



Yangebup Family Centre

Annual Report 2020 – 2021



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2020-2021 Management

In 2020-21 the following individuals volunteered their time and skills to the Yangebup Family Centre Management Committee:

Office Bearers

Chairperson	Maria Quaggan
Vice Chairperson	Kym Maloney
Secretary	Laura Thompson
Treasurer	Tracy Pearson

Committee Members

Ann Gerlach
Kelly Hutton
Rosie Miller
Helen Redmond

Staff Team

Manager	Samantha Williams
Children's Services	Joanne McGillivray
Community Dev	Lora Bikic
Finance/Admin	Julie Taylor
Educational Leader	Robyn Oliver
Educators	Deanne Bartlett Holly Forbes Aleisha Searle
Support Educators	Salma Al Saliby Elena Crump Taylah Casserly Lisa Gallon Debbie White Sarah Zamanzadeh

Major Partners

Department of Communities
Dept of Ed, Skills & Employment
Connecting Community for Kids
City of Cockburn
Linkwest

Community Groups

Allegro Choir
Belly Dancing
Child & Adolescent Community Health
Mummy Mayhem
Perth Academy of Performing Arts
Perth Portuguese Language School
Social Sewing
Yangebup Leisure Group
Yangebup Progress Association

Memberships

ACNC
Australian Childcare Alliance WA
Australian Neighbourhood Houses
and Centres Association
Connecting Community for Kids
Linkwest

Chairperson's Welcome



Financial Year 2021 has been a strong year of growth and groundwork to secure Yangebup Family Centre's place as a valuable and indispensable part of the Cockburn community now and well into the future.

With the Centre well positioned financially at the start of the year, we spent time reviewing from a long-term perspective. As our 30th birthday draws closer, our focus is to ensure the sustainability and viability of the Centre.

In an exciting step, the board, staff, and community came together to create a new brand and logo. Yangebup Family Centre's programs and events continue to evolve to meet the changing needs and demographics of the members. We want the brand to reflect the progressive, adaptable nature of the Centre whilst embodying our values and remaining relevant to all. Brainstorming, consideration, and deliberation led to YFC engaging a graphic designer to bring our vision to life. We would like to thank all of the community members, social media followers, working partners and visitors to the Centre who contributed to the community consultation that finalised the choice.

Sustainability is a key ingredient to longevity for all organisations. The benefits are vast, from the environmental impact, the cost savings and community stewardship. Yangebup Family Centre seeks to be a spearhead and as such developed an environmental plan that began execution this year. The Centre started by conducting an energy audit. Through Sam's hard work and dedication to the improvements she obtained funding from Federal and Local governments to install solar panels and LED lighting. Further funding was secured from the Department of Communities for ceiling renovations which included new fans and insulation. We send a big thank you to all of those involved for their commitment to help the Centre achieve these goals.

We also refreshed our technology, replacing old computers and printers, ensuring the staff have up-to-date equipment as they continue to focus on the children, families and other members using the Centre. The new fixtures and fittings have provided a much-needed face lift to welcome all visitors.

Closely linked to the environmental plan, we have secured funding for our next projects, including a natural playground at the rear of the Centre and bathroom renovations for an accessible and safe environment.

Our partnerships have also thrived with many of our most successful programs supported by and growing from co-design and collaboration.

The committee have also worked hard to provide support and governance, participating in child safe education modules, and actively contributing on social media and in physical groups. We are characterised by diversity of ages, experience, and thought which together helps to represent the community and the most value to the Centre.

Thanks to Sam and the team, we have reinvigorated, refreshed, and energised the Yangebup Family Centre. We are ready to be inspired by the wonderful community around us for many years to come.

Maria Quagga

Chairperson, Yangebup Family Centre 2020-2021

Treasurer's Report



It is my pleasure to present the Treasurer's report for the financial year ending 30 June 2021. The Centre is in a strong financial position, finishing with a surplus result of \$103,973.

As for the previous reporting period, this result has been bolstered by the provision of government stimulus, namely the Job keeper subsidy and various cash boosts designed to support businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Due to the considerable surplus of the prior period and several grants, the Centre has added \$49,633 to the asset register for the financial year, namely expenditure on solar panels, upgrades to office equipment and computers, furnishings, play equipment, air conditioners and the rebranding of the Centre.

The cash reserves held by the Centre have increased by seventy one percent (71%) or \$272,024 in comparison to the previous year. \$150,000 of this amount was received on 30 June 2021 representing a state government grant that will be spent during the next reporting period on a nature play space, updating the Centre bathrooms and electronic signage at the front of the Centre. This amount resides in the Balance Sheet as income received in advance.

Total expenditure has increased slightly by \$31,264 or six percent (6%). This is mainly due to additional administration and consumables costs as wages remain steady for the period. Total income is down by \$37,201 or five percent (5%). A ten percent (10%) increase in Fee income, or \$32,026 has helped to support decreases in other funding areas, namely room hire and the government stimulus.

This has resulted in a net \$68,464 decreased surplus, compared to the previous financial year.

The Centre will enter the new financial year with adequate cash reserves to meet its future obligations. In accordance with our Australian Charities and Not-For-Profits Commission (ACNC) obligations, the 2021 Financial Statements have been reviewed. Our auditors, William Buck, have reported that the statements fairly reflect the financial performance, financial position, and cash flows of the Centre, and comply with relevant Australian Accounting Standards. Further to this, no major internal control issues were identified which is a credit to the strong financial management demonstrated by the Centre.

This is my fourth year as Treasurer. It continues to be a rewarding experience to be part of the management team. This year we've overseen considerable investment for the future prosperity of the Centre, despite uncertain times. We continue to be blessed here in Western Australia that we are able to operate under a business-as-usual model, despite several minor lockdowns. We look forward to an equally exciting 2022, with additional capital improvements to the Centre and celebrating 30 years of supporting and empowering the local community.

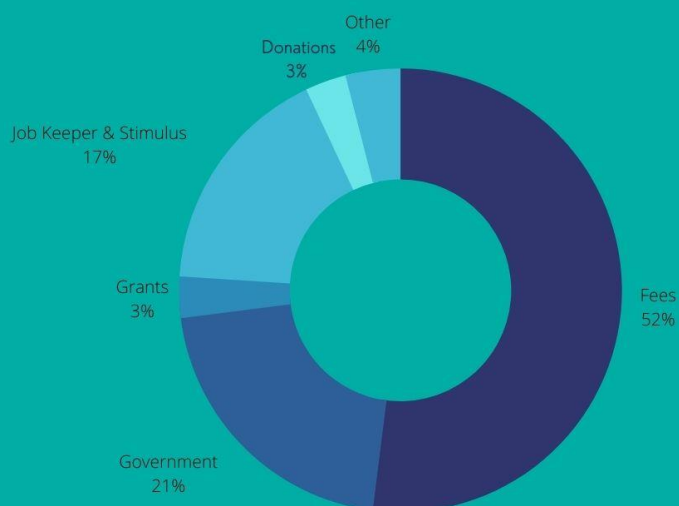
Thank you to all the staff for their tireless work in making the Centre a welcoming and inclusive place for all and ensuring its smooth running, with the added challenge of COVID-19 restrictions. Thank you also to the Committee for the value they bring, their support and continued dedication to the success of the Centre.

