



# **Yangebup Family Centre**

**Annual Report 2022 – 2023**





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# 2022-2023 Management

In 2022-23 the following individuals volunteered their time and skills to the Yangebup Family Centre Management Committee:

## Office Bearers

<b>Chairperson</b>	Tracy Pearson
<b>Vice Chairperson</b>	Kym Maloney
<b>Secretary</b>	Myrto Robert
<b>Treasurer</b>	Lyn Wright

## Committee Members

Ann Gerlach  
Kelly Hutton  
Maggie Zentner  
Maria Quaggan  
Rosie Miller

## Staff Team

<b>Manager</b>	Samantha Williams
<b>Children's Services</b>	Joanne McGillivray
<b>Community Dev</b>	Joanne McGillivray
<b>Finance/Admin</b>	Julie Taylor
<b>Educational Leader</b>	Robyn Oliver / Ashlee Reghenzani
<b>Educators</b>	Deanne Bartlett Holly Forbes Enza Reale
<b>Support Educators</b>	Salma Al Saliby Elena Crump Taylah Casserly Lisa Gallon Samantha Locantro Yulia Lugovskaya Debbie White
<b>Cleaner</b>	Charmaine Fatin Jane Grant Di Massara

## 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  
Et voila French Classes  
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 2022-23 has been a year of consolidation and recognition for the Yangebup Family Centre. We heartily celebrated the Centres' 30-year anniversary as a hub of the community, with our Open Day in August and our VIP event in November. Importantly, we recognised the significant contribution of current and previous staff, committee members and volunteers at the VIP event, with a number of Life Memberships, Special Recognition, Community Champion and 5-year Recognition awards presented. Through strong budgeting acumen, we remain in a healthy, cash positive state at the close of the year. Our funding future looks promising, and the relationships with key stakeholders remain strong.

As we've moved to a 'business as usual' model, with the disruptions of COVID behind us, the staff and management have had the opportunity to pause and reflect on a challenging period. These challenges were met with ingenuity and a constant focus of caring for our community and keeping them safe. The renovations of recent times are being well utilised by Centre users, adding to the welcoming feel of the Centre and we look forward to the upcoming final bathroom renovation to complete a significant refresh of the Centre, ready for the next 30 years.

We have proudly supported a number of causes throughout the year, that will be highlighted in this document. Perhaps the most significant is the weekly hosting of the Mobile Foodbank service and light lunch provided by volunteers. Through this initiative as well as our community share trolley, we are addressing the increased cost of living pressures that all community members are currently facing.

The Centre was honoured to be awarded the Active Citizens Award – Group category at the City of Cockburn Australia Day Community Citizen of the Year awards in January.

Several staff and management committee members attended The Power of Community Linkwest Conference in early April, where we were inspired by the amazing work being undertaken across our sector. The Centre was nominated as a finalist in the Linkwest Awards, for our collaboration with the City of Cockburn and volunteer groups, hosting the wildly successful 'Yangebup Community Eats' initiative. This same initiative earned us recognition as a finalist in the Community Services Excellence Awards, hosted by WACOSS in May.

This is my first year as Chairperson, after holding the role of Treasurer on the management committee for the previous 5 years. I have enjoyed this role over the past year and look forward to addressing our upcoming challenges as we ensure an appropriate funding level can be maintained through the 'Empowering Communities' funding model, facing renewal in July 2024.

I would like to extend a debt of gratitude to outgoing committee member and Chairperson of the previous 5 years, Maria Quaggan, for her insight and passion for the Centre. We are so appreciative of your leadership through some difficult times.

I would also like to thank all staff, committee members and volunteers for their ongoing commitment to the Centre and a special mention to both Manager Samantha Williams and Educator Salma Al Saliby whose 10 years of service we celebrated in June. You are the heart of our Centre.

**Tracy Pearson**

Chairperson, Yangebup Family Centre 2022-2023

# Treasurer's Report



It is my pleasure to present the Treasurer's report for the financial year ending 30 June 2023. The Centre is in a strong financial position, finishing with a surplus result of \$14,947.

The cash reserves held by the Centre on June 30 are \$490,915, split between daily accounts, online saver, and term deposits.

State and Commonwealth recurrent grants provided \$124,000 which is committed funds for salaries and the running of the Centre. Other grants have reduced by \$145,000 due to the previous \$150,000 grant received in the prior year that was spent on the outdoor renovation and upgrades for two bathrooms. The final bathroom upgrade, funded by the Department of Communities, is currently nearing completion.

Equipment is capitalised to the balance sheet, with the cost released to the P&L via depreciation over the life of the assets. The equipment is currently valued at \$244,504 compared to \$271,623 in 2022.

The Statement of Cash flows shows that just \$3,853 compared to \$193,522 in 2022, has been spent on plant and equipment during this year, as much upgrading was undertaken last financial year.

