WRF
Your Warrawong Community Centre

SEPTEMBER 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 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.

REGIONAL ACTION PLAN FOR A LOCAL FOOD SYSTEM - SURVEY

We're inviting you to take part in a short 15–20 minute survey to help build a fairer, healthier, and more sustainable food system in our region.

This survey is part of an important research project led by the University of Wollongong, in collaboration with Regional Development Australia Illawarra Shoalhaven (RDAIS) and the Illawarra Shoalhaven Food Futures Taskforce.

Your input will help identify key priorities around food security, health, equity, and sustainability in our community.
It's anonymous and approved by the Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC 2025/255).

Scan the QR code below (or click the link if viewing online) to read the Participant Information Sheet and start the survey.

If you've already completed it – thank you!
If not – your voice matters. Please take a few minutes to share your thoughts.

SURVEY

WANT TO KNOW MORE? OR TO GET INVOLVED.

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Donate
Help us to bring our vision to life.

Join Our Board
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.

OUR FOOD INITIATIVES

Our food initiatives rely on donations, grants, and gifts. We thank Oz Harvest, Woolworths, Aldi, Green Connect, Coomi Gardens, and all our local supporters for helping sustain this essential service.

Alongside individual and family support, we also supply food to breakfast clubs, youth groups, schools, and local services working to reduce food insecurity in our community. To get involved or learn more, visit our website or contact us directly.

WE RESCUED APPROX. 2,260 KG OF FOOD AND SERVED / ENGAGED 1,669 PEOPLE
1,106 ADULTS, 563 CHILDREN
AND 4 COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

WRF AGM

We're proud to announce that WRF's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place 31/10/2025.

This is a special moment to come together, reflect on the past 12 months, celebrate community achievements, and share what's next for Warrawong Residents Forum.

Our Annual Report — full of powerful stories, impact data, and future plans — will officially be released at the AGM.

Event Details
Time: 5:30pm – 7:00pm
Date: 30/10/2025
Location: Shop 1, 210–222 Cowper Street, Warrawong
[back door entrance via Globe Lane]

Light refreshments provided

Please RSVP by 09/10/2025 to Ash Castro 0466508485 or manager@wrf.org.au

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IN HONOUR OF TRISH

It is with deep sadness that we share the passing of our dear volunteer, Trish, who gave her time, heart, and care to Warrawong Residents Forum for almost three years.

Trish was the heart and soul of our coffee and tea space — always offering a warm smile, a listening ear, and a gentle presence that made everyone feel welcome. Her kindness, resilience, and quiet strength shaped the culture of our centre in ways that words can't quite capture.

She will be deeply missed and forever loved by the WRF team and community.