



Annual Report

2021-2022

Diversity-Inclusive-Strength



Riverwood Community Centre is an essential supporter of our local community and has been for over 40 years. We empower all community members, from children through to the elderly, to families and those living with disability.

Our passionate staff and committed volunteers have created an inclusive and enriching environment and accessible support services for those in need. We celebrate the cultural diversity of our local area and provide support for multiple voluntary and community groups. We believe in the power of community and of banding together through change.



We acknowledge and thank the Traditional Owners of the land, the Bedigal Tribe of the Dharug Clan, on which we meet, walk, work and live. We acknowledge the Elders past and present and the care they have given this country.

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Chair's Message



The past year has been another remarkable one for the Riverwood Community Centre (RCC) and it has once again been an honour to serve as the Chairperson of the RCC board. Navigating the ongoing challenges put forth by the COVID-19 pandemic, whilst at the same time managing a significant expansion of our Centre and dealing with the ongoing day-to-day work required due to a growing demand for community services, I am proud to see RCC continue to step up to support our local community with life changing supports.

We entered into 2022 with an ambitious yet achievable blueprint, which expresses our long-term goals and expectations and reflects our Centre's strengths and capabilities. We are proposing a much needed upgrade and modernisation of our existing sports and recreational facilities. The project is targeted at providing modern fit-for-purpose facilities that can provide to the diverse groups in our local and surrounding area - sports, recreational, social and community facilities that contribute to their health and wellbeing for generations to come.

Recently The Centre has also been engaged by the Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) to help connect with the local community as part of the consultation process for the renewal of the Riverwood estate which would replace 1000 ageing units with private and social housing dwellings. The proposed redevelopment infrastructure includes open space, upgrades to local schools, hospitals, roads and transport and a balance between public community housing and private housing in the proposal.

Following the easing of COVID-19 restrictions, we have enjoyed seeing many community groups return to our Centre and reconnect with each other and participate in regular activities. We are very hopeful this will continue and we also look forward to running many community events including the Riverwood Community Centre Multicultural Festival next year.

The RCC Board are delighted to welcome our new General Manager Matthew Martin. We're sure that Matthew's experience and skill set will take RCC to the next level.

Lastly, I would like to thank the Board of Directors, Members, Volunteers and Staff and our clients, partners, and especially our key stakeholders, the local federal and state members, Canterbury Bankstown and Georges River Council, Multicultural NSW, Campsie Police and our funding bodies for their support this past year and their continued assistance as we further develop and grow to meet our goals.

I wish you all the best over the festive season and I look forward to welcoming you back in 2023.

Karl Saleh OAM
Chairperson

General Manager's Report

I have always liked the sayings
“It takes a village to raise a child” and
“If you love what you do you will never have to work a day in your life”.



At Riverwood Community Centre (RCC) and the Canterbury Bankstown and Georges River regions I have found my village and helping our local community to access support services and live better lives is definitely a labour of love for me, the team and Board here at RCC.

Riverwood Community Centre provides essential services and supports to our local community and has been for over 40 years. We empower all community members, from children through to the elderly, to youth, families and those living with a disability.

Our passionate staff, committed volunteers and our wonderful community partners work hard daily to deliver inclusive and life enriching services and supports.

On an average day here at the Riverwood Community Centre it starts with the buses arriving for before school care; parents dropping off their children and babies at our Long Day Centre; our aged care service users and groups accessing much needed social and in home supports; clients with a disability meeting their support coordinator; distributing free food hampers to those in need; the wonderful smells and meals coming from the kitchen for our aged care groups; the hive of activity at the community garden; hosting support sessions for parents and families; then afterschool care for the school aged kids; drop in supports for local teenagers and youth including basketball and volleyball followed by a free bbq; and the hall at Riverwood, Punchbowl and Thurlow being hired out to community groups.

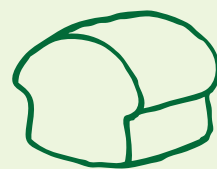
At Riverwood Community Centre we believe in the power of community and like rope we are individually and collectively stronger when we come together and are joined in a common purpose. Every day the RCC team boosted by our amazing community supporters provide something greater than the sum of our parts.

