



Yangebup Family Centre

Annual Report 2021 – 2022



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2021-2022 Management

In 2021-22 the following individuals volunteered their time and skills to the Yangebup Family Centre Management Committee:

Office Bearers

Chairperson	Maria Quagga
Vice Chairperson	Kym Maloney
Secretary	Rosie Miller
Treasurer	Tracy Pearson

Committee Members

Ann Gerlach
Kelly Hutton
Maggie Zentner
Selina Colebourne

Staff Team

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

Major Partners

Department of Communities
Connecting Community for Kids
City of Cockburn
Linkwest

Community Groups

Allegro Choir
Belly Dancing
Child & Adolescent Community Health
Perth Academy of Performing Arts
Perth Portuguese Language School
Craft n Chat
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



From a solid foundation, financial year 2022 has been a year of celebration and sustained excellence for Yangebup Family Centre.

We have continued to invest in the future of the Centre and remained in a healthy, cash positive state at the close of the year. Our funding future looks stable and secure, and the relationships with key stakeholders are stronger than ever.

Whilst COVID has continued to cause some disruptions, the staff and management have excelled in safety and continuity. The minimal interruption to the Centres programs and services is credit to Sam and the team.

The completed renovation of the bathrooms looks fantastic, is functional and accessible, and the outdoor area is transformed into a nature play haven that will be enjoyed by members and visitors for many years to come. Congratulations to the whole team for bringing the vision to fruition.

We have proudly supported a number of significant causes, relevant to the community. Our Purple Bench, raising awareness for, and in support of, victims of domestic violence was installed and we promoted inclusivity through Pride month. The Yarn bombing project has heightened the Centres profile, is visually stunning, and brought more members of the community together to enjoy working and creating collectively.

We continued our growth in governance skills and education by hosting a training day in conjunction with Linkwest covering fundraising, legal and financial responsibilities, and outcomes planning. This strengthened the boards skill set and further cemented YFC's position as a leader in the field.

The milestone thirty-year celebrations were enormously successful. Sam's significant work in building and maintaining strong networks around the Centre was evidenced by the overwhelming support of community partners, government representatives and local families who attended the open day event. The collaboration of all involved was a triumph for the Centre.

On a personal note, as my tenure draws to a close, this will be my last report as Chairperson of the Yangebup Family Centre. I am extremely grateful and proud to have had this opportunity to work alongside an outstanding professional team, in both the present and past board members, and Sam and the staff of the Centre. The journey has been very rewarding.

A huge thank you to Sam, who's infallible support has meant so much. I am excited to see what the future holds for the Centre and wish the best for the talented and dedicated staff and volunteers.

I am certain that the Centre will continue to thrive and that the community it serves will always gain great benefit and value from the outstanding work the Centre does.

Maria Quaggan

Chairperson, Yangebup Family Centre 2021-2022



Treasurer's Report



It is my pleasure to present the Treasurer's report for the financial year ending 30 June 2022. The Centre is in a strong financial position, finishing with a surplus result of \$126,499.

The cash reserves held by the Centre have decreased by sixty seven percent (67%) or \$216,937 in comparison to the previous year. This is mainly due to the treatment of a \$150,000 State Government grant that was received on 30 June 2021 and spent in full during the 2021-22 financial year.

Since no expenses had been recorded for this grant income in the 2020-21 financial year, it was carried forward in the balance sheet as income received in advance. The total amount of this grant income has been spent on equipment during this financial year, therefore the income must be fully recognised in the P&L. However, since equipment is capitalised to the balance sheet, with the cost released to the P&L via depreciation over the life of the assets, this results in a larger than expected profit figure this year. The Statement of Cash flows shows that \$193,522 has been spent on plant and equipment during this year, namely a nature play space and updating the Centre bathrooms. The Grant income (\$150,000) less the amount of depreciation in expenses (\$18,394) accounts for much of the difference to an expected loss, with the remainder being other year end journals.

Total expenditure has decreased slightly by \$15,122 or three percent (3%). Wages, administration and consumables costs have all decreased slightly over the period as the Centre operated at a reduced capacity during the first term, as Western Australian COVID-19 cases peaked, and restrictions were in place.

Total income is down by \$7,404 or five percent (5%). A modest 3 percent (3%) increase in Fee income, or \$7,840 has helped to support decreases in other funding areas.

For the first time in 2 reporting periods, the Centre has not received income in the form of government stimulus, namely the Job keeper subsidy and various cash boosts designed to support businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic. This is also the first full period where we have not had the Commonwealth Government recurrent grant, pertaining to Occasional Care of \$25,268.

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 2022 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 fifth and final year as Treasurer. It has been a rewarding experience to be part of the management team, through challenging times. This year we've overseen further investment for the future prosperity of the Centre. As we celebrate 30 years of supporting and empowering the local community, we can be proud of the work we have done to ensure the Centre remains a Community Hub for many years to come.