Total expenditure has increased by \$49,334 or eight percent (8%). Wages, as expected annually with same staff numbers have increased slightly. Administration and consumables costs have decreased slightly over the period.

Total income is down by \$62,218 or nine percent (9%). A modest increase in Fee income, has helped to support decreases in other funding areas.

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 2023 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 first year as Treasurer, although I was very involved back in the 1990's, being both Treasurer and President at different times. It is rewarding to meet the new families in the area with great enthusiasm and a common fondness for the great work done by all here in the Family Centre.

This year we've overseen further investment for the future prosperity of the Centre. Everyone 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. Thank you also to the Committee for the value they bring, their support and continued dedication to the success of the Centre.

**Lyn Wright**

Treasurer, Yangebup Family Centre 2022-2023

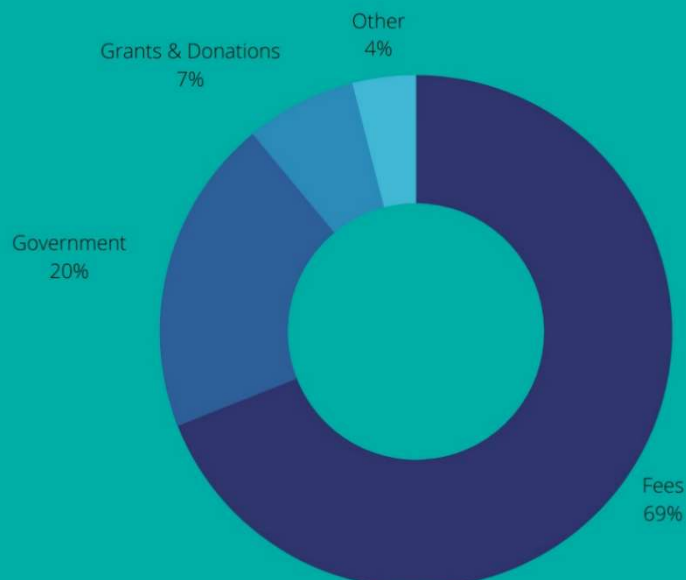
# Financial Statement

## Income and Expenditure Statement For the year ended 30 June 2023

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
<b>Income</b>			
Fee income		417,998	348,080
State Government recurrent grant		120,198	116,100
Commonwealth Govt recurrent grant		4,005	-
Other Grants	2(a)	14,430	159,168
Other income	2(b)	51,740	47,241
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>608,371</b>	<b>670,589</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Wages and Salaries	2(c)	(475,622)	(437,312)
Consumables		(10,963)	(12,182)
Administration expenses	2(c)	(75,868)	(76,202)
Depreciation expense		(30,971)	(18,394)
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>(593,424)</b>	<b>(544,090)</b>
<b>Net current year surplus</b>		<b>14,947</b>	<b>126,499</b>

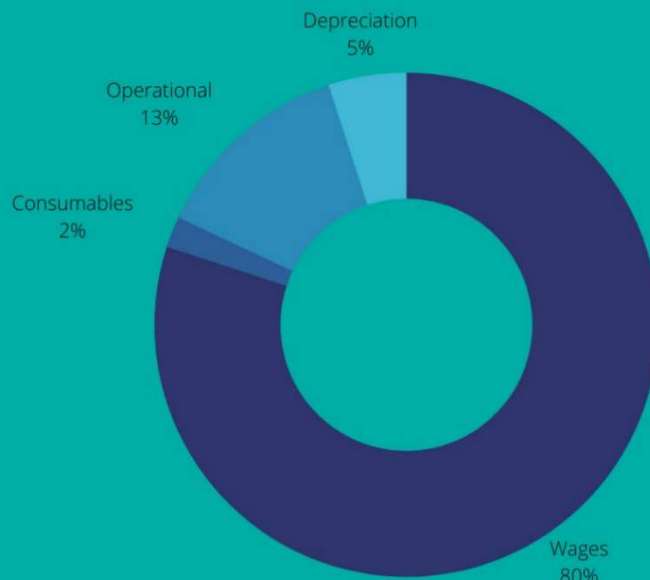
## Revenue for the year

Total income for the  
financial year \$608 371



## Expenditure for the year

Total expenditure for the  
financial year \$593 424





## Report on the Review of the Financial Report

### Conclusion

We have reviewed the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report of Yangebup Family Centre Inc. (the 'Association'), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2023, the income and expenditure statement, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year ended on that date, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the Committee's declaration.

Based on our review, which is not an audit, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial report of Yangebup Family Centre Inc. does not satisfy the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) Act 2012* including:

- a) giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30 June 2023 and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year ended on that date; and
- b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1.