Tracy Pearson

Treasurer, Yangebup Family Centre 2020-2021

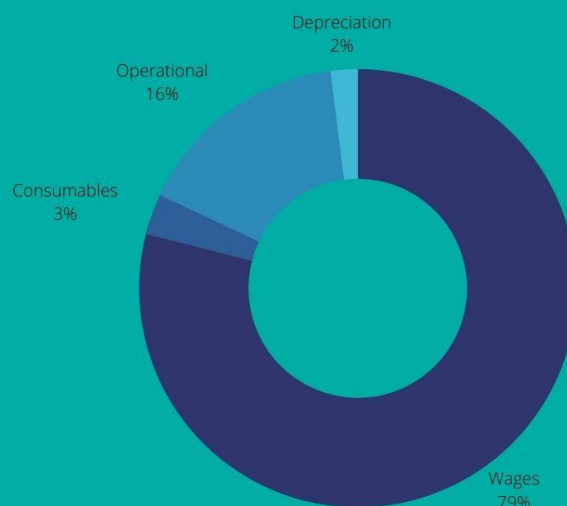
Revenue for the year

Total income for the financial year \$663 185



Expenditure for the year

Total expenditure for the financial year \$559 212



Want more detail?

The full audited financial statement can be found on our website:

www.yangebupfamilycentre.org/meetings

Manager's Statement



The world is experiencing unprecedented challenges and social isolation is more pronounced than ever before with people unable to travel or receive visits from loved ones. The Centre continues to support the community through these challenging times by focusing on mental health and wellbeing, reducing social isolation, and providing support for vulnerable people.

It was a tentative start to Term 3 last year after several months without community programs running at the Centre due to government restrictions. COVID Safety Plans were developed and implemented, and attendance numbers were reduced in line with government requirements.

The new procedures became the new normal as we ensure we are sanitising and signing in and making sure cleaning routines are maintained at a high standard.

The Dads and Kids Pizza Night was one of the first events to be hosted with numbers limited to 64 people. The event sold out quickly and was a huge success. More events followed in November with a Celebration for Miss Jo's 10 years at FYC and a Multicultural Feast.

We welcomed His Worship the Mayor Logan Howlett, Deputy Mayor Lara Kirkwood and Councillors Philip Eva and Chontelle Stone to the feast where we were entertained by the Cockburn Chinese Community Association Perth South Dance Group. Our local representatives are great supporters of our Centre.



Federal funding through the Community Energy Efficiency Program with the support of Josh Wilson MP has seen solar panels installed and lighting upgraded to LED. Future projects are planned thanks to the election commitment of \$150 000 provided by Member for Cockburn David Scaife MLA and the Department of Communities.

In addition, our Centre has been well supported by Linkwest, City of Cockburn, Connecting Community for Kids, Yangebup Progress Association, Cockburn Chinese Community Association and Bunnings.



The Management Committee continues to drive the Centre with the development of Centre Values and a review of the logo progressing into a rebranding for the Centre to reflect our values and what we do. We have also continued to develop the risk register and completed a HR review. I thank them for their ongoing support and commitment.

We are fortunate to have a fabulous staff team who have been able to adapt quickly to provide care and opportunities that reflect our current environment. This includes new initiatives like Community Eats and the Share Trolley. They work extremely hard, and I thank them for their support and commitment.

The YFC facilitates place-based, grass-roots community development activities that connect and empower people to volunteer within our community. The Centre currently provides a meeting place for 16 recurring groups and a wide range of workshops with over 500 families attending regularly.

Our regular groups are a very important part of the Centre, and I would like to acknowledge their support and the great work they do in providing social connections for the community. The Allegro Choir, Belly Dancing, Child and Adolescent Community Health, Mummy Mayhem, Perth Academy of Performing Arts, Perth Portuguese Language School, Social Sewing and Yangebup Leisure Group.

The YFC uses an asset-based approach which focuses on community members strengths, encourages them to get to know people in their neighbourhood and to participate in activities being held within their community.

We are also supported by amazing volunteers who give their time in many different ways to support the Centre. We have a dedicated team of over 80 volunteers. The volunteers assist us with governance, management, program delivery, administration, social media management and marketing, grant applications, problem solving, capacity building, input into program design, fundraising, events, and community initiatives. It is estimated that the financial contribution of these volunteers is in excess of \$150 000 per annum (80 volunteers @ \$45/hr x 70hrs/week).

We provide a safe space where people can find opportunities, develop networks, and build capacity in a supportive environment. We are empowering volunteers who will be future leaders in our community, and which is having a positive impact on their life and their families.

In 2022 the Yangebup Family Centre will celebrate 30 years of bringing positive change to the City of Cockburn by empowering people to take an active role in their community.



Samantha Williams

Manager

Dedicated Team of Volunteers



Over 80 volunteers



Over 3 500 hours
per year



Over \$150 000
per annum

*estimated financial contribution based on Volunteering Australia guidelines

Children's Services Statement



Each year the Yangebup Family Centre grows in capacity to provide local community with a range of programs developed through our dedicated staff team, committee members, family engagement and local community members to keep on trend and identify opportunities. As a staff team we act upon requests and ensure we do what we can to support projects.

As dedicated educators, we have been working closely with our families to ensure they feel safe and supported as we navigate through uncertain times. Staff have been a pillar of strength and have shown they can adapt to changes with a supportive approach.

Robyn Oliver, Early Childhood Teacher & Educational Leader, went on maternity leave from April 2021. She will be returning in February 2022.

Aleisha Searle was employed on contract to cover Robyn's maternity leave. Aleisha has shown her interest in the Early Years and has provided the Pre-Kindy classes with a lovely classroom setting displaying their art and acknowledging their masterpieces in the classroom.

Over the past couple of years, we have been focusing on critical reflection and this is evident in our Quality Improvement Plan (Q.I.P.) through staff meetings and team leader meetings. Staff consider their weekly reflective questions, providing an informed and responsive curriculum designed around our children's interests.

Centre Values, Team Charter, Children's Services philosophy, and personal philosophy statements have been approved and displayed in the Centre. The joint teamwork has proven to be a profound achievement. Staff and committee members should be proud of the final products.

Staff and committee have opportunities to upskill and attend professional development days. Staff have completed annual child protection training, child safe organisation modules, road safety training, inclusion support seminars and sustainability workshops along with committee training days on governance and risk management.

While the Centre was closed for three weeks in April 2021 for renovations, a range of professional development opportunities were arranged for two days. They ranged from loose parts workshop with Nature Play WA, a visit to ReMida (Reggio Emilia approach to teaching) and a cultural walk in Kings Park. Unfortunately, it was the week that Perth went into lockdown, and we had to cancel or re-schedule. We rescheduled the loose parts and will rebook ReMida in February 2022.

The YFC has formed a successful partnership with South Coogee Primary School in providing a Pre-School program in Term 3 and Term 4 of each year. The aim of this program is to support children and families transition to school. The YFC provide a qualified educator to facilitate the sessions in the school setting. This allows children and families to become familiar with the school environment including where the playground, toilets and kindy room are located. The desired outcome is to reduce the anxiety for both child and parent on their first days in kindy.

In September 2020, in collaboration with the Cockburn Early Years Network (CEYN) we held a forum for service providers, Principals and Early Childhood Teachers, providing information on the importance of supporting children and families get ready for school. The YFC had an opportunity to speak at the forum and show case our partnership with South Coogee Primary School. I presented a case study and powerpoint presentation. We aim to develop this program in more local schools.



During the year we have hosted several very successful events. Dads and Kids Pizza Night was very well received with 64 dads or grandads and their children attending an evening of pizza and games with a focus on RUOK?