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 2021-2022

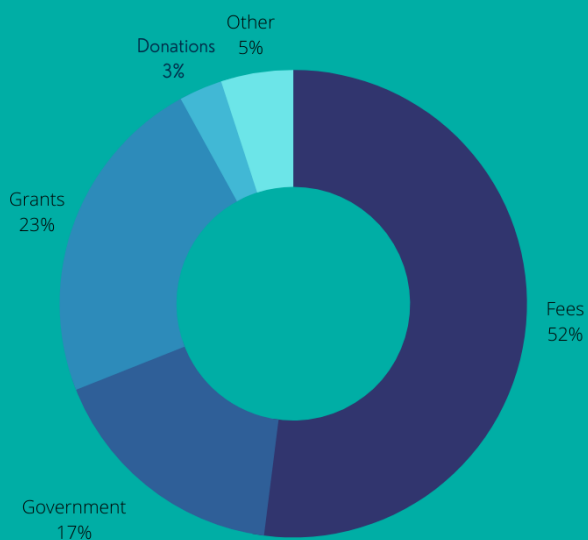
Financial Statement

Income and Expenditure Statement For the year ended 30 June 2022

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
Income			
Fee income		348,080	340,240
State Government recurrent grant		116,100	114,610
Commonwealth Govt recurrent grant		-	25,268
Other Grants	2(a)	159,168	23,100
Other income	2(b)	47,241	159,967
Total Income		670,589	663,185
Expenditure			
Wages and Salaries	2(c)	(437,312)	(440,765)
Consumables		(12,182)	(17,338)
Administration expenses	2(c)	(76,202)	(90,606)
Depreciation expense		(18,394)	(10,502)
Total Expenditure		(544,090)	(559,212)
Net current year surplus/(deficit)		126,499	103,973

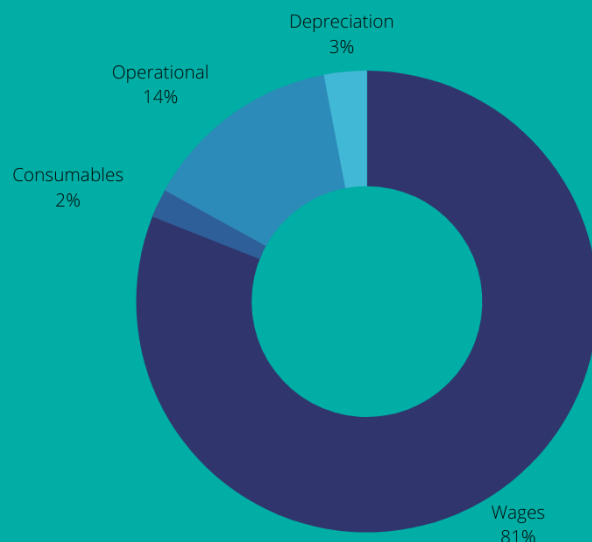
Revenue for the year

Total income for the
financial year \$670 589



Expenditure for the year

Total expenditure for the
financial year \$544 090



Yangebup Family Centre Inc.

Independent auditor's report to members

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Yangebup Family Centre Inc. (the Association), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2022, income and expenditure statement, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the statement by management committee.

In our opinion the financial report of Yangebup Family Centre Inc. has been prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, including:

- a. giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30 June 2022 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- b. complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* (ACNC Act) and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's *APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the Association's financial reporting responsibilities under the ACNC Act. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of the Board of Management for the Financial Report

The Board of Management of the Association are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the ACNC Act and the needs of the members. The Board of Management's responsibility also includes such internal control as the Board of Management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Board of Management are responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Board of Management either intend to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Board of Management are responsible for overseeing the Association's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of these financial statements is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at:

http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf

This description forms part of our independent auditor's report.



William Buck Audit (WA) Pty Ltd
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Director
Dated this 6th day of October, 2022

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ABN: 11 263 561 438

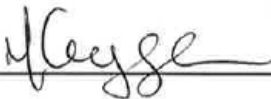
Committee's Declaration

Per section 60.15 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013

The Committee declares that in its opinion:

- (i) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the registered entity is able to pay all of its debts, as and when they become due and payable; and
- (ii) the financial statements and notes satisfy the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012.

Signed in accordance with subsection 60.15(2) of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Regulation 2013.



Maria Quaggan

Chair

Dated this 06 day of OCTOBER 2022

Want more detail?

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

www.yangebupfamilycentre.org/meetings



Manager's Statement



There has been significant change over the past 12 months as we learn to adjust to this new post COVID world. 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.

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 Mobile Foodbank and Playgroup in the Park. They work extremely hard, and I thank them for their support and commitment.

As we celebrate 30 years in our community the Centre has completed a series of renovations to help ensure that we are ready for the next 30 years. We extend our gratitude to the Department of Communities and David Scaife MLA for the election commitment of \$150 000 which facilitated the fabulous new nature play area and bathroom upgrades.

In November we welcomed His Worship the Mayor Logan Howlett, Councillors Philip Eva and Chontelle Stone, and Mihaela Nicolescu from Linkwest to the Connecting Community for Kids (CCK) Long Table Lunch where we were entertained by the Centre's belly dancers. The City of Cockburn, our local representatives, and partner organisations are great supporters of our Centre and regularly attend events and activities.

The Management Committee continues to drive the Centre with strong leadership provided by Maria over the past five years. With a focus on celebrating our anniversary we formed a subcommittee to assist with planning and preparations. The Open Day was a highlight, and the yarn bombing project has been a wonderful community collaboration. Plans are well under way for the VIP celebration to be held in November. I would like to thank all of our volunteers for their ongoing support and commitment.



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. The yarn bombing project is a wonderful example of how this is achieved.