We celebrate diversity in our local region and advocate for our service users and those in our local community that often find it difficult to have a voice and ensure they feel heard and connected to supports.

The Riverwood Community Centre's Strategic Plan for 2020 to 2025 is in full swing. We have made it through COVID-19 in positive shape and we remain focused on our key strategic goals to ensure our services at Riverwood Community Centre remain as essential and vibrant as our local community.

Matthew Martin
General Manager

Community Programs



3675

LOAVES OF BREAD
WERE DISTRIBUTED
IN 2021-2022



Connecting people
through community

RCC
Community
Garden



2429

HAMPERS OF FOOD
WERE DISTRIBUTED
IN 2021-2022

Senator Penny Wong visits



“On behalf of my community I would like to thank the Riverwood Community Centre for the contribution you make to my electorate of Lakemba”.

– Jihad Dib MP
Member for Lakemba,
Shadow Minister for
Emergency Services,
Shadow Minister
for Energy and
Climate Change.

A Year of “FIRSTS”

After enforced COVID restrictions were eased Riverwood Community Centre achieved a number of firsts for our region:

First NAIDOC week celebration

First International Woman’s Day celebration

First IFTAR (Ramadan) celebration

These ground breaking events complimented the inclusive programs for which Riverwood Community Centre has become renowned.

NAIDOC Week Celebration

The inaugural NAIDOC Week celebration was a triumphant occasion.

The event encompassed Riverwood Community Centre’s efforts towards raising the awareness amongst our diverse communities the importance of the First Nations Peoples to the history of this land.

The event aimed to engage and promote conversation about the issues and successes experienced by Australia’s First Nations Peoples.

Riverwood Community Centre took the stand that the event will be an active learning experience as well as a celebration of the First Nations Peoples. Hence, with the support of Uncle John Dickson, a prominent First Nations Leader from the Bankstown area, the smoking ceremony was educational and empowering. This was coupled with the dreamtime stories which enhanced the goal of raising community awareness.

Riverwood Community Centre also seized the opportunity to re-endorse the Uluru Statement from the Heart by inviting guests to sign a life size version of the statement, which our Chairperson and General Manager presented to the Federal Government.



▲ International Women’s Day

The Koomurri Entertainment Dance Group wrapped up the event with their authentic dance and didgeridoo workshop.

International Women’s Day

The inaugural International Women’s Day Celebration focussed on the global theme: “Break the Bias”.

“Women are World Changers!” was the main message from Keynote Speaker: Josie Gasparre, Stakeholder and Government Relations Coordinator at Settlement Services International.

The diversity of the reach of Riverwood Community Centre was reflected in participants’ cultural backgrounds – Australian, Bangladeshi, Chinese (Mandarin and Cantonese), Fijian, Greek, Indian, Indonesian, Iraqi, Italian, Lebanese, Nepalese, Samoan, Sri Lankan, Sudanese, Syrian, Tongan, Turkish and Vietnamese.

Celebrating IFTAR (Ramadan)

Riverwood Community Centre is always energetic in its drive for inclusivity and this year we held our inaugural IFTAR Dinner.

It was a very successful night with attendees from richly diverse cultures and language backgrounds.

It was a celebration of the harmony in our community with a focus on the multi-culture and multi-faith aspects of our contemporary Australian society.

Harmony Day Celebration

Harmony Day is part of the tapestry of Riverwood Community Centre. All the local communities look forward to the event and the singing, dancing and festivities.

This year we were fortunate to have in attendance Hon Mark Coure MP, Minister for Multiculturalism and Minister for Seniors; the Hon David Coleman MP, Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention, and Councillor Khal Asfour, Mayor of the City of Canterbury.

▼ Harmony Day



Lunar New Year Celebration

The thriving partnership with Harmony Care and local Chinese and Vietnamese groups continues. The 2022 Lunar New Year celebration was an engaging event with presenters, musical performances, dance and martial arts from the various cultures in which Lunar Celebrations play a pivotal part.

Riverwood Community Garden

After almost 2 years of pandemic restrictions, Riverwood Community Gardens re-opened to a successful event and morning tea that promoted rapport amongst 82 registered gardeners.

The reopening of the Gardens was strongly supported by the Environmental Sustainability team at Canterbury Bankstown City Council as well as the Council's Biosecurity Officer.