This year we hosted the Chinese New Year event with the Atwell Playclub families at the Atwell Community Centre. We co-hosted with the Cockburn Chinese Community Association, and it was a wonderful celebration of culture.



Once a term we provide a Brekky n Go for our families attending Pre-Kindy and Occasional Care. This “food for feedback” approach helps the Centre with family input into our programs and the seven quality areas of the National Quality Framework. It is a great way of engaging with families and forming those connections, helping families feel safe, secure, and supported. I also love cooking, so it is a win win!

The Centre has become a welcoming space for ATSI families and we included Reconciliation Week activities throughout all our programs to include all ATSI families and other members of the community to help create connections and recognition. Reconciliation Week was acknowledged and celebrated throughout all our programs in May.

Community Eats is an initiative in partnership with the City of Cockburn and organisations within Cockburn to deliver a free meal once a month and provide information on what’s happening locally. It’s a great opportunity to meet other locals and form new friendships.

This report is an overview of the work, programs, support, and connections that we provide at the Centre. I feel very honoured to have been here for 10 years and look forward to the years ahead.

Joanne McGillivray

Children’s Services Co-ordinator & Community Development Officer

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A great community hive
for everyone and getting
people together as
everybody is so friendly
and helpful.

Member Census 2021

Recognition



City of Cockburn Inspirational Volunteer Awards

YFC Cultural Cooking Program - Runner Up - Organisation of the Year

Anna Agnew and Huey Teoh - Nominees - Volunteer of the Year

Thank you to the City of Cockburn for recognising the YFC Cultural Cooking program and the fabulous volunteers who make this program so successful. Congratulations to Cooby Cares who were very deserved winners.

Thank you to the City of Cockburn staff, Mayor Logan Howlett, Councillor Lara Kirkwood, Cr Philip Eva JP, Cr Chontelle Stone for your support and Cr Phoebe Corke for a wonderful presentation. The event included a moving introduction by Marie Taylor and lots of Hawaiian inspired entertainment.



Volunteer Chefs 2020

Celebrating Miss Jo's 10 years at YFC

On Friday 6 November we celebrated Miss Jo and her 10 years at the Yangebup Family Centre. Anna Agnew, long time Centre member and committee member provided the following speech.

Congratulations Jo on your 10 years at the Centre. I know it will have gone by in a flash! So many children, families, activities and projects have come through the Family Centre doors, and you have been a consistent, reassuring and welcoming face to so many people.

I first met Jo when I came to playgroup with my 1 year old son, he's now 6! I was new to the area and looking for an excuse to get out of the house. Little did I know then how important Jo and the Family Centre would become to myself and my family. Jo made playgroup fun for the kids and so easy for the parents – making tea, coffee, and milos for us all. Organising playdough, painting, cutting, and gluing and lots of glitter activities to keep the kids happy and entertained. Encouraging parents to get to know one another and sharing advice or being a shoulder to cry on when things all felt a bit too much or sleep had evaded us for the week! Jo is always ready to give baby cuddles when new additions are brought along. She organises memorable end of term parties and Santa visits at Christmas – where all the children cry and the mum's end up sat on Santa's knee instead!

Jo, you have become an important part of so many families lives – here is what a few of them also had to say...

- Playgroup was always stress free and gave you warm fuzzy feelings. Jo is always smiling and caring.
- Miss Jo has always been a smiling, happy, approachable face at the Centre. She makes my kids feel important and worthy of her time. Congratulations and thank you for the way you have touched our family's lives and countless others.
- The kids absolutely adore Miss Jo. She's gentle, caring and always makes time for them. She keeps them enthralled during story time and gets them up on their feet and dancing when she sings. Her laugh is infectious, and her energy is always positive and bubbly.
- Miss Jo is ace and my girls just love her. She has a loving personality and a fantastic sense of humour.
- No one can make a milo like Miss Jo! My girls love her and we all miss going to playgroup. I still sing playgroup songs when I wake the kids up in the morning.

I think it's fair to say that you, Jo are a great friend to us all and we love you very much.



About Yangebup Family Centre

The Yangebup Family Centre was established in 1992 to promote connection and wellbeing in the local community. The Centre is a cultural hub where all members of the community can embrace diversity and belonging.

Our Centre is community led, community driven and builds on our communities' strengths. We provide a warm and welcoming environment where social connections are fostered through the provision of activities, programs, networks, partnerships, events, and initiatives.

About Yangebup Family Centre

Our Vision

Inspire. Grow. Strengthen

Our Mission

The Yangebup Family Centre is a community managed not for profit organisation that promotes connection and wellbeing in the local community. The centre is a cultural hub where children, families, individuals and seniors can embrace diversity and belonging.

Our Values

Family

Connection, Integrity, Respect, Caring, Learning, Empowering



People who attend their local Centre tend to be happier, more optimistic and have stronger friendships.

Sound friendships are connected to emotional wellbeing, which is why our Centres play such an important part in the community, something we've seen particularly during the COVID crisis, where Centres have continued to provide services.

Jane Chilcott
CEO of peak body Linkwest

Strategic Priorities 2019-2024



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Strategic Area	Outcomes	Key Achievements 2020-2021
Sustainability	Ensure effective governance and the development of strategic partnerships for ongoing sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HR review completed • Build and maintain relationships with key partners • Development of Centre Values • Rebranding and refurbishment
Inclusion	Provide opportunities for community collaboration and place-based services to support individuals and families in our community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community collaboration through activities like Cultural Cooking, Social Sewing, Community Eats, Multicultural Feast, Chinese New Year • Build relationships with families through Kaya Time program • Strategic Inclusion Plan (SIP) completed
Environment	Create a welcoming centre promoting environmental responsibility and sustainable use of resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation of PV Solar panels and replacement of lighting with LED • Successful in receiving funding for new Nature Play spaces and upgraded bathrooms • Blue bin to collect recyclables in partnership with Scouts WA

Empowering Communities Program

The YFC was successful in receiving support through the Empowering Communities Program (ECP) from the State Government through the Department of Communities. The funding is for five years and commenced on the 1 July 2019. The funding provides us with the opportunity of continuing to provide place-based programs and initiatives that promote connection and build capacity in our community.

Vision

Communities are connected and inclusive places where people feel they belong, are valued, and contribute.

Aims

- Empower Local People
- Strengthen Social Connections
- Foster Collaboration

The ECP aligns with our strategic priority of Inclusion. We achieve this through providing activities, programs, events, and initiatives.

Outcomes

Outcome 1	Outcome 2	Outcome 3	Outcome 4	Outcome 5
People have social connections in their community	People participate in their local communities	People are learning new skills and knowledge	People contribute to their communities	People feel safe in their communities

Empowering Communities Program @ YFC



Over 57 activities



Over 520 sessions



Over 38 941 interactions

Inclusion



Cultural Cooking

The 2020 Cultural Cooking Group commenced meeting 30 July 2020. Due to COVID we had some initial trepidation about the program commencing; we had formed an online Cultural Cooking community which was thriving, we were however concerned with how our first face to face meeting would go and if we were going to get an adequate turnout.

Surprisingly our first catch-up, which was purely designed to be a planning session turned out to have great numbers – a total of 13 hopeful volunteer chefs were present at the meeting. We also had an unexpected visit from Mayor Logan Howlett and Councillor Philip Eva.

We progressed with allocating spots for the program and ended up with 6 volunteer chefs for the duration of the Cultural Cooking Program over the next three months providing wonderful experiences and sharing their skills with the community.