Our regular groups are a very important part of the Centre, and I would like to acknowledge them for their support and the great work they do in providing for the community. The Allegro Choir, Belly Dancing, Child and Adolescent Community Health, Perth Academy of Performing Arts, Perth Portuguese Language School, Craft n Chat and the Yangebup Progress Association. Sadly, the Yangebup Leisure Group have left for a more suitable venue as we were unable to accommodate the group when restrictions were in place. However, we hope to stay connected with the ladies who have been a significant part of the Centre for so many years.

I hope you enjoy reading our Annual Report which highlights just some of the activities, initiatives, and events we have provided over the past 12 months.

Samantha Williams

Manager

Children's Services Statement



It is my privilege to lead and support our amazing staff team. With each year that passes we continue to provide high quality education and care programs to our local community. I would like to say a big thank you to our team of educators for an outstanding year.

We welcomed back Robyn Oliver from maternity leave in February 2022. We are so pleased to have Enza Reale join our staff team in term 2. Enza is currently in her last year of her Early Childhood Teaching degree. She is a past parent as her daughter attended our pre-kindy program a number of years ago.

Our staff are the Yangebup Family Centre's biggest asset, and we strive to be the best we can be even when Covid-19 presented its challenges. We pride ourselves with continuity of care and consistent staff. We have regular relief staff that support our permanent staff when away.

Our educators have regular team/mentoring meetings where they have the opportunity to share ideas and reflect on practice. Each term our educators reflect fortnightly on one of the 7 quality areas and this helps guide the curriculum and ensures we are providing the best education and care program for our families.

Learning is one of the Centre's key values and our staff are provided with many opportunities to upskill their qualifications (2 staff are currently enrolled in training, Diploma and Community Development) and all staff have professional development opportunities. These include annual child protection training, child safe organisations elearning modules with team/committee collaboration, Early intervention training, Road Safety, Loose parts, Sign language training provided by a mum with children attending Occasional Care and fire warden training.



The Centre is always looking at ways to empower our staff, volunteers, families, and local community and continue to provide great programs. We are proactive in listening to what community wants and how to gain feedback through practical ways. This led to us upgrading our software & communication system for our childcare programs. We greatly appreciate parent feedback through our brekky n go mornings. This is a food for feedback concept, where we provide a delicious breakfast and coffee/tea take away and families provide their views on what is happening within our programs.

We are actively involved in providing a range of programs and community initiatives to support families and local community. We have for the past year, and years gone by, been involved in a number of events and initiatives including Teddy Bears picnic, networking and collaborative meetings (We worked on "My journey to school" booklet for families in the City of Cockburn). The pre-school programs provide an opportunity for children and parents to become familiar with the school setting. We offer this program at South Coogee P.S. and Spearwood P.S.

Mobile Foodbank and Community Eats are just a couple of the initiatives that the YFC are involved in. They are recent additions to the community engagement programs supporting vulnerable families especially during these difficult times where the cost of food has increased.



Dads and Kids pizza night was a huge success, we combined celebrating dads for Father's Day and RU Ok day, it was a fun evening of pizza, games, door prizes and community engagement with the founders of "Black dog on a lead" charity who shared their stories.

There is always more to say but I think you can see from some of the programs mentioned above and the highlights in the Annual Report that the YFC is a fantastic community hub where we continue to offer great programs. This would not be possible without the dedication from our staff and volunteers.

We look forward to the year ahead.

Joanne McGillivray

Children's Services Co-ordinator & Community Development Officer



**Yangebup
Family Centre**

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS

Having been both a participant and a facilitator at the Centre, I've been impressed with how welcoming the Centre is for all. The range of services and activities offered are really great for the Community. Thank you to the amazing staff, volunteers and participants.

- Leisa Antonio



Recognition



Celebrating 30 years in the Community

We celebrated 30 years on Saturday 13 August with special guests, old friends, new friends and our community.

The official presentations commenced with beautiful words delivered by Aunty Neta Knapp and a lovely birthday gift to celebrate our 30 years titled “Colours of our Land”.

Our special guests Josh Wilson MP, David Scaife MLA, Mayor Logan Howlett and Linkwest CEO Jane Chilcott shared in our celebrations with Chairperson Maria Quaggan, and staff Samantha Williams and Joanne McGillivray.

We were also joined by Deputy Mayor Tom Widenbar, Cr Philip Eva, Cr Chontelle Stone, and Marissa Verma from Bindi Bindi Dreaming. We were delighted to see many of the original staff members from 1992 attending the day! It is so wonderful to see them still connected to each other and the Centre.

Our Open Day was also a great opportunity to thank David Scaife MLA for supporting our Centre. We officially unveiled the plaque and opened the new outdoor nature playground and renovated bathrooms! We greatly appreciate the support we receive from David and the State Government through the Department of Communities with \$150 000 provided towards these projects. The Centre is now looking well prepared for the next 30 years!

Whilst the weather was disappointing we were overwhelmed with the support we received from our community with over 850 people attending despite the rain and hail!

Thank you to everyone who came and celebrated with us, sharing stories, donating cakes, volunteering their time and enjoying our special day.

We are very lucky to be supported by a fabulous network of volunteers who help make events like our Open Day a wonderful success! Thanks to everyone who contributed to our event including our Community Groups – Yangebup Progress Association, Beeliar Community Voice Inc., Neighbourhood Watch Cockburn and volunteers who donated cakes, made coffees, cooked sausages and made everyone feel welcome!