The expertise has been welcomed by the gardeners and now there is a rejuvenated focus on sustainability. This even included a Water Literacy partnership with the University of NSW; Canterbury-Bankstown City Council and funded by Sydney Water.

Enhancing Food Security

Riverwood Community Centre works in partnership with One Meal, Oz Harvest, All Saints Parish - Belmore and Bakers Delight to provide weekly food hampers and bread to the community.

The provision of a freshly cooked meal or a food hamper to those vulnerable members of our community is a major blessing.

Riverwood Community Centre partners with ONE MEAL every Monday afternoon to distribute freshly cooked hot meals to 70-80 clients. Clients are from the Riverwood area and there is no prerequisite for receiving the ONE MEAL.



SUPPORTING
MORE THAN

32

CULTURAL BACKGROUNDS



◀ Harmony Day Choir

 **2,870**
ONE MEAL PACKS
WERE DISTRIBUTED
IN 2021-2022

One Meal ►

The team at ONE MEAL do a fantastic job and the variety and quality of the food and goodies always puts a smile on everyone's face.

Weekly food hampers and emergency relief packages were also delivered to local community members. The majority of service users were from CALD backgrounds in Riverwood and those who were in mandatory self-isolation or were primary or casuals contacts because of COVID 19.

 **3,118** TELEPHONE
ENQUIRIES

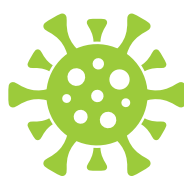
Christmas Toy Drive

Through Riverwood Community Centre's partnership with Club Rivers, the Canterbury Bankstown Rugby League Football team and AWU, we delivered Christmas presents to children from vulnerable or disadvantaged homes, who may not have had the opportunity to celebrate Christmas without this support.

Up to 200 presents were issued to children from disadvantaged, vulnerable and socially isolated families. 2 events were held in the lead up to Christmas 2021. Players and officials from the Canterbury Bankstown Football Club helped to hand out the presents and this was special for many of the children who see these players as role models.

Statement of Attainment

A partnership between Riverwood Community Centre, TAFE (Bankstown) and Riverwood Public School and Hannans Road Public School helped 17 participants prepare themselves for a Certificate II and Cert III in Floristry.

 **880**
RAT TESTS
WERE DISTRIBUTED
SINCE JANUARY 2022



"Riverwood Community Centre is an important organisation in my electorate with many people in the electorate visiting the Centre on a regular basis to access youth, seniors and community assistance programs".

– David Coleman MP
Federal Member
for Banks

Harmony Day
Celebration ▼



Child, youth and family services



Supporting our
community's children,
youth and families

Reaching for
the stars ▶



OUR LONG DAYCARE
CENTRE AND OSHC
PROGRAM CATERS FOR

0-12
YEARS OLDS

Youth Drop-In ▶

Children's Services

Over the last year we have had many changes and fabulous improvements implemented into the services, in both our Long day care centre, catering to 0-5yrs children and our OSHC service catering to children aged 5-12yrs in school term and school holidays. Within these services we support families from our local and wider community and it is a real testament to the educators, team and Riverwood Community Centres name as we continue to uphold and increase our capacity in each service.

Step into Early Childhood

We continue to use children's interests, stages of development and the world around us to create sustainable planning and programming for our children. We have explored new options in programming, reviewing our current menu and ensuring that children are learning valuable self-help skills in every aspect of our routine.

Our outdoor environment too has undergone some wonderful renovations as we have created our vegetable and herb garden that children access throughout the day to taste test and explore.

Our ongoing projects based on children's interests has been a foundation for intentional teaching as we explore the world around us and how things work, move and are created.

We continued to connect with our families where possible through zoom for group time and events and strived to have familiarity and consistency for our children to ensure they felt safe, secure and had a strong sense of belonging.

With such beautiful weather upon us we have been taking as many opportunities as possible to use our beautiful local parks and grasslands to have our outdoor afternoon teas, gather resources for sensory seeking play and being able to step out of the service for our children to connect with their local community.

"Both my kids enjoy attending RCC's Long Day Care Centre. They have made great friends and they really love the educators there. The centre Director and the staff are always helpful and professional".