The Cultural Cooking program has been very popular for several years and members were keen for it to run again in 2021. Originally, we planned for the Cultural Cooking Planning Day to be held on the 29 April to follow on from the Food Sensations programs that were being held in February and March. Due to the lockdown over the ANZAC long weekend the start was delayed with the Planning Day eventually held in May with Phillipa from CCK providing support.





The first Cultural Cooking session was held in June with our volunteer chefs sharing their culture and passion for food! Amna is from Pakistan and shared a rice dish called Chicken Pulao and Margaret originally from New Zealand, made a kumara and fetta filo dish. We had 20 people attend the session and enjoy a wonderful lunch.

We are looking forward to the remainder of our Cultural Cooking sessions for 2021 and will be looking for volunteer chefs to join us again next year.

Outcome 1	Outcome 2	Outcome 3	Outcome 4	Outcome 5
The Cultural Cooking group fostered social connections through conversations about food and other topics with the theme of multiculturalism. People connected and formed friendships either in the online forum and/or during the Cultural Cooking get-togethers. The Cultural Cooking online environment has become a hub for food lovers and a culturally diverse crowd.	Each member of the Cultural Cooking group has in some way participated in their local community; this may have occurred by bringing a cultural dish to share at an event, imparting a culinary skill to a group of people, displaying the origin of a particular cultural dish or simply sharing a recipe through the online cultural cooking forum.	Throughout the duration of the Cultural Cooking sessions participants are shown a multitude of cultural cooking techniques, a wide variety of food preparations and a vast display of appetising cultural dishes. People attending the workshops will discover something new, learn a new skill or gain further knowledge.	The Yangebup Cultural Cooking program works through the participation of volunteers; it relies on the willingness of people to share and communicate their cooking skills and cultural backgrounds in a group environment. The cultural cooking program is therefore highly successful in empowering local people to contribute to their communities.	Cultural Cooking participants form a strong bond during the cooking sessions; this is evident as people feel safe to share their cultural background through sharing food and stories. This freedom of expression allows people to feel safe in their community; sharing cultural identities allows barriers to be broken, and pride of self to develop. It fosters acceptance and respect for each other

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Centre is very welcoming
and does a great job at
connecting many cultures
together.

Member Census 2021



Kaya Time

Kaya Time, an Aboriginal playgroup at Yangebup Family Centre returned with a school holiday NAIDOC themed gathering on 9 July 2020 despite NAIDOC celebrations being postponed due to COVID. Six local Aboriginal families attended the event and there was a total of 12 children taking part in activities provided by the Centre which included storytelling and art and craft.

Due to COVID the official NAIDOC celebration was moved to 16 November and we collaborated with the Earbus Foundation and Telethon Healthy Lungs Project to bring a festive and informative session to families attending. The NAIDOC gathering was very successful with 12 local Aboriginal mums attending and children enjoying in the many art and craft activities and a healthy lunch provided by centre. Exciting news were shared with the group that fortnightly sessions would be introduced in 2021.

The final Kaya Time of 2020 was a Christmas themed gathering in which the Centre teamed up with the Fathering Project, a Western Australian founded program where the aim is to inspire and equip fathers and father-figures to positively engage with the children in their lives – for the benefit of the kids. The Christmas gathering was well attended with many of our Kaya Time families attending, with Christmas presents organised for the children and even a special visit from Santa.

Kaya Time was offered fortnightly in 2021 however numbers have been lower than in the previous year. We sought support from the City of Cockburn to assist in delivering and promoting the program. We continued to develop positive relationships with Earbus WA and Telethon Kids WA.





Kaya Time is deadly! I can talk to the other mums whilst the kids play and I know they are safe.

Member Feedback 2020

Outcome 1	Outcome 3	Outcome 5
Kaya Time mums have engaged with several organisations that have collaborated with Yangebup Family Centre during the second part of 2020; this has developed a wider social circle for the Kaya Time mums as they are reaching out and seeking information and connections outside of the Centre. In addition, through the online group chat as well as the face to face catch ups, the Kaya Time mums have formed relationships with one another and each other's extended families.	Kaya Time families had an opportunity to engage with Telethon Kids WA and participate in a science experiment which focused on healthy lungs. Earbus WA continued to provide information and knowledge to Kaya Time mums. Two of the mums were offered the opportunity to attend outside events, as participants of Kaya Time away from the Centre location including the City of Cockburn Grants and Donations ceremony and a Connecting Community for Kids event providing an Aboriginal art activity for children.	Kaya Time mums have formed a strong online community and they feel safe to share personal information with each other. Several group chats revealed personal information about participants and it was inspiring to see how the other members encouraged, or attempted to empower the individual with relevant information being provided or shared.

Member Census



Agree or Strongly Agree from 115 responses completed

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Finding a place for me to feel connected and supported has been life changing for me. The centre is very accessible and easy for me to get around. I've been able to make new friends with similar interests.

Member Census 2021



Belly Dancing

Selina is a member of the community who contacted the Centre as she had recently retired and wanted to share her skills, initially providing a 2-week jewellery workshop in May. She is also an experienced belly dancer and was keen to share her skills and provide Belly Dancing classes at the Centre.

There was an opportunity to provide classes at a reduced cost for seniors as we still had some funds available from the Active Neighbourhoods for Older Australians grant. We sought feedback from our members to see who might be interested in attending belly dancing classes. We decided to trial running a 6 week program on a Thursday afternoon commencing in October 2020.

We had 9 participants join the program with the majority aged over 60. The groups skills and confidence progressed over the 6 weeks. On the final week the group performed a routine for the Early Parenting Group who were also attending the Centre. The participants were keen to attend another program in 2021 however the Term 1 program did not commence due to COVID. Our next program was offered in Term 2 with 8 participants.

Outcome 1	Outcome 2	Outcome 5
People attending make new friendships and connections with people who live in their neighbourhood. Having increased quantity and quality of local relationships will assist people to feel that they belong and are a valued member of the community.	People will attend the weekly sessions. Seniors are particularly isolated and were targeted specifically to encourage connection for older people.	Attending the group will provide an opportunity to share strengths, knowledge, skills, and capacities. Through the connections made at the Centre people will recognise familiar faces within their neighbourhood and feel safer and more confident when walking within the community.

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I really enjoyed learning
new skills and meeting
new people

Member Census 2021

Member Census

I am more confident



I have improved my
skills / knowledge



I feel better supported



Agree or Strongly Agree from 115 responses completed



Dads and Kids Pizza Night

On the eve of R U OK? Day, dads and granddads with young children in their lives joined in a special event that promoted connection and wellbeing in the community.

The Dads and Kids Pizza Night included a range of activities such as construction and science activities, a giant Jenga game, a photo booth and face painting, as well as resources, information, and support materials on mental health. Nurseprac and The Fathering Project attended the event.

To provide an opportunity to support and encourage dads to network with other fathers in a relaxed environment, while spending quality, fun time with their children. Parenting can be challenging at times, and we want to get across the message that locals can find support and ask, 'Are you OK?' at our Centre. This event is very typical of the activities we promote throughout the year where everyone is welcome. We try to create participatory opportunities based around people's interests and this has seen people form strong bonds and friendships within our community.

R U OK? Day inspires and empowers people to meaningfully connect with others around them and start a conversation with anyone who may be struggling with life.

Jane Chilcott, CEO of peak body Linkwest, said that people who attend their local Neighbourhood or Community Resource Centre tend to be happier, more optimistic and have stronger friendships.