City of Cockburn Inspirational Volunteer Awards

The City of Cockburn Awards were held in November 2021. Congratulations to Maggie Zentner who placed second for the City of Cockburn Volunteer of the Year. Maggie is the President of the local residents' group, Yangebup Progress Association (YPA), and the coordinator of the central ward Neighbourhood Watch Association.

Maggie is an active volunteer at the Yangebup Family Centre (YFC), Cooby Cares, The Lions Club, St John of God Murdoch, and helps her fellow residents quarterly by organising a collection of recyclables such as aerosols, printer cartridges and batteries that she delivers to the City of Cockburn council offices.

Maggie is a volunteer chef for the Cultural Cooking program which runs monthly at the Yangebup Family Centre. She contributes her time, love of food, her cultural heritage and her welcoming, bright, and bubbly persona to this wonderful volunteer group. She brings her knowledge and skills from her Italian ethnicity to share with fellow members of Cultural Cooking.

Maggie has volunteered her time to help with the Community Eats program held monthly at the YFC.

In addition, Maggie regularly volunteers to pick up unsold bread from a nearby bakery and delivers it to the YFC on a Monday evening. The bread is then available for those who need it to collect from the Centre the next day.

Maggie donates her time to put hampers together for Cooby Cares and puts her hand up to gift wrap at Christmas time for the Lions Club. Maggie also volunteers on a ward at the St John of God hospital in Murdoch.

Maggie regularly puts the call out to her fellow Yangebup neighbours via our 'What's up Yangebup' FB group page to see if anyone has any special recycling which she then collects and take to the council.

As President of the Yangebup Progress Association, Maggie helps to ensure that local residents have a voice and a way of coming together to discuss important issues and resolve concerns. Most recently Maggie has helped to secure funding to upgrade local play areas.

Maggie has been at the forefront of terrific free events for the community, particularly in her role as President of the Yangebup Progress Association. Her particular interest is running events for our community, making them accessible to everyone and inclusive. Almost all of the events are free of charge, have free entertainment, and are fun!

After an Annual Movie Night event that Maggie and the YPA organised, a grandmother approached Maggie. She mentioned how amazing it was that she could bring all her grandkids to a movie night and have such an amazing time as she could not afford to take the kids out to the regular movies or big events. This is a great example of what keeps Maggie so motivated to give back to her community. She has a wonderful passion for volunteering and community.

Congratulations to Maggie and all of the Award recipients.

We would also like to acknowledge our other nominees Maria Quaggan, Tracy Pearson and Mitchell Crook for their valuable contributions to volunteering.



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

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

Strategic Priorities 2019-2024



Strategic Priorities 2019-2024

Strategic Area	Outcomes	Key Achievements 2021-2022
Sustainability	Ensure effective governance and the development of strategic partnerships for ongoing sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build and maintain relationships with key partners • Rebranding and refurbishment • Community Eats Program • Funding from ANHCA to support Food Connections Program
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, community eats, long table lunch, Lunar New Year • Engagement with CCK and families through Co-Design workshops and trialling All Abilities programs • Offering programs outside including Kids Go Wild and Playgroup in the Park
Environment	Create a welcoming centre promoting environmental responsibility and sustainable use of resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding received from the Department of Communities • Upgrade of bathrooms completed • Nature Play areas created

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 46 activities



Over 470 sessions



Over 30 000 interactions

Inclusion



Purple Bench Unveiling

On the 25 November, to commemorate the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women we unveiled our Purple Bench, honouring victims of domestic homicide. It also marked the commencement of the “16 Days in WA – Stop the Violence” campaign for 2021.

The Centre for Women’s Safety and Wellbeing’s Purple Bench project has seen many benches installed across WA.

Thank you to the His Worship the Mayor Logan Howlett for opening the ceremony and to Belle Stevens and Veronica McDonald for courageously sharing their stories.

The ceremony was followed by a lovely afternoon tea with cupcakes and hand dipped strawberries provided by Veronica and her new business.

Thank you to Bunnings Warehouse Bibra Lake for the donation of plants, Robert from National Industrial Engravers who generously donated the engraved memoriam plaque and to Linkwest and the Loftus Community Centre who provided a grant for project.

In Nova Scotia, Canada purple benches are located in public parks to honour the memory of women murdered by their partners and to provide help numbers for people experiencing Domestic and Family Violence. They are known as Barb’s Benches and were launched in 2015 to mark the 25-year anniversary of the murder of Barb Baillie by her husband.

Purple is associated worldwide with the Domestic and Family Violence awareness movement.

The first Purple Bench in WA launched in May 2018 in Fremantle, it was launched by the Hon. Simone McGurk, Minister for Child Protection; Women’s Interests; Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence; Community Services and Dr Brad Pettit, Mayor of Fremantle, with the support of the Women’s Council.

The Purple Bench Project is a fantastic place-based commitment.

Changing public perception of violence against women and children in particular requires a commitment from all levels of government and the community at large. The Purple Bench acts as a stark reminder that as a society we can make a difference, with both little and large steps.

The presence of the Purple Bench in a location where events have been held to raise public awareness provide the opportunity for this important issue to remain visible as well as providing a physical place to reflect about the important work achieved to date and how we can work throughout the next generations to bring an end to domestic and family violence.