– Stella



▲ Father's Day gifts

Long Day Care ▲

Our compost, vegetable and native gardens are now in full swing and after having a revamp earlier this year it is wonderful to see the children in the service sharing in the responsibility to maintain and care for these spaces.

Our wonderful in house chef has been working with the children to use our herbs and vegetables in our weekly menu, being able to source our own fresh ingredients has been extremely rewarding as we continue to seek out opportunities for children to be active participants in the world in which they live in.

We have engaged numerous times with our organisations aged care facilities and the children have shown such joy when performing, engaging in crafts and meeting some of our elderly clients. Having these services accessible within our community and as part of our ability to connect through various ages is such a blessing and is once again extremely rewarding, we look forward to many events to come where we can connect with our elderly social groups again.

One of our major improvements this year has been the new cubby house and gazebo for children on site. This has dramatically changed the way the children use the outdoor space and engage in dramatic play. Educators have been busy utilising the space for group time experiences, dramatic play such as creating ice cream shops, fire stations and yarning circles and more.

We have also recently been given the approval for a new grant from Club Rivers for \$40,000 for our physical environment which we are very excited to see being put into place throughout the year to come. Stay tuned for updates and make sure to stop by, with enrolments filling fast we will be at capacity in no time.

Sneak peek into Out of School Hours Care (OSHC)

What a fabulous year to look back on. Our OSHC and Vacation Care service has been busy with the active participation of the children who are the guiding force behind everything we do in the centre. From engaging in the long day cares veggie and compost garden for afternoon tea to our weekly local visits to our fantastic local library. The children have a very strong presence and sense of belonging as they continue to sustain the foundations of our program and practice.

We provide Before and After School Care services and transport to six local schools, Hannans Road Public School, Peakhurst Public School, Peakhurst West Public School, Montessori Riverwood, Riverwood Public School and St Joseph's Catholic school.

The children have access to our large indoor hall for games, engage in the services resources/ equipment and as a supervised group our beautiful local parks and playgrounds.

Our service over the last year has seen a few changes in terms of the way we have restructured the room to suit the needs of the children and their direction in play. Sourcing new materials and resources to enhance their play while promoting children's interests and needs.

During Vacation Care we continue to network and engage with many children from our local and wider communities to utilise our service and explore our school holiday program.

We have continued to find that the feedback from families and children alike is extremely positive in the way in which we encourage children to voice their wants, needs and ideas for future holiday programs and explore many various excursions, such as the Tru Ninja warrior course in Penrith, our local cinemas at Bankstown, the Play Cave at Miranda and the ever exciting Inflatable World at Peakhurst.

We want to say a big thankyou to our local and wider community for continuously supporting our program and our visits into your services, it is such an integral part of our service itself.

We look forward to what the next year brings for our service as we continue to look into grants to support and enhance children's learning, play and development within our Children's Services team.

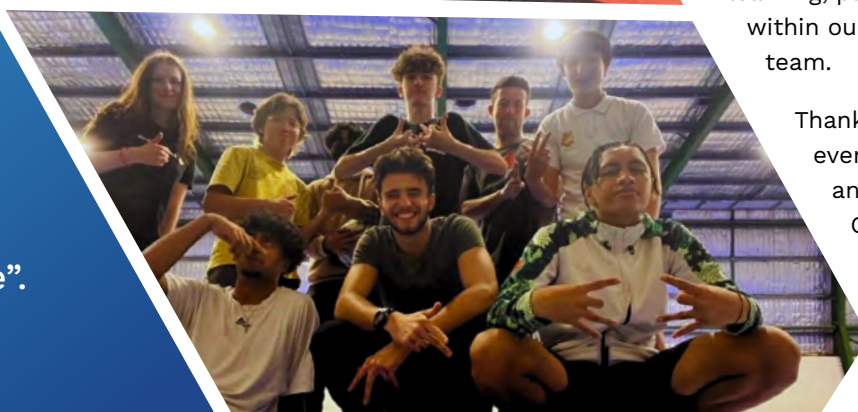
Thank you again to everyone for being such an integral part of Children's Services

▼ Vacation Care

After School Care ▼



"My daughter really enjoys the fun activities that happen at OSHC, especially the vacation care".