"Sound friendships are connected to emotional wellbeing, which is why our Centres play such an important part in the community, something we've seen particularly this year during the COVID crisis, where Centres have continued to provide services," she says.



This is an awesome evening and should be an annual event. The door prizes were great.

Member Feedback 2020

Outcome 1	Outcome 2	Outcome 3	Outcome 5
Our focus was to encourage male figures and their children to connect with each other through a social gathering. Sound friendships are connected to emotional wellbeing, which is why our Centre plays such an important part in the community, particularly this year during the COVID crisis, where our Centre continued to provide services.	The evening was enjoyed by the community of fathers, grandads/male figures and the verbal feedback provided by a number of the men were: "this needs to be an annual event". We were at maximum capacity with Dads, uncles, grandads and children connecting with each other and participating in the community activities.	There was a number of resources available on the evening providing dads/grandads/male figures with information on parenting ideas, How to ask "Are U OK?" and general tips on keeping children busy during times of lockdown (COVID-19).	By forming connections in the community, parents feel safer to encourage their children to be adventurous and explore their neighbourhood (witholder children) or walking with the younger ones in prams or push bikes. Seeing familiar faces gives a sense of security.

Neighbourhood Centre Week

Neighbourhood Centre Week is a nationwide initiative to celebrate the role of Centres in local communities. A common thread that runs through every one of the 1000+ centres across Australia, and over 150 in WA, is their inclusive nature. Everyone is welcome, and members of the community are encouraged to help in the centre's organisation, management, and use. In 2021, the theme is 'Loneliness: the solution is community'. Recent research has found 1 in 4 Australians are lonely, and that the 'loneliness epidemic' has significant social, health and economic impacts. Neighbourhood Centres, like ours, by their very nature help combat loneliness by providing a space for people to meet and form meaningful connections. And we know that when it comes to loneliness, they work.

In a recent survey of 47,000 people, the top three benefits they identified from participating at a Centre were associated with community connection, participation and reducing social isolation.

Erin and Mike and their children Poppy and Grayson are a local family, their daughter attends our Pre-Kindy program. On Tuesday 27 April they watched on as their Beeliar home burnt to the ground. They lost everything and needed assistance to rebuild their lives. We included fundraising activities at the event with all proceeds going to the Makowski family.



We sought local providers and businesses to support the event and invited VIPs including politicians, Department of Communities representatives, City of Cockburn representatives, Linkwest representatives

Catering was provided by a local mum who had recently started her own catering business. Bree from Bunnings Bibra Lake provided activities for the children. Lily who is a student on work experience with the Centre supervised the disco room. Volunteers provided henna and face painting.



The Perth Academy of Performing Arts who run classes at the Centre provided entertainment.

We asked community members to vote and provide feedback on new branding for the Centre.

We ran a very successful event with around 150 people attending including David Scaife Member for Cockburn, City of Cockburn Mayor Logan Howlett, Councillors Tom Widenbar, Philip Eva and Chontelle Stone and Linkwest CEO Jane Chilcott.

We raised \$1000 for the Makowski family and presented Poppy and her family with a gift from the Centre.

Outcome 1	Outcome 2	Outcome 4	Outcome 5
Members of the community attended the event and made connections and were welcomed to the Centre.	People attending the event were asked to contribute to the fundraising activities and were asked to vote and provide feedback on the two branding concepts presented.	Members of the community were encouraged to volunteer and share their skills. People volunteered to help organise the event, gather donations, provide food, entertainment, activities and to run the event on the night.	Through participating and volunteering in their community people feel safe to walk down the street, to meet their neighbours and to do other activities in the community



*Erin and Poppy
receive fundraising of
\$1000 from the event*

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The centre has truly been
a blessing and connected
me and my family to the
community.

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Reconciliation Week Activities

The Centre has become a welcoming space for ATSI families, we want to include Reconciliation Week activities throughout all our programs to include all ATSI families and other members of the community to help create connections and recognition.

Reconciliation Week was acknowledged and celebrated throughout all our programs in May.

Kaya Time (playgroup for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families) families were invited to support the Reconciliation movement and attend our very welcoming Aboriginal playgroup as we honoured National Reconciliation Week (27 May-3 June). We had Earbus Foundation of WA and City of Cockburn staff join us.

Atwell Playclub is a transition to school program supporting families before they enter the school setting. Parents remain with their children during these sessions which supports the child in developing their skills in a safe and secure environment. During this program families celebrated and acknowledged reconciliation week by engaging in a range of activities and dreamtime stories including using natural resources with the playdough and painting activities. Families got the opportunity (if not already aware) to become familiar with the colours of the Aboriginal flag and what they represent.



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Great event, very inclusive community feel. Definitely would come again and bring more friends and family. Enjoyed being a part of the community.

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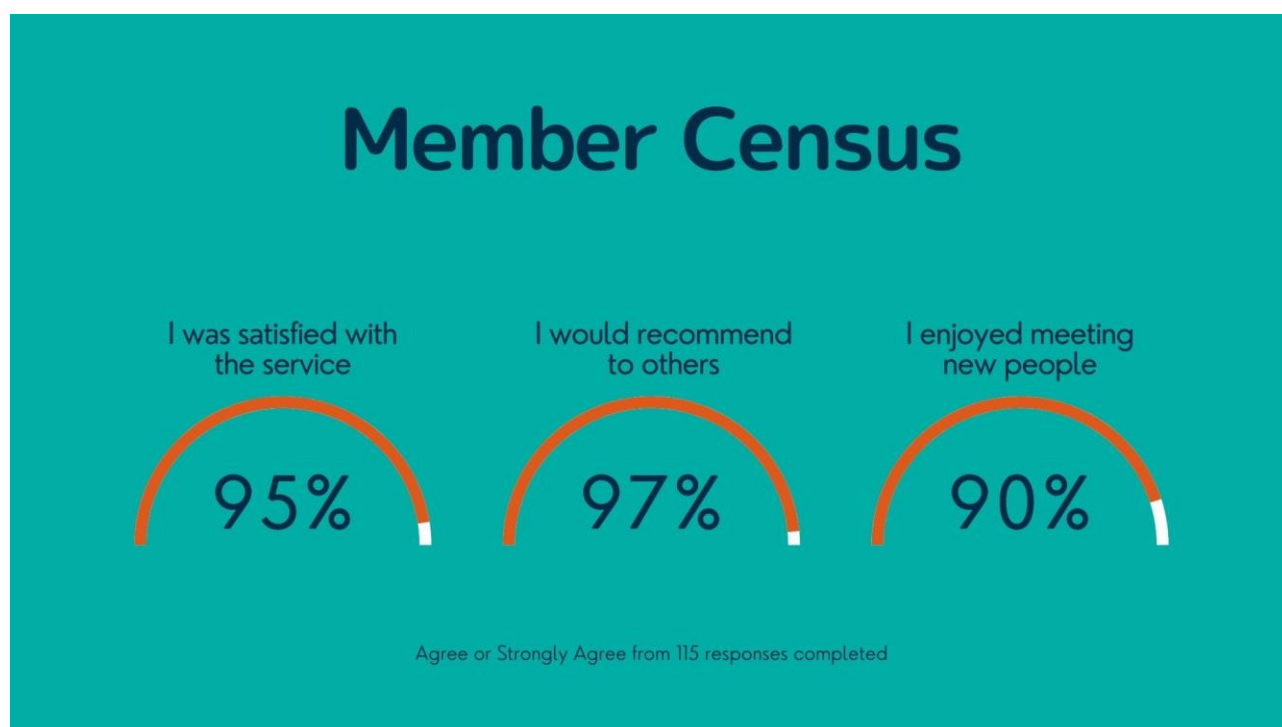


Brekky n Go is a great opportunity to receive feedback from our families about the programs. 'Food for Feedback' is a concept that has been hugely popular and greatly received. During Reconciliation Week we created recipes to include bush tucker ingredients using lilly pillies, grown in the Centre garden, in muffins and quiche with native pepperberry. We enjoyed lemon myrtle tea. Centre members greatly enjoyed experiencing different ingredients and ATSI families were very happy to see native ingredients included in the food provided.