Outcome 1	Outcome 5
People visiting the Centre have a place to sit and reflect and make connections with other members of the community.	The presence of the Purple Bench raises awareness and provides support for those experiencing domestic violence. It lets people know that they can seek help from the Centre.



**Yangebup
Family Centre**
CELEBRATING 30 YEARS

The Centre is a safe, nurturing and fun-filled environment which has been a key part of my daughter's childhood. I am constantly recommending the Centre to everyone, because I genuinely believe it's an asset to our community.

- Kelly Hutton



Long Table Lunch

The Long Table Lunch is an initiative provided in partnership by the Connecting Community for Kids (CCK) Celebrate Culture Action Team which includes local community members and organisations to promote connection in our community. The Long Table Lunch celebrates culture and diversity by inviting everyone to bring a dish from their culture to share.

Key Actions taken;

- YFC attended regular CCK Action Team meetings and other Long Table Lunch events
- YFC hosted the Long Table Lunch in September 2021
- People attended and brought a dish to share
- Our Belly Dancing group who meet at the Centre provided a performance
- We celebrated our volunteer chefs and volunteer belly dancing performers with a presentation
- We had conversations with people who attended the event and shared other community activities coming up at the Centre and in the community.



Feedback provided;

- Group harmony and interaction of attendees
- Wonderful social atmosphere
- Thank you for a wonderful lunch!! Great food and conversation.
- Very friendly and informative and delicious
- A fantastic event with wonderful food, well done to everyone who cooked the delicious food
- Great event, very inclusive feel.

Outcome 1	Outcome 2	Outcome 5
The Celebrate Culture Action Team foster social connections through conversations about food and other topics with the theme of multiculturalism. People connected and formed friendships through their conversations.	This multicultural event has encouraged connections. People from multicultural backgrounds are very proud of their ethnicity and enjoy sharing their culture through food.	Attendees form a bond during the 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. Additionally, it fosters an atmosphere of acceptance and respect for each other.



Return to Work

Conversations were held with mums, who attended the Centre, and they were keen to update skills ready to return to the workforce after having children. They also identified needing assistance in the post COVID world with online technology.

We identified the opportunity to empower local women by providing access to a free employment program to assist them in finding work. We had previously run a similar program in 2020 which was very successful.

Key Actions taken;

- We received funding from the City of Cockburn to help provide a Return to Work program.
- Sessions were held weekly in Term 4 for 2.5 hours.
- We had 14 people attend the workshops.
- The goal for this year was to refine and update the community program and include content specific to the impacts of COVID.
- We engaged facilitator Leisa Antonio who is highly skilled in the field of job readiness to run a 6 week program that focused on the online environment; job search, updating and uploading resumes and cover letters, getting acquainted or presenting oneself professionally during video conferencing (for example Zoom meetings).

Outcome 1	Outcome 2	Outcome 3
The attendees were able to increase their participation in community activities as a result of their involvement	The participants were able to build on their knowledge, confidence and skills to effectively manage their own lives	The participants had the opportunity to develop employment skills and documents

Merridee's Story

Merridee first attended the Centre in October 2021 to complete the 6 week "Return to Work" program facilitated by Leisa Antonio. As part of the workshop information was provided on volunteering with Trace Radcliffe from the City of Cockburn providing a presentation to the group.

Merridee has been volunteering as a COVID Officer this year welcoming families to the Centre in the morning and making sure that safety protocols are followed prior to entering the building. The Volunteer COVID Officer was a new and key role helping to keep the Centre COVIDSafe. COVID Officers should be role models for our community. The principal purpose is to welcome people to the Centre and ensure they are following COVIDSafe principles when entering the Centre. Having a COVID Safety Officer outside the building to greet families helped reduce anxiety for families who were waiting to enter the building while only a limited number of people could enter the building at a time.



Merridee has also been assisting with our new Food Connections program making soup in the YFC kitchen to provide to community members who are accessing the Mobile Foodbank when they visit the Centre on Mondays. While serving the soup she is making social connections with people who may be struggling and in need of support.

Merridee describes the impact volunteering has had for her over the last year below.

"Recently retiring I had time to explore and attend a few workshops namely the "Return to Work" program at the Yangebup Family Centre. Attending the Centre on a weekly basis I always felt at home there. So, it was a natural progression to offer my time when the opportunity arose. Understanding how valuable it is to have a volunteer assist with various tasks, having previously working in an aged care setting, I didn't hesitate to help. The easy rapport with staff and families makes it a pleasure to volunteer at the Centre and the connections made with the various groups I have attended at the Centre has inspired and renewed my confidence to give more to our Cockburn community."



Merridee has also been one of the many contributors to our 30 year anniversary yarn bomb project to wrap the trees at the front of the Centre in yarn that has been knitted or crochet.

Merridee provided a valuable service at a time when anxiety was high and staff were under pressure, with many working from home or absent due to COVID, and those in the Centre trying to keep face-to-face contact to a minimum. She helped to keep everything running smoothly and reduce the impact of COVID restrictions on families, children, and staff.

Merridee has been a wonderful addition to the volunteers at the Centre. She is always happy to help and assist where needed and provides a positive experience for the people she interacts with regardless of if they are children, families, community members or staff.



Lunar New Year Open Day

We have been partnering with the Cockburn Chinese Community Association (CCCA) for several years now to provide a Chinese New Year Open Day event. This year we received feedback via facebook that it would be more inclusive to call it Lunar New Year. We updated the name where possible and will rename the event for next year.