◀ **Holiday Program**



89

YOUNG PEOPLE IN
OUR COMMUNITY HAVE
BENEFITED FROM OUR
YOUTH DROP-IN SERVICE

over the last year, and a very big thank you to the incredible team of educators who dedicate themselves to their work each and every day. Your hard work doesn't go unnoticed.

Youth Services

Riverwood Community Centre's Youth Services team supported more than 165 young people, their parents and carers over the last year and there is more yet to come.

We listen to the young people in our community...

We believe young people in our community are the experts on what they need. This is why participants between 12-15 years of age from 8 different schools were invited to our focus group where they expressed the main challenges they were facing.

Issues included mental health, bullying and finding it hard to make friends. This information helps us shape the programs we offer and led to anti-bullying sessions provided by Zero Bullying and partnerships with mental health providers such as Headspace.

In partnership with NSW Health we offered 3 different holiday activities completely FREE where young people enjoyed activities like cooking at The Culinary School, to playing sports at our Centre.

We bring people together

Part of our mission is to connect the members of our community and our Youth Drop-In free service on Wednesdays from 3:00-6:00pm makes this possible. This service has been steadily growing until now resulting in more than 89 young people from our community benefiting from it.

The main objective of the Youth Drop-in is to provide young people with an opportunity to make friends, enjoy our facilities and develop connections with staff that can provide them with further support if they need it. Young people can play basketball, volleyball, table tennis, pool table, access our gym, and have a free freshly cooked barbeque.

We know in our community we are not alone, that is why we partner with organisations that are already doing amazing work in our communities. The Youth Drop-In services works in partnership with organisations such as Barnardos, Humanity Matters, Street Industries and All Saints Greek Orthodox Parish Belmore.

Also our Youth Caseworker has attended Kingsgrove North High School (KNHS) every Friday to offer casework to students that might need further support.

More to come

This has been a great year and stay tuned to know more about our Holiday Program, school mentoring and Parents/ Carers peer support, and education and skill training for young people on mental health, finances, job-seeking and employment skills and more!



“I have a lot of fun during Youth Drop-In. If there was a 6 in the scale I would answer that instead of the 5 stars. Best time ever!”

—Emily (participant in Youth Drop-In)

Family Support Services

The Family Support Service provides families with children aged from birth to 12 years with assistance and support to address family and parenting difficulties.

The service conducts a supported playgroup for parents with pre-school aged children and a Parent Support Group to develop parenting skills. Our qualified staff can also assist families through specific family counselling, advice, advocacy, general support and by referral to other support agencies.

Support for Parents Workshops

Some of the highlights this year have included the range of workshops we have organised including:

Preparing for Employment

Navitas Skilled Futures helped participants with employment skills training and courses such as the Adult Migrant English Program.

Music Therapy

Wellbeing and sound therapy are effective mindfulness practices that focus on using music (sound and vibration) to improve wellbeing and resilience.

Raise Your Voice

Is an early intervention approach aimed at building resilience amongst girls and young women. Focused on skills enhancement and reinforcing the pivotal role that women play in the community.

Financial Management

In partnership with the Salvation Army participants learnt about how to manage their financial and household budgets and where to go to for help.

Yoga

The Yoga workshop helped mums and their kids improve muscle tone, flexibility, balance, relax and reduce stress, thanks in part to its signature pranayama breathing.

Counselling Therapy

The counselling service at Riverwood Community Centre offers clients individualised treatment to help them identify areas of concern relating to recent and historical trauma. On the basis of client requirements, well acknowledged proven techniques and practises are employed.

At Riverwood Community Centre we are focused on helping our community and we are passionate about changing people's lives.

Riverwood Community Centre welcomes all clients who require assistance to the Centre and firmly believes in the concepts of equality, diversity, and inclusion. We collaborate with clients to create goal-oriented, personalised case plans as part of the service's 'Targeted Early Intervention' program. The duration of the therapeutic process lasts anywhere between three and twelve-months. We also collaborate with external stakeholders when advocacy and referrals are necessary to ensure clients receive additional assistance.

Herb garden ►

Mindfulness Yoga ▼

“I have attended RCC’s workshops on yoga, music therapy and managing finances. In my opinion RCC is the best. You make me happy and energetic”.