During Reconciliation Week all of the other children's programs included activities, stories, and food around the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families. Parents had the opportunity to learn and acknowledge the land and culture through the children's programs.

We also included World Environment Day as part of our celebrations of our native environment and our first people. We purchased new Acknowledgement of Country plaques to display in each room of the Centre.

Outcome 1	Outcome 2	Outcome 5
People attending the Centre meet new people and create connections. By providing more information about Reconciliation Week and celebrating Reconciliation Week we make ATSI families feel more connected and other families more aware of how to connect with ATSI families.	Families are encouraged to provide feedback and consider others in their community.	Through recognising and celebrating Reconciliation Week we are encouraging everyone to be more involved and considerate of one another and to feel safer in their community.



Community Eats

This program was developed in partnership between the City of Cockburn and various organisations within Cockburn. The Yangebup Family Centre was involved from the beginning, prior to COVID-19, and volunteers from the Centre provided a meal on a roster basis once a month to those in need of a meal or social connection.

Volunteers from the Centre attended meetings from the beginning of this initiative when it was in Coolbellup. It was called Cooby Community Eats and the volunteers were to be involved in cooking, setting up and connecting with the community.



The Yangebup community was identified as another suburb where the program could be provided. The Centre was involved in providing the first meal at the Yangebup Community Centre post COVID. 2020 didn't receive enough people attending in Yangebup, a meeting was held in December 2020 to determine the future of the initiative.

Community feedback included;

- It's a lovely idea but my children don't like to eat vegetable soup
- The community centre doesn't have a family feel to it
- There isn't anything for my children to do
- We need more advertising or promotion material visible to the community

At the meeting it was decided to move the day to Friday (instead of Tuesday) and move the location to the Yangebup Family Centre and provide on a monthly basis. The program was trialled for three months in 2021 commencing in February.



YFC hosted the first Community Eats at the Yangebup Family Centre on a Friday evening and provided a BBQ in February inclusive of all community members. The Family Centre has an outdoor play area for the children. This event went ahead with restrictions in place (mask wearing and reduced capacity). We were very pleased with the outcome – we had 62 community members attend and we received positive feedback. We provided a take-away option because of the restrictions in place due to COVID-19. We had at least 3 members use this option.

The following two months had similar numbers of community members attend. We attended the review meeting in April and decided as a group to continue for the remainder of the year. A roster was created with organisations to provide a healthy wholesome meal each month until December.

Outcome 1	Outcome 2	Outcome 4	Outcome 5
This community initiative supports social connection within the community, a warm meal is provided in a welcoming environment where everyone is welcome. The venue was set up with small tables to encourage conversations and local connection.	People attend monthly sessions. Families with young children and seniors are particularly isolated in this community and we have found this multigenerational event has encouraged connections between the groups.	The Yangebup Family Centre's volunteers contributed to the evening by organising, preparing and cooking the food. Volunteers set up the Centre ready for community members to come and enjoy a light meal together. The volunteers supported those community members in conversation about what is available to them within the community.	The idea behind community engagement is for people to feel safer within their neighbourhood, whether that be walking to the local shops, exercising or children playing in the local park, a familiar face encourages us to have a conversation which supports social connection and in turn makes us feel safer.



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This is a fabulous centre. Fantastic that you provide meals for the community and opportunities to meet members of the community.

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Mitch's Story

Mitch first attended the YFC for the Neighbourhood Centre Week event in May 2021 and he was keen to be involved and volunteer.

He attended the Cultural Cooking Planning Day the following week and volunteered as a chef for this program that runs monthly. He has been a regular attendee at the Cultural Cooking which is a program that promotes a strength-based approach to participating in the community by celebrating different cultures through food.

Over the last 5 months Mitch has volunteered his time and experience to assist the YFC and other organisations within Cockburn in providing the Community Eats program once a month on a Friday evening. The program is aimed at bringing community together for a free meal and connecting with each other, helping reduce loneliness and isolation. Mitch arrives early to help support the organisation rostered on for that month in setting up the room with tables and chairs and assists with the food preparation. He has connected with families who attend the evenings and remains behind to tidy up.

Mitch is currently studying at Murdoch University and works part time, he is an enthusiastic member of the community and shows maturity far beyond his 18 years. Mitch has formed connections with the other organisations in addition to the YFC, volunteering in other areas including Edmund Rice Camps for Kids WA.

Mitch is proving to be a community champion and positive role model for other young people. He is keen to volunteer in any area that needs his support and experience. He is willing to help and is genuinely happy to be supporting the Community Eats and Cultural Cooking Programs. He is helping others to make new friendships and connections in his local community.



Environment

Solar Panels & LED lighting



The Centre has recently undergone a much-needed facelift to improve sustainability thanks to financial support from three levels of government. The Department of Communities has replaced the ceilings, fans, and insulation. Federal funding through the Community Energy Efficiency Program with the support of Josh Wilson MP has seen solar panels installed and with some additional funds from the City of Cockburn, all lighting upgraded to LED.

By replacing the current fluorescent lighting at the Centre with energy efficient LED lighting in addition to installing solar panels we are making 'healthy energy choices' and with the new ceiling and insulation our heating and cooling will also be more efficient.

We are looking forward to reduced energy costs and a reduction in carbon emissions without compromising the quality of lighting.

We have also taken the opportunity to replace some of the furnishings and fixtures. Creating a welcoming space for many years to come as we look towards 2022 and celebrating 30 years of empowering our community.

There is still more work to do, and we greatly appreciate the support of David Scaife MLA and an Election Commitment of \$150 000 to create a nature play area, to upgrade bathrooms and install new signage.



Containers for Change with Scouts WA

This year we have partnered with Scouts WA to provide a blue bin out the front of the Centre for Containers for Change, helping with recycling and helping the Centre purchase new resources.



Sustainability

Our Management Team

The YFC has a strong volunteer Management Committee with well-established systems that support its activities and service delivery to the local community. Our Management Committee consists of eight community members who volunteer their time, experience, and expertise to provide governance and strategic direction of the organisation. The YFC is a leader in the Neighbourhood Centre network having won multiple awards. Through strong volunteer leadership the Centre has increased programs offered, engagement with the community, volunteer membership, CaLD membership, ATSI membership and overall membership.

Risk Management

The Management Committee has been regularly reviewing and updating our Risk Register as new and emerging risks are identified to ensure the Centre is prepared and has considered how to reduce the likelihood of risks occurring and the impact if they do occur. The team completed five risk assessments as part of our regular September Planning Day.



Centre Values

Over the past 12 months we have continued to build on the work that commenced in September 2019 with Sanja Tesic. The draft Centre Values identified have been further developed adding signature behaviours. This has been an ongoing project with both committee and staff working together to develop values that reflect who we are and what we do.

Centre Values

Foundation Value

Family

- Our welcoming environment embraces diversity, so everyone is included.
- Our professional and approachable team provide energy and flexibility.