Normally held early in the year this is a great way to invite new families to the Centre to meet our staff, view our facilities and find a program that suits them.

The CCCA provided performers to entertain at the event and everyone was encouraged to wear red and bring a plate of food. It is a wonderful way to celebrate diversity in our community and make everyone feel welcome.

Key Actions taken;

- Meetings held with CCCA to plan event
- Event promoted to local community
- People register via trybookings
- Community members bring a plate of food to share at the event

Numbers were low this year as mask wearing had just been introduced and anxiety around COVID was high. Those who did attend greatly enjoyed the event.

Outcome 1	Outcome 2	Outcome 5
The event fosters social connections through conversations about food and dance with the theme of multiculturalism. People connected and formed friendships through their conversations.	People from multicultural backgrounds are very proud of their background and often enjoy sharing their culture through food. We have found this multicultural event has encouraged connections.	Attendees 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. Additionally, it fosters an atmosphere of acceptance and respect for each other.



Preschool Program

Our Preschool Program provides a foundation for families prior to attending school. Facilitated by Centre staff, our program provides a fun-filled, educational environment for children 3-4 years of age while a parent/guardian is in attendance. The program provides an opportunity for families to create social connections prior to attending school. This is an important bridge for families who do not use other early years programs such as childcare or pre-kindy to reduce isolation and anxiety and to become familiar with a school setting.

In 2017 we commenced a Preschool Program at the South Coogee Primary School. The partnership success is based on mutual respect and a common value of improving outcomes for children. Through this partnership we support children and families to transition to school by reducing barriers and parental isolation.

We have been forming relationships and partnerships with other schools to grow this program and encourage them to be involved.

Successful partnerships with Connecting Communities for Kids (CCK) and the Cockburn Early Years Network (CEYN) helped support the vision of improving outcomes for Children and identified areas of concern with the data collected through the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC) results. These results/data enabled us to plan for the years ahead.

Key Actions taken;

- Ongoing successful partnership with South Coogee Primary School. We have been providing the pre-school program during the second semester for the past 5 years delivering an educational program within the school setting. Program Term 3 & 4 2021 with 8 families attending.

- CCK helped establish network meetings with schools in the City of Cockburn West Ward and local organisations to help improve outcomes for local families as the schools were hoping to increase school numbers by improving the school and community connections.
- Met with Spearwood PS Manager of Corporate Services to discuss the possibility of trialing a Pre-School program in Term 4 2021.
- School concerned that parents would not be able to afford to pay, they discussed with the P&C who agreed to pay for the trial.
- In Term 4 2021 we had the privilege of providing the pre-school program at Spearwood Primary School for 8 weeks with 6 families attending.

The feedback provided to us was very positive and they would like to continue for terms 3 and 4 in 2022.

The process has been slow but meaningful and trustworthy relationships have been built between the YFC and local schools. The value in this program is becoming evident through feedback received and CCK have offered to assist us with data collection, recording and reporting.

Feedback provided;

- Playclub really helped Toby to feel comfortable and familiar within the school. It meant that before he started kindy, he already knew his way around the classroom and playground. He was confident in using the toilets and basins etc. We both had also already had the opportunity to build relationships (and exchange phone numbers) with other kindy families. This meant that when I dropped him off at kindy on day one, I felt I was dropping him off in a place that was very familiar and comforting to both of us.
- We loved this program and would like to continue next year for two terms, Miss Dee was fantastic.
- The children who attended the program last year were more confident starting kindy in February and the teachers felt that the transition was much smoother than previous years. The school is very keen for the program and partnership to continue.

Outcome 1	Outcome 3	Outcome 5
Children and parents become familiar with each other and the environment around them. Once connections are made they feel confident to engage in catch ups outside of the school setting and become informed on their local community.	Children and parents/guardians have the opportunity to learn new ideas and activities for engaging with their children at home. The educational program is fun filled and children and parents have a fun time together. The range of activities provided to the children supports them with their developmental skills and helps them become familiar with the school setting. These steps should help reduce anxiety and stress/uncertainty about starting formal school.	Becoming more confident in learning new skills and the environment should enable them to begin to feel safer within the community.



Playgroup in the Park

At the start of 2022 there was a great deal of uncertainty and anxiety due to COVID. There was a mandatory vaccination requirement and masks were required. There was significant community transmission for the first time since the pandemic commenced. Families did not want to attend traditional programs held at the Centre when they didn't know if the other people attending would be vaccinated. YFC staff and committee discussed options so we could continue to provide opportunities for connection.

Key Actions taken;

- We decided to offer one term program – Atwell Playclub for parents with children 2-4 years, adults attending were required to be vaccinated.
- We decided to trial running a Playgroup session at a local park
- We decided to revitalise a previous project, Social Toy Box where there is a box of sandpit toys left at local parks for children to use
- The first session was held on the 3 March with 25 people attending
- We continued to run another 2 sessions in March and April at parks where we had previously launched Social Toy Boxes
- In April we were approached by CCK to ask if we were interested in partnering to provide All Abilities playgroup sessions
- We provided All Abilities Playgroup in the Park in term 2 with 3 sessions held at parks with inclusive playgrounds, disabled toilets and ACROD parking.

Outcome 1	Outcome 5
Children and parents become familiar with each other and the environment around them. Once connections are made they are more likely to attend other events offered by the Centre.	Attending events in the local community and meeting other families from the area builds trust and helps people to feel safer within the community.