### 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 Committee's financial reporting responsibilities under the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) Act 2012*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

### Responsibilities of the Committee and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Report

The Committee 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 *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) Act 2012* and the needs of the members. The Committee's responsibility also includes such internal control that they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Assurance Practitioner's Responsibilities for the Review of the Financial Report

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the financial report based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Auditing Standard on Review Engagements ASRE 2415 Review of a Financial Report: Company Limited by Guarantee or an Entity Reporting under the ACNC Act or Other Applicable Legislation or Regulation, in order to state whether, on the basis of the procedures described, anything has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial report does not satisfy the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) Act 2012* including: giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30 June 2023 and its performance for the year ended on that date and complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1. The Standards require that we comply with the ethical requirements relevant to the review of the financial report.

A review of a financial report consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

William Buck

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Director

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023

### Committee's Declaration

Per section 60.15 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2022

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 2022.



Tracy Pearson

Chair

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023

## Want more detail?

The full financial statement can be found on our website:

[www.yangebupfamilycentre.org/meetings](http://www.yangebupfamilycentre.org/meetings)



# Manager's Statement



The past year has been filled with celebrations and recognition as we settle into the new normal following several tough years, firstly with funding uncertainty, and then the pandemic bringing new challenges and opportunities.

The Centre was officially opened on 14 August 1992 by Premier Dr Carmen Lawrence who said it was to promote *“the development of a community network... giving people a feeling of really belonging to their neighbourhood, and the sense of pride and responsibility that goes with it. Over time, the nature of activities will change... and that is because each community evolves into something unique.”*

This year as we celebrated our 30 year anniversary we reflected on the changes to our programs and our ability to adapt quickly to continue to support our community by focusing on mental health and wellbeing, reducing social isolation, and providing support for vulnerable people. Our celebrations included an Open Day with over 850 locals attending, a Community Yarn Bombing project with participants of all ages and a VIP event with our inaugural life memberships presented to Jan Langley and Maggie Di Re.

Our celebrations were supported by all levels of government, and we welcomed Josh Wilson MP, David Scaife MLA, His Worship the Mayor Logan Howlett, Deputy Mayor Tom Widenbar and Councillors Philip Eva and Chontelle Stone to our events. We also appreciate the support of local elder Aunty Neta Knapp and Marissa Verma. Linkwest and CEO Jane Chilcott are also strong supporters of our Centre. In addition, it was wonderful to have many of the original staff and committee attend our celebrations.



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 with over 50 people contributing to the project and providing joy to those visiting the Centre.

Our VIP event in November recognised long serving staff, committee and community champions. It was also an opportunity to thank some of our volunteers who perform a multitude of tasks!

We have been recognised for our commitment to community with several awards this year including the City of Cockburn Active Citizen Award and we were a finalist for the CSEA small organisation category. Linkwest is the peak body for Centres like ours and it was an honour to be one of six finalists chosen to present at their Conference in April.

This year also marks my 10 years at the Centre along with fellow staff member Salma. We held a celebration in June, and it was a lovely tribute with family and friends of the Centre.

I remember my first day vividly! A staff member quit, and a child didn't get picked up - we couldn't contact her parents for over an hour. I thought I had made a horrible mistake!

Now the Centre is my second home, and I am so thankful for the opportunities and the support I have received from the staff, committee and community over the past 10 years.

When we first created our Vision to Inspire, Grow, Strengthen back in 2014 it was a wish. It is now the foundation of everything we do. We are a recognised leader in our field and a true asset for our community. We empower people and I am so proud of what we have achieved together.



We are fortunate to have a fabulous staff team who work extremely hard, and I thank them for their ongoing support and commitment. In September we completed the Assessment and Rating process for our Early Learning Programs. While the standards have become more challenging since our initial assessment in 2016 it was very pleasing to receive a rating of "Meeting" overall and "Exceeding" for Quality Area 6 – Collaborative Partnerships with families and communities.

The Management Committee continues to drive the Centre with Tracy Pearson taking over the reins from Maria Quagga seamlessly. I would like to thank all of our volunteers for their passion and enthusiasm.

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. Belly Dancing, Child and Adolescent Community Health, Perth Academy of Performing Arts, Perth Portuguese Language School, Et voila French Classes, Craft n Chat and the Yangebup Progress Association. The Allegro Choir have outgrown our venue and moved to a new venue from 2023 to support their growing membership – we are very happy to have been able to assist but sad to see them go.

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 & Community Services Statement



It has been a wonderful year of celebrations. The Centre celebrated 30 years, two of our staff celebrated 10 years of service and we have continued to provide quality care and community services to the local areas. Our team of educators and staff are amazing, and it is truly an honour to work alongside them.

Our Early Childhood Teachers, Educators (permanent and casual), office staff, families and volunteers all contribute to

the Centre's high-quality care. Our staff attend regular team meetings where we have the opportunity to share ideas and reflect on practice. We attend regular professional development training to ensure we are up to date and current in our learning. Our latest training included child protection, Quality Improvement Plan (Q.I.P) workshops, challenging behaviours and two