Connection

- We have meaningful conversations that create a sense of belonging.
- We engage with our community to promote social connection.

Integrity

- We pride ourselves on being positive role models.
- We remain transparent, whilst respecting confidentiality.

Respect

- All members are respected, have a voice, and will be treated fairly.
- We will be patient and considerate of one another.

Caring

- We foster a culture of compassion and empathy.
- We provide a safe and supportive space.

Learning

- We encourage ongoing learning and personal development.
- We actively ensure safety and compliance.

Empowering

- We promote agency.
- We encourage community engagement and the sharing of skills.
- Co-designed programs and events are created in partnership with our community.

Rebranding

The Management Committee Planning Day also included a session to review our current logo and if it was in keeping with our new Centre Values and the image the Centre wanted to portray. We reflected on what we like about the logo and what we would like to change. We discussed ideas and colours. We wanted a brand that represented our values of family, connection, integrity, respect, caring, learning, and empowering.

We engaged a graphic designer to help create our new brand, with several concepts and versions presented before sharing two concepts with our community for feedback and voting.

CONCEPT 1



CONCEPT 2



Our new brand is representative of the safety and support we aim to provide to individuals and families as well as the diversity and connection of our community.

Navy blue is often used to convey the importance of meaningful relationships and establishes trust and loyalty. Our tangerine tone is warm and inviting, communicates a feeling of fun and optimism, and represents connection through friendship. Turquoise, like its navy sibling, is calming and tranquil grounding itself in loyalty, respect, and honesty.



Yangebup Family Centre is an asset to the community. The services and activities are very well organised and enjoyed by many members of the community. I have used the centre on and off over 20 years and have watched it grow and improve over those years.

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Maria's Story

Maria Quaggan has been an active volunteer at the Yangebup Family Centre for the past 5 years and has made an outstanding contribution to volunteering at the Centre. Maria joined the management committee in October 2016 and became Chairperson in October 2017. Over this time, she has helped shape the strategic direction of the Centre to become a cultural hub where everyone can embrace diversity and belonging.

Maria is committed to good governance practices. Over the last year, she has supported the other committee members to foster governance skills. She has developed and delivered training to the other committee members on various subjects including duties and responsibilities, legal responsibilities, and financial literacy. These training sessions have been presented through Power Point and then distributed to all committee members, helping them to develop their skills and become more confident in carrying out their duties.



Maria has also been a driving force for committee members to understand, review and update the organisations risk register with the experience she takes from her full-time role in Supply Chain Management.

The rebranding of the Centre has been a large undertaking. Maria, along with other committee members started the rebranding project in September 2020, during the Centre's strategic planning day. Maria has been active in seeking advice from marketing professionals in her network to help the committee reach the best outcomes.

As the year progressed Maria assisted in workshops that identified a set of values that exemplified the Centres goals, standards, and principles. These values have been ingrained into the Centres roles, responsibilities and expected behaviours. They are reflected in all the programs and community events the Centre runs and support YFC's vision. The values can also be used as a recruitment and performance tool.

Maria has supported the Manager in making vital changes to staffing policies, necessary to the ongoing viability of the Centre. The results have been significant cost savings for the Centre while maintaining a cohesive, loyal workforce.

More recently, Maria led the committee to back a push towards a greener, more sustainable Centre as well as utilising the Centres healthy financial situation to refresh old equipment. The Centre has installed solar panels and LED lighting that will continue to benefit the Centre well into the future. The upgraded office equipment and furniture ensure efficient processes and a welcoming environment for staff, members, and visitors. Over the past 12 months the Centre has maintained social inclusion strong connections through increased use of social media. Maria has been an active contributor in some of these groups

Maria began volunteering at the YFC through a recruitment drive by Linkwest. Since joining the board Maria has sought to educate herself in governance practices and law to add the most value she can. She has completed the AICD Foundations of Governance for NFP Directors, followed by the Company Directors Course. Since her journey with YFC began, Maria's full-time role has changed, whilst she is no longer travelling to the City of Cockburn daily for work, Maria has shown her dedication to the Centre by making the trip from her home in the Perth Hills to attend meetings and events.

Tracy's Story

Tracy Pearson has been attending programs at the YFC since 2013. Over the past 4 years Tracy Pearson has held the role of Treasurer, on the Yangebup Family Centre Committee and for the same period she has also been a community member of the Connecting Community for Kids (CCK) Community Mothers Action Team. For the past 12 months Tracy has also held the Treasurer role for the Beeliar Primary School P & C.

Tracy brings her sound understanding of accounting principles to her Treasurer responsibilities, ensuring that financial reporting occurs in a timely manner and carries out reconciliation processes to confirm the correct allocation of income and expenditure. As a member of the YFC Management Committee Tracy has been involved in the strategic development of the Centre

As a member of the Community Mothers Action team, Tracy was involved from the inception of the program in February 2018 as the statistical analyst, developing reporting systems to CCK. In June 2020, Tracy oversaw the transition of the successful program from CCK to Kwinana Early Years' Service (KEYS) and Meerilinga. In 2021, Tracy developed and delivered the 2-day training program to induct new Community Mothers to the program and has led the monthly reflective practice meetings since February 2020.



Special Guest Chef Marissa Verna from Cooking with Bindi Bindi provided a fabulous workshop

Partnerships



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I continue to be amazed and inspired by the great achievements of the Centre's Staff and Volunteers. My visits from time to time provide a brief insight to what you and your team deliver for the community and the bonds of friendship that have been formed since the Centre opened. Congratulations on the world class services that are being delivered to enrich those who attend and the wider community.

His Worship the Mayor
Logan K Howlett JP

Connecting Community for Kids (CCK) is a collective impact initiative developed to empower parents, children, and professionals to improve childhood outcomes in the communities of Cockburn and Kwinana. We have been a part of the Joint Leadership Team with CCK since 2015 and have actively encouraged community members to develop their skills and confidence to volunteer on the Cockburn Action Teams. We have also had two members of our community become Community Representatives on the JLT. The CCK Initiative currently has five action teams which are adopting different strategies to improve outcomes for children. The YFC is involved in many of these initiatives that fit with the Community Themes identified by our community including Dads strengthening Dads, Celebrate Culture and Community Mothers.

We have a strong relationship with the City of Cockburn and work closely together to provide opportunities relevant to our community. The CoC engage with us and our community when they are seeking input for their strategic planning. We work together to provide a range of short-term programs including Health and Wellbeing workshops and Parenting Workshops. We have been successful in receiving funding from the City of Cockburn to assist with projects and initiatives including the provision of sewing machines. We have been successful in receiving funding from the City of Cockburn to assist with projects and initiatives including strategies to improve sustainability.

Linkwest provide opportunities for the YFC to develop new skills and access training to ensure that we provide best practise community programs. Linkwest provide opportunities for the YFC to develop new skills and access training to ensure that we provide best practise community programs. They provided funding to assist in providing Neighbourhood Centre Week event and have also provided a grant towards the Purple Bench Project which will be installed in the next period.

We have collaborated with the City of Cockburn, Cockburn Chinese Community, Oasis Church, Red Door Church, Great Life Church Yangebup, and Yangebup Progress Association to provide Yangebup Community Eats. This is an initiative to bring community together and promote connection.

We have partnered with Cockburn Integrated Health to provide a range of workshops including Healthy Eating Active Lifestyle (HEAL) program, Food Sensations in partnership with Foodbank and a range of nutrition workshops.

