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Your Warrawong Community Centre

Media Release - Keep the Heart of Warrawong Beating

Warrawong Residents' Forum (WRF) operates the highly popular and busy Warrawong Community Centre which delivers hundreds of meals and life-changing services every week to the areas' most vulnerable residents.

Wollongong City Council has announced exciting plans to demolish and re-develop the center, but in the meantime, we need to move to new premises. We have secured support from Wollongong City Council to cover the rent on our new location on King Street, Warrawong – a site chosen for its accessibility and centrality, but we need help to make it suitable for the community.

Manager of WRF, Ash Castro said "We provide highly confidential and sensitive services such as mental health and drug & alcohol supports, probation and parole reporting, legal assistance, Centrelink, and Housing support as well as Orange Sky laundry services, emergency food relief, meals, and food rescue. To make the new premises suitable, we urgently need to fit out with partitioned rooms for confidential services, shelving for food, and seating for meals, as well as basic amenities such as air-conditioning, handwashing facilities, and security systems."

"With only a few weeks before our building is demolished, we were relying on grant funding" Mr Castro said "However, that grant hasn't materialised and we are now calling on our community, local businesses and philanthropic partners to help us make sure our doors are open."

Warrawong is among the most socio-economically disadvantaged areas in the Illawarra and many residents rely on the services offered by Warrawong Community Centre.

"For many, WRF is the heart of Warrawong, we are calling for support to keep the heart beating. – literally" Mr Castro said, We already have local builders and trades at the ready who have generously offered their time and skills, the $180,000.000 we need is for materials, compliance and major works"

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