament is an important path forward to give Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians a permanent say on the matters affecting them.

Riverwood Community Centre with the help of the Mangahmi Mgallia Aboriginal Corporation (MMAC) is leading the way in Canterbury Bankstown to help build awareness in our local community about the Uluru Statement and the upcoming referendum.



A special thanks to the All Saints Orthodox Church who has been a huge support to our centre.



Lovely to welcome State MP for Canterbury, Sophie Cotsis who popped into the Riverwood Community Centre. Sophie had a conversation with our Volunteer Arlene and Samar our Information Officer about the proposed expansion and upgrade to Canterbury Hospital. Sophie thanked the RCC team for the wonderful support we provide to our local community.



Special thanks to our friendly volunteers from Peakhurst Early Learning Centre for their generosity in distributing food hampers to local community members. Thank you once more!



Youth drop in is going strong every Wednesday and Thursday. Thanks to all our community partners - Street Industries, Humanity Matters, All Saints Greek Orthodox Church and CDAT for their ongoing support.



On the 1st November our Aged Care Vietnamese group enjoyed putting together their lovely fascinators and their accessories to celebrate the Melbourne Cup.



Mark Coure visiting the Riverwood Community Centre Community Garden on the 30th September



Dance and Zumba sessions were held at RCC on the 26th and 28th September. Thanks to our amazing Youth Worker Jessica for instructing the class with easy to follow moves everyone could do regardless of their age.

UPCOMING EVENTS

RCC Youth Group get together every week

YOUTH DROP-IN 2023

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 or give
consent by SMS



Communities
& Justice

RCC Youth Group
Every Wednesday 3:00-6:00pm
and Thursday 3:00-5.30pm
Its Free
12-17 Years

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

Riverwood Community Centre Aged Services supporting our seniors daily

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.





Australia Day

POOL

Party

There will be:

- A DJ

- FREE kids activities

- Sausage sizzle and

- Bush tucker from
11am-2pm

Join us to Reflect, Respect, Celebrate

Thursday January 26th 2023

10am-4pm

Roselands Leisure & Aquatic Centre

Centre Ave, Roselands



Australia Day
Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.



**CANTERBURY
BANKSTOWN**



The Lions Club of
**CANTERBURY
BANKSTOWN**



**Riverwood
Community
CENTRE**



TORCH
CANTERBURY - BANKSTOWN
CELEBRATING OUR DIVERSITY, RESPECTING OUR COMMUNITY



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

FUN AND REWARDING OPPORTUNITIES WITH:

- Administration
- Aged Care Services
- Youth
- Childcare
- Community Programs



INTERESTED IN JOINING US?

For further information,
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PROVIDER**

Our experienced team of Support Coordinators can help you:

- Understand your NDIS plan
- Coordinate and implement funded supports
- Develop agreements with Providers
- Access the NDIS Portal & monitor plan budget
- Build your skills and confidence
- Exercise choice and control
- Plan and develop goals prior to your plan review



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