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SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Warrawong Residents Forum Inc (WRF)

Based in Warrawong, in the Illawarra region, WRF works alongside a community experiencing some of the deepest levels of disadvantage (SEIFA Index: 2%). With a small staff team and a strong volunteer base, we provide practical, dignified support — from emergency relief, information and referrals, to advocacy and connection. Through initiatives such as food hubs, onsite resources and our service hub, we meet immediate needs while building trust, relationships, and pathways to longer-term support. Our work is grounded in connection — creating safe spaces where people feel seen, supported, and able to take their next step.

After months of planning, a little patience with the weather, and plenty of community spirit, Warrawong NAIDOC Family Fun Day finally came to life on 29 September 2026!

The sun was shining, spirits were high, and Darcy Wentworth Park was filled with the sights, sounds, and energy of community coming together to celebrate 50 Years Deadly—five decades of strength, resilience, culture, and the ongoing achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

From cultural celebrations and performances to activities, food, laughter, and connection, the day was a wonderful reminder of why these gatherings matter. Familiar faces reunited, new connections were made, and families came together to share in a celebration of culture, community, and belonging.

A huge thank you to the Elders, community members, performers, volunteers, sponsors, partners, and organisations who helped bring this celebration to life. Events like these take an enormous collective effort, and we are grateful to everyone who contributed their time, resources, and heart.

On behalf of the organising committee, we are incredibly proud of what was achieved together. Despite the challenges and delays, Warrawong showed up with the warmth, pride, and spirit we know and love.

50 Years Deadly—and plenty more to celebrate!

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OUR FOOD INITATIVES

Our food initiatives are powered by dedicated volunteers and strong partnerships with OzHarvest, Woolworths, Aldi, Green Connect, Coomi Gardens, and local community champions

Through our Food Hub, lite lunches, takeaway meals, food parcels, and outreach, we provide consistent access to food for individuals and families doing it tough.

Food is often the first point of connection — creating trust, opening conversations, and linking people to further support.

We also extend this support to schools, youth groups, and community services, ensuring food reaches those who need it most.

Illawarra Shoalhaven FOOD FUTURES TASKFORCE

This month we served and engaged 1,674 people
1,273 Adults 484 Children
and We rescued 2,467 kg's of Food from landfill

NAIDOC COMMITTEE

A Big Shout Out to Our Warrawong NAIDOC Committee! Behind every great community event is a team of people giving their time, energy, and heart—and our Warrawong NAIDOC Committee is no exception!

Over the past 12 months, our committee has almost doubled in size, welcoming more passionate people who want to celebrate culture and champion our community. From planning and problem-solving to navigating weather delays and bringing the day to life, this team has shown the power of working together.

A massive thank you to every committee member for your commitment, ideas, and community spirit. We're incredibly proud to see more people stepping forward to shape the future of this much-loved celebration.

More hands, more voices, more community spirit—that's the Warrawong way!

The next Voice of Warrawong (VOW) is officially under construction! VOW will listen to the experiences, strengths, challenges, and hopes of local people, helping shape the Warrawong Promise and a community-defined roadmap for the future.

We're excited to have Professor Mim Fox, Nandini Ray, and University of Wollongong students alongside the WRF team to help bring VOW to life.

OUR DESTINATION: JULY 2027

The journey will lead to Warrawong's Promise to the Next Generation - a community-defined commitment to safety, early support and real opportunity, backed by shared responsibility and long-term investment.

More to come...

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