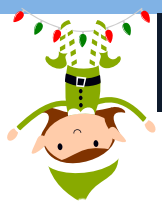

WRF

Your Warrawong Community Centre

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Warrawong Residents Forum Inc (WRF)

Is based out of Warrawong Community Centre in NSW Illawarra Region. We are a small organisation with a 1.1 staff and a handful of volunteers in one of the Illawarra's most under resourced and disadvantaged communities (SEIFA Index of 2%). We provide a range of support to the community from Early Intervention – through to – Emergency Relief; Including: information, referral, links, assessment, and advocacy. We provide several initiatives that serve as soft entry points for the community including a community lunch, food hubs, food parcels, and take away meals, – this basic need and resource sees vulnerable people visiting the center, engaging with the team, and building a sense of trust where they can ask for help and engage in our resource.

IN DECEMBER WE RESCUED APPROX. **1,120KG'S OF FOOD**
AND SERVED / ENGAGED **1,058 PEOPLE**
668 ADULTS AND 390 CHILDREN
VIA THE FOLLOWING FOOD INITIATIVES

OUR FOOD INITIATIVES

Our food initiatives are run on donations, grants, and gifts that we receive. We would like to thank and acknowledge Oz Harvest for their enormous weekly efforts through their partnerships with Woolworths and Aldi. We'd also like to thank Green Connect, our local community members and businesses, sponsors and champions who's contribution go a long way in the maintaining of our essential food services.

LAST CHRISTMAS LUNCH

We hosted our LAST Christmas lunch at Warrawong Community Centre and were delighted to be joined by Santa and his little helper, past staff members, MP's Paul Scully and Alison Byrnes along with 168 Community members + 22 Volunteers.

FOOD HUB

Each Tuesday we sort through our food delivery to fill grocery bags for individuals and families that are in need.

TAKE AWAY MEALS

Community members who are transient or do not have facilities/ skills to cook at home are provided these meals to ensure they have access to a meal.

FOOD HUB BUNDY

Each Tuesday we visit families in Bundaleer and provide food assistance and support.

FOOD PARCLES

We store long life products and are able to provide canned goods from the oz harvest deliveries and donations to use for these instances.

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Since 2003, we have been providing a free community lunch every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. These meals are hearty and also serve as a great opportunity for socializing

LAST CHRISTMAS

This year we celebrate our LAST Christmas at the Warrawong Community Centre. The day was filled with great food, laughs, a visit from Santa and reembrace. We had 168 Community members join us (52 Children) along with a team of 22 Volunteers and a host of guests. Its will be a special day etched in our hearts for eternity.

We also wrapped up our Christmas appeal, we handed out 222 Christmas Hampers and 269 Christmas Gifts, a feat that could only be reached by the collective spirit and collaboration of a community. THANK YOU!

As we look forward and hope for the future, we look to the past to remember and pay our respects to this space that the community has utilized as a safe space since 1992. We are capturing memories and stories over the next few months to honor the history of this space. We are also capturing hopes and visions of the future in a simillar format - both these will result in some special projects in the new year - Wishing Warrawong and you all a Safe and Merry Christmas and a joyful start to the new year! see you in 2024!

UPDATES

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WELCOME MATTHEW TO THE TEAM!

Thanks to the funds received from MP Paul Scully we have been able to welcome Matthew to the team. Matthew has hit the ground running and will be running our programs over the next 12months. Matthew's easy going nature and adaptability makes him a great fit for the team and asset to the community particulary with the pending displacement next year in 2024.

WRF NEWSLETTER

SOCIAL MEDIA, COMING SOON ...

Our newsletter will be posted monthly on the site and from 2024 we will send out newsletters to individuals who have signed up via our website.

WANT TO KNOW MORE? OR TO GET INVOLVED.

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Help us to bring our vision to life.

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Be a part of our meaningful cause.

Volunteer
Help us to provide supportive services.

Sign our VOW
Voice of Warrawong Statement.

Community Champ
Give back to your local community.