Kids Go Wild

The Kids Go Wild events were originally initiated by Connecting Community for Kids as a way to engage families who were not currently attending programs for children 0-5 years. The program reduced barriers like financial costs and entering an unfamiliar venue.

The events are designed to spark children's imaginations, connect them with nature and learn about the local environment and sustainability.

Each event commences with a nature walk through one of Cockburn's beautiful natural reserves where children are encouraged to explore the natural surroundings. This is followed by a hands-on activity focused around nature and a picnic lunch.

They had been operating successfully for several years. Last year CCK reviewed its organisation and decided that KGW no longer fit in its focus areas and they were looking for someone to take over the program.



The Yangebup Family Centre volunteered to take on the program as we felt that it helped us to reach more people in the City of Cockburn and provide social connections for families who have not had the same interaction options during the past two years due to COVID.

Key Actions taken;

- Meeting with CCK to handover and discuss plans for 2022
- Identified staff member who could take on the role of facilitator
- Identified parks and themes for 2022
- Attended February event run by CCK to finalise handover
- Partnered with the Cockburn Cultural Action team to launch the new YFC Kids Go Wild program in March with a Harmony theme

We held monthly sessions from March to June this year. The sessions have been very well received in a period when many activities were not running due to COVID. Families were more comfortable attending events outdoors during this time of high COVID cases.

Outcome 1	Outcome 5
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Community Eats

The Community Eats program was developed in partnership between the City of Cockburn and various organisations within Cockburn to provide meals and social connection opportunities for vulnerable people in the community. The Yangebup Family Centre was involved in the partnership from the beginning of this initiative. It commenced in Coolbellup in 2019 prior to Covid-19 with volunteers from the organisations providing a meal on a roster basis once a month to those in need of a meal or social connection. The partnership decided to include the suburb of Yangebup as a second venue in 2020. It was held at the Yangebup Community Centre on a Tuesday as an additional evening, it was a disappointment to have a reduced number of community members attend and was in danger of closing with feedback including nowhere for children to play and people didn't want soup.

At the start of 2021 the program was trialled for 3 months on a Friday evening at the Yangebup Family Centre and averaged 50-80 people attending. A group decision was made to continue for the year and a roster was formed until November 2021 with a review meeting scheduled for December 2021 to reflect and decide how to proceed in 2022.

The November event was very well attended with around 150 people. At the Partnership meeting in December the group decided to keep the initiative going. The City of Cockburn would continue to provide administrative support including promotion but stepping back from their financial commitment for each event. Cooby Cares (a volunteer run charity based in Coolbellup delivering food, toiletries, cleaning products and more to Cockburn, Melville, and Fremantle to assist households in need) offered to provide \$100 per month to help with the cost of food in 2022. The Yangebup Family Centre would continue to provide the venue, storage, kitchen supplies and support staff and volunteers.

During the Jan to June period, we built relationships with local families and organisations through the meals and conversations around the tables. The Yangebup Family Centre provided an

environment that was family friendly with an outdoor playground for the children. The Centre also provided volunteers to support the other organisations by helping setup and prep the meals along with forming and maintaining relationships. Around 40 – 60 people attended each of the dinners.



The numbers were affected by COVID with more vulnerable members of the community choosing not to attend. We provided a take-away option. This enabled us to reach community members during Covid-19

restrictions or members who initially may not feel comfortable in a social setting. This allowed us to speak with them and provide information that they may need.

We have partnered with Mobile Food Bank to provide an opportunity for families to buy low-cost food and essentials from outside the Centre on a Monday from 12.15-1pm. This was trialled in November/December last year with low attendance. We have continued to promote this year and now have between 5-10 people attending each week.

Feedback provided;

- City of Cockburn becomes a better city because of you. Our dedicated volunteers, thank you.
- Thank you for an awesome evening and the food was delicious, thank you.
- I do not have family here (in Australia) so coming here tonight feels like spending time with family.

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.



Environment

New Nature Play Area

Local Government Minister Hon. John Carey, David Scaife MLA and Josh Wilson MP attended the Centre in September 2021 to announce that the McGowan Government would be providing \$150 000 in funding to carry out major improvement works at the Yangebup Family Centre Inc. The funding has gone towards redeveloping the outdoor play area and renovating bathroom areas.

We greatly appreciate Minister Carey presenting the funding on behalf of the Minister for Communities Hon. Simone McGurk MLA and continuing to support Neighbourhood Centres like the YFC. As grassroots organisations we provide a place for people to belong and the funding provided for these upgrades will ensure we can provide a welcoming environment for our community for many years to come.





The children are loving the new outdoor spaces and the newly renovated bathrooms provide a much needed facelift for the Centre.

Through community engagement and consultation with Nature Based Play we feel the outcome of the nature playground has met our expectations and this is evident through the feedback we have received and how the children now explore the space with excitement.

Our new rock formation leading into the sandpit has a water feature, when it is turned on it forms a river and shallow pools.

The outdoor space is filled with natural materials including veggie gardens and bushtucker beds under our lilly pilly trees. The bike track is looking great now that the plants have been established. Our new native trees in pre-kindy will provide the natural shade we need. The trees attract beautiful birdlife and this helps create experiences for the children to learn about during the day.