–Hind Michael



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Aged and Disability Services



Empowering people
to choose their
own path

Diabetes
Information
Lunch



4,986
HOURS OF
COMMUNITY
TRANSPORT

Chinese Social Group ▶

Aged Care Services

Riverwood Community Centre has a proud history of providing aged care services through the Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) to help support older Australians to live in the community independently.

The program covers in-home support services, social groups at the centre and community outings.

In the 2021-22 period the Coronavirus pandemic continued to present significant challenges for the Aged Care Services Team and our older clients as we faced ongoing outbreaks and lockdowns in the community.

However with our bilingual staff and positive risk management and infection control strategies in place RCC successfully delivered a multitude of services that were critical for clients' wellbeing throughout the past year.

The Aged Care Services Team continued to look after over 500 clients. Essential services such as light meal preparation, domestic assistance, shopping, transport for medical appointments, basic garden maintenance were provided.

For a great number of clients who lived alone or whose families could not be reached due to lockdowns or other reasons, the team became the immediate source of support for their physical and mental wellbeing. All the services were provided following strict COVID protocols and the use of personal protective equipment.

Paradoxically the pandemic also fostered creativity, innovation and adaptability. The team engaged with clients with regular welfare checks via phone, virtual video conferencing, newsletters and home visits. Team members also supported clients who preferred to stay home or who were in COVID isolation with shopping via lists.

“RCC is always happy to meet my needs. My support worker is like my 3rd daughter”.

– Lucia



▲ Lunar New Year

Greek Social Group ▲

With the peak of the COVID outbreak behind us and the easing of lockdown restrictions in early 2022, the team proactively organised transport services to support client and family get-togethers: the precious moments that brought joyful tears to clients and our staff.

During the past 12 months the Aged Care Team intensified staff training on infection control, hygiene protocol, vaccination requirements, pre-service screening and online training. Hygiene protocols were monitored closely at the centre with visitor logs for temperature checks and contact tracing. RCC also organised regular deep cleaning at the Centre to ensure a clean and safe environment was provided for staff, clients and visitors.

Social Support Group and outing sessions were resumed in November 2021. With COVID cases subsiding and most new infections not as severe, we saw an increase in clients returning to the groups from the first quarter of 2022. Many were excited about reuniting with old friends, joining in their favourite activities at the

Centre, and being able to be out and about in the sun to get that fresh air so vital to everyone's health!

Riverwood Community Centre has always been a thriving service hub for the locals especially for the aged members of the community. Our purpose remains to connect people to community and support individuals to have a voice, to feel a sense of belonging and wellbeing. We have learnt so much and grown professionally during this challenging time and are now a much stronger team.

We will continue to engage with the community and explore new services. We look forward to partnering with our clients and their families to meet clients' goals and needs in the years to come.



11,278
HOURS OF GROUP
SOCIAL SUPPORT

NDIS Support Coordination

Riverwood Community Centre's Support Coordination for people with a disability is quickly expanding because we have gained a reputation for being goal focussed, reliable, innovative and going the extra mile to think outside the box when necessary.

We work closely with participants to make sure a variety of supports are used in order to improve daily abilities, manage duties related to service delivery, maintain connections, and live more independently within the community.

We have been successful because participants value being supported and having their support plans customised to take advantage of the range of resources and supports that they didn't know existed and wouldn't have accessed otherwise.



8,261
HOURS OF INDIVIDUAL
SOCIAL SUPPORT HOURS

▼ Sculptures by the sea



3,149
HOURS OF DOMESTIC
ASSISTANCE



◀ Social Group

Arabic Social Group ▶

“I am very happy with the services I receive from RCC. My support worker always has a smile on her face. I don't know what I would do without her and her help”.

- Caterina



To our Volunteers, we say thank you and we are grateful for your support

We celebrate our volunteers and the immeasurable contribution they make to our wide range of community services.

From aged care, youth, family and community programs, they happily volunteer hours of their time.

At Riverwood Community Centre volunteers come from various cultures and backgrounds and share their skills, time and hearts to bring hope and dignity to those in need.

These volunteers make a physical, emotional and spiritual difference in the lives and communities of the people they serve.

Many of those served become volunteers themselves and go on to change the lives of others.

If you are interested in volunteering, we are reaching out to anyone who has not only the time, but also the life skills needed to support our various services.