We have partnered with South Coogee Primary School to provide a pre-school program for families that will be enrolling in the school for kindy the following year to provide school readiness activities. We have partnered with South Coogee Primary School to provide a preschool program in Term 3 & 4 for families that will be enrolling in the school for kindy the following year to provide school readiness activities. We have presented information at the Cockburn Early Years Network event which included school representatives, service providers and local community members.



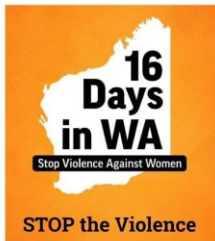
Jane Miller Director CCK



CoC Mayor Logan Howlett



Jane Chilcott Linkwest CEO with YFC Secretary Laura Thompson



The Centre participated in programs promoted by other organisations such as;

- NAIDOC Week
- Red Nose Day
- ATSI Children's Week
- RUOK?
- 16 Days in WA
- Seniors Week
- Volunteer Day
- Cooby Cares Christmas Food Hamper
- Cooby Cares Children's Present Drive
- Harmony Week
- International Women's Day
- Neighbourhood Centre Week
- National Volunteer Week
- National Families Week
- Reconciliation Week
- World Environment Day

Yangebup Leisure Group wearing orange for 16 Days in WA, raising awareness for Domestic Violence.



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I am a member of Allegro choir and so appreciate the chance to participate in this group in the environment that you have created here.

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Allegro Choir meet weekly at the Centre

Early Childhood Programs

Each year we plan meaningful incursions to reflect the children's interests and to extend from our calendar of events. The calendar of events is designed at the beginning of each year to include community celebrations and to reflect the holidays and cultures of our families who are attending the service. Our calendar of events is progressive, and events are added throughout the year due to interests and changes within the community. Our calendar of events changes each year and is a unique part of our service.

Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions in 2020 most of our incursions were cancelled. In Term 4 2020, as restrictions were lifted, the St John Ambulance came to visit, this is something that we plan for each year, and they will also be visiting again in 2021. The ambulance visit was a great opportunity for the children to engage with their local community and develop their practical life skills. All children of all ages were able to visit the ambulance, sit inside and become comfortable with the environment. Our older children engaged in an informative session, where they learned more about the reasons that would result in them needing to be treated in an ambulance and which things could be treated at home or the doctors. The children were also taught the number which they should call in an emergency, this linked closely to the Early Years Learning Outcome; Children develop a sense of belonging to groups and communities and an understanding of the reciprocal rights and responsibilities necessary for active community participation.



During Term 4 2020 we also partnered with Cockburn's Little Green Steps as they provided the centre with a composting farm. This was regularly used by the children during Term 4, the children took ownership of the compost farm and would take great pride in taking turns to empty their food waste into the bin. In Term 1 2021 we mainly focused on settling the new children into a routine and forming relationships, we decided to postpone introducing the composting element into our mealtimes, until the children had become more settled and comfortable within the environments. The composting farm was reintroduced in Term 2 2021 to tie in with Earth Day on the 22 April 2021.



Occasional Care had expressed lots of interest in arranging a farm animal incursion, as other incursions had been cancelled throughout the year our budget allowed for two farm visits, one for each room. Old McDonald's farm came to visit in December 2021, the family-owned farm was a great hit with the children, it was a chance to engage with nature and learn about lifecycles. This incursion also linked closely with the Early Years Framework Outcomes; Children become socially responsible and show respect for the environment and children learn to interact in relation to others with care, empathy, and respect.

In Term 1 2021 as the children started a new school year, we had a brilliant music and movement incursion from Beats and Bops! Miss Shannon came to visit both the Occasional Care and Pre-Kindy children. This was a very popular incursion again as it included all our children of all ages. Miss Shannon was brilliant at adapting the program to meet the needs of all the children within both rooms. Extending from this our Pre-kindy room explored the tumble tots movement and music program and Miss Dee brought in a small guitar for the Occasional children to investigate.

We also had a visit from the South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare, Natasha came to visit the Pre-kindy children in March 2021 where she delivered an educational information session sharing information about Bush Tucker and native plants, this had been rescheduled from the previous year. The children were able to learn about a range of native plants and animals, as well as being introduced to the Noongar seasons.

In Term 1, 2021 during Harmony week our Occasional Care Educators, shared their cultures with the children with an in-house incursion from Miss Salma and Miss Elena. Children were invited to share their own cultures, through bringing in things for show and tell and dressing in their cultural clothes. Children and educators also wore orange. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations, it also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect. We are incredibly lucky to have educators and families from cultures and countries all over the world. Miss Elena shared handmade Russian finger puppets, sewn by her mother. Miss Salma shared traditional clothes from her culture, as well as coins from her home country. The children had the opportunity to dress up in these clothes, gaining a greater understanding of diversity and respect for others. Photographs were shared with families on OWNA and through our Facebook page, as well as being displayed in the Occasional Care environment.



Love what this service
gives to my child. He has
a disability and I feel like it
is his second home.
Always welcome.

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Working Together with Families Initiative

2018 – 2021

The Centre was successful in receiving funding from the Federal Government through the Community Child Care Fund to identify barriers to childcare participation, to create partnerships, build relationships with families and create a welcoming and culturally appropriate environment for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) families and Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CaLD) families.

Working Together with Families Initiative 2018-2021



Developed and implemented a community engagement plan

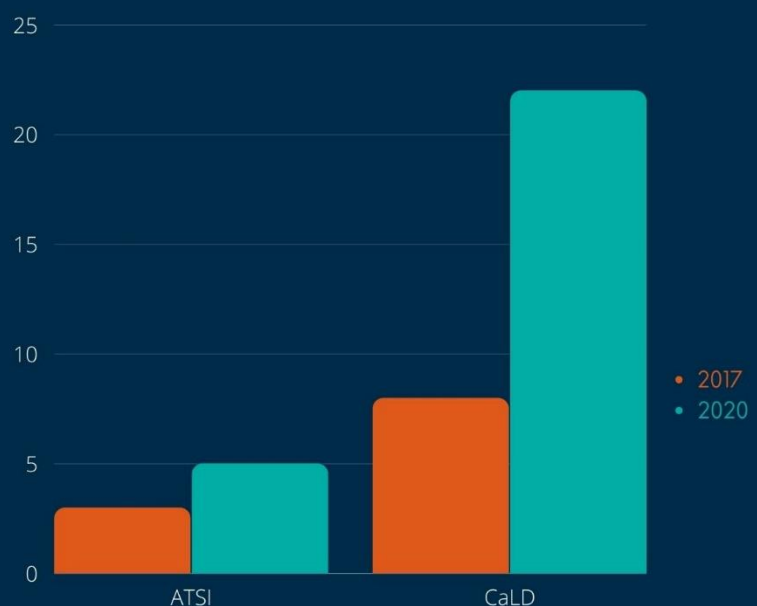


Improved the cultural awareness of staff and implemented culturally appropriate activities



Reduced barriers and increased ATSI and CaLD participation in Early Childhood Programs

Number of ATSI and CaLD Children in Early Childhood Programs



Our Team

We have a wonderful staff team, many of whom have been with the centre for many years, providing consistency of care and connection.

Robyn Oliver has been on maternity leave since April 2021, returning in February 2022. We welcomed Aliesha Searle to our team for the remainder of 2021. We farewelled Lora Bikic in May 2021, she has been a wonderful member of our team and we wish her the best of luck for her future endeavours.



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The centre is excellent
and I recommend to all.

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