At our Open Day in August David Scaife MLA and Josh Wilson MP officially opened the newly renovated areas and unveiled the plaque which will be displayed in the Centre.



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.

Training

The Management Committee completes regular training and planning sessions. Most recently we have been working on strategies to further enhance our Centre as a Child Safe Organisation.

We provide regular training opportunities to ensure our volunteers are aware of their responsibilities and have the skills to effectively manage the organisation and seek to continuously improve.



Partnerships



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 three members of our community become Community Representatives on the JLT. The CCK Initiative currently has three 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 Early Intervention and Celebrate Culture. We have provided a Long Table Lunch at the Centre in partnership with CCK during this period. We have taken on the Kids Go Wild program and partnered with CCK to provide an All Abilities playgroup during this period. We have supported CCK to trial strategies identified by community and developing them to the point of being a permanent addition to our programs offered to community. An example of this has been our current trials supporting All Ability Playgroups to encourage families living with disability to participate in community life as early and regularly as possible. We are also involved in a project with CCK, CoC and local schools to create a booklet for local families "My Journey to School".

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 strategies to improve sustainability.

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



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 was launched in November 2021. In January 2022 the Centre provided the venue for Mihaela from Linkwest to deliver training to YFC staff and committee and other community organisations. Training included Committee Responsibilities, Outcomes for Success and Strategic Planning.

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. We have started developing relationships with other schools including Spearwood Primary School who have trialled a Preschool Program in Term 4 2021.

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 – Domestic Violence Awareness
- International Elimination of Violence against Women Day
- Seniors Week
- International Volunteer Day
- Feed it Forward Christmas Food Hamper

These events raise awareness about others and provide support pathways to individuals and families.

Early Childhood Programs

Our Programming Cycles

Each fortnight all of our early childhood educators contribute towards our early childhood programs, each room has their own program that is designed to encourage early childhood development across all areas, aligning with the EYLF curriculum, principles and practices.

We document our children's learning through written observations. Our aim is for each child to have an observation documented per term, and for that observation to have a follow up experience planned, implemented, and then again observed and concluded. Our program currently consists of:

- Follow up experiences which have stemmed from the children's learning and interests,
- Intentional teaching experiences, planned around our Centre calendar of events,
- Our emerging curriculum - interests and experiences which are sparked from the children in the moment (these are documented and handwritten onto the program).
- Critical reflections from our permanent educators.

Our Learning Cycle

Learning environments are set up for the children to explore, using the environment as our third teacher, along with intentional teaching experiences.

1. Children are observed, educators, look, listen, and take notes.
2. Observations are written and analysed. What does this observation tell us as educators, about this child?
3. An extension of learning is planned, this a specific experience which will benefit this specific child.
4. Learning extension is added to the program and implemented within a reasonable time frame.
5. While the extension is implemented, the educator will again observe and conclude their findings, was the learning extension successful? Is this cycle of learning closed? Or do we need to plan a secondary experience?
6. Either the secondary experience will be added to the program, or the child will be observed again in a new area of learning, and the cycle restarts.

Through observing the children and documenting these "follow ups", it ensures the children's voice and interest is going into the program.

Adapting our learning cycle for Occasional Care

Our interests and learning extensions in the Occasional Care room usually come from those children who are regularly attending as permanent bookings, they then follow the same process as above, steps 1-7. The children who attend sporadically are included in the rooms emerging curriculum. This takes place through discussions with the families each morning, communicating the children's current needs and interests. As well as these discussions the educators are also observing the children throughout the day and building upon what is emerging at the time. The educators are also able to verbally discuss with children their interests for the day and, should it be possible, act upon these immediately. For those children who are not yet verbal, body language and cues are read as signs of enjoyment and involvement. Families are also encouraged to fill in a communication form for those children who are not yet verbal, and especially for those children who do not attend regularly. This form can be completed each morning on arrival and contains information such as time the child woke up, sleep times, bottle times, and any other comments, the second half of the form is filled in by educators throughout the day and returned to parents at the end of the day.

Sharing our Program with Families

Our programs are shared with all families online through our playground app on Xplor, we also ensure we have an up-to-date copy displayed at the start of each fortnight, these are displayed within each room and have a section called "Parent Input & Community and Culture" here parents are welcome to add any suggestions about experiences they would like to see in the program.

Professional Development

As we are always learning on our journey as educators we are frequently reflecting on and looking at ways we can improve our programming cycle. As covid restrictions lessened, we were able to hold a whole team meeting in term 2 2022, and a mentoring meeting in term 3 2022. During our mentoring meeting, we focused on the programming cycle. After feedback from the monthly audits, educators split into two teams for hands-on learning tasks, as they set up two mini beast areas based on the programmed activity they had been given. We then compared the two areas and talked about the differences between (a) including detail and direction within a program and (b) keeping a program very minimal. Following this experience we programmed as a team for the next fortnightly plan.



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.

Thank you to Aliesha Searle for assisting with Pre-Kindy in 2021. Robyn Oliver returned from maternity leave in February 2022. In 2022 Enza Reale and Yulia Lugovskaya have joined our team and have quickly become familiar with our programs and fit well within our team.



Early Learning Programs



18 staff / 4.5 FTE



Over 260 sessions



Over 4000 interactions

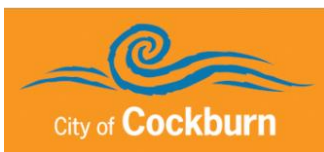
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