For further information please contact us on 9533 0100.

▼ Weekly food hampers



◀ Outreach Programs



11,988

COMMUNITY MEMBERS
ARE ESTIMATED TO
HAVE USED THE CENTRE
RESOURCES AND
FACILITIES

Community partners ▶

“For over 40 years, Riverwood Community Centre has supported our local community, with their invaluable outreach programs providing support to over 2000 people each week”.

– **The Hon Tony Burke MP**
Member for Watson, Minister for Employment
and Workplace Relations,
Minister for the Arts



Our Team

Our team has been incredibly resourceful and worked tirelessly to deliver services to people in need through challenging circumstances.

Board Members



KARL SALEH OAM
Chairperson since 2017



PAULINE GALLAGHER
Board member since 2016



ROBERT FUROLO
Board Member since 2020



KEVIN MOONEY
Board Member since 2020



ZORKA PETROVSKA
Board Member since 2020



TONY MOUBARAK
Board member since 2022



BHADRA WAIBA
Board member since 2021

RCC Community ►
Garden

Centre Based Team



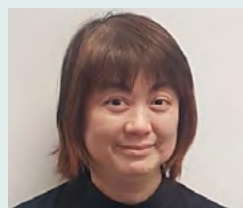
MATTHEW MARTIN
General Manager



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Finance and
Administration
Manager



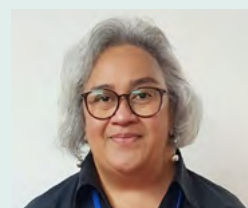
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Services Manager



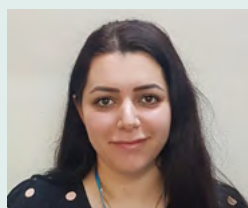
JOSEPHINE NG
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Manager



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Worker



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Worker



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Youth Services Case
Worker



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Assistant Accountant



CHERYL BRUCE
Aged Care Services –
Support Partner



HANNAH LE
Aged Care Services –
Support Partner




SAMAR CHAMI
Information Officer



KATINA PUCAK
Client Administration
and Project Officer



SHENG BIN LIU
Receptionist

A man with a friendly expression, wearing a white baseball cap, a maroon zip-up jacket over a patterned shirt, and dark trousers, stands in a garden. He is holding a hammer in his right hand and a vertical wooden post in his left. The garden features raised wooden beds with young green plants. In the background, there is a chain-link fence and a wooden trellis structure. To the left, a large black corrugated metal drum is visible. The scene is outdoors with a cloudy sky.

“I truly value all that the Riverwood Community Centre does to improve and strengthen our community. They are a great community asset that empowers so many in our local community. Having seen firsthand the work they do to engage our community at the grassroots, I can say without hesitation that our community is all the better for the work they do”.

– Mark Coure MP
Member for Oatley

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Auditor's report and financial statements

Members can request a copy of the Riverwood Community Centre Auditor's Report by contacting reception during business hours.



Partners and Funding Bodies

Partners

Barnardos
Commonwealth Bank
Hannans Road Public School
Humanity Matters
Kingsgrove North High School
Lebanese Muslim Association
Mangahmi Mgallia Aboriginal Corporation
NSW Police
NSW SES Canterbury Unit
One Meal Australia
OzHarvest
Riverwood Public School
St George Community Housing
Street Industries
Sydney Local Health District
TAFE NSW (Bankstown)
St George and Sutherland Shire Leader

Funding Bodies

Australian Government Department of Health
Australian Government Department of Social Services
Canterbury Bankstown City Council
Georges River Council
Multicultural NSW
National Disability Insurance Agency
NSW Department of Community Justice
NSW Department of Education



Community Groups

Australian Chinese Seniors Club
Basketball Opportunities for People with Disabilities
Canterbury Bankstown Harmony Group
Canterbury Riverwood Senior Badminton and Lifestyle Group
Narcotics Anonymous
Riverwood Chinese Dancing and Choir Group
Riverwood Italian Group
Sundanese Girls Club
The Riverwood Australian Arabic Association
The Riverwood Community Choir
Twilight Rouge Dance Group

Voluntary Groups

All Saints Greek Orthodox
Canterbury Bankstown Lions Club
Lugarno Lions Club
St George Rotary Club