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Your Warrawong Community Centre

JULY NEWSLETTER

Warrawong Residents Forum Inc (WRF)

Based in the Warrawong Community Centre in the Illawarra Region, we support one of the area's most under resourced communities (SEIFA Index: 2%). With 1.5 staff and volunteers, we provide emergency relief interventions including information, referral services, and advocacy.
Our initiatives like community lunches, food hubs, and service hub address basic needs, fostering trust for deeper engagement and resource connections.

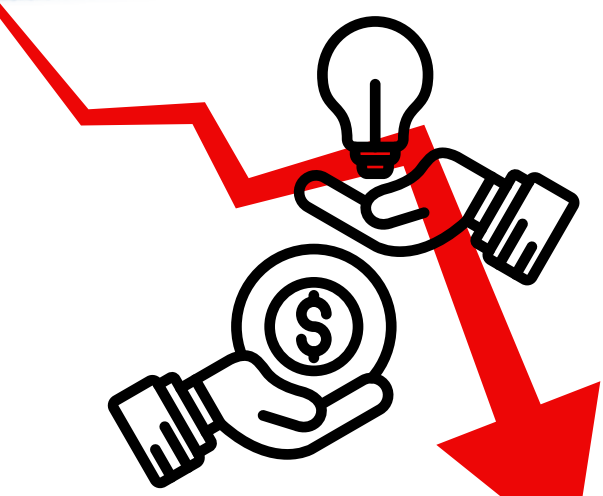
IN JULY WE RESCUED APPROX. **1,825KG'S OF FOOD**
AND SERVED / ENGAGED **1,126 PEOPLE**
807 ADULTS AND 319 CHILDRENCHILDREN

OUR FOOD INITIATIVES

Our food initiatives rely on donations, grants, and gifts. We extend gratitude to Oz Harvest for their weekly efforts in partnership with Woolworths and Aldi. Thanks to Green Connect, local community members, businesses, sponsors, and champions for their contributions that sustain our essential food services. For more information and/or if you would like to get involved please feel free to get in touch via our website or direct to us via contact details below.

KEEP THE HEART OF WARRAWONG BEATING

FROM $180,000.00



DOWN TO $80,000.00

We have continued to actively worked towards reaching our funding goal of $180K, re-submitting another infrastructure grant and obtaining small grants along the way, alongside fundraising, reassessing and refreshing our plans, have reduced our target by $100K.

A this stage, We must vacate Warrawong Community Centre by the end of September 2024 and still have no certainty on weather or not we will be able to continue to provide essential support and resources to the community.

A huge thank you to those who have made financial contributions to keep the heart of Warrawong Beating

MEET VANESSA

This month, we met Vanessa and her two grandchildren during our food hub program. Vanessa completed her registration and mentioned that she would return later to collect her food hamper.

When Vanessa came back, she asked to speak with the staff and shared that she regularly cares for her grandchildren while her daughter works additional shifts to cover essentials like food and rent. Vanessa revealed that since COVID-19, she and her friends have experienced a shift in their roles with their grandchildren. "We are no longer just a grandparent; it's more like being a second carer," she said.

Vanessa reflected on the complexities and challenges she and her family have faced, yet she took pride in their ability to look after themselves. She admitted that asking for help was more comfortable and easier than she had anticipated. Vanessa expressed her gratitude to the team for making her and her grandchildren feel welcome.

Throughout the month, we have continued to see Vanessa and have met some of her friends and their grandchildren, who are also benefiting from our food resources.

We have also seen this new connection has not only offered food assistance, it has also provided this group a new meeting place where they can connect and kick start a play date with their gradchildren.

UPDATES

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STAY CONNECTED

Over the next few weeks we hope re-launch our socials and start to use them as means of providing update and information on WRF and community.

Please check out our Instagram page by looking us up by name or using the QR code here.

SAME TEAM, NEW LOOK

We received some funds through a small grant to design and produce a fresh team unifom. This has been something that the Volunteers have been hoping for foa a number of years.

Along with our updated branding the uniforms will display 2 artworks that were gifted to us by community. The team is super eager to launch our new apparel and cant wait to share the new look with the community.

READY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY?

Warrawong Residents Forum is seeking an organised, expereinced and passionate people to join our Management Board. Apply now to help shape the future of Warrawong.

Check out www.wrf.org.au for more information and click on the board page to send through an expression of interest.

WANT TO KNOW MORE? OR TO GET INVOLVED.

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Help us to provide supportive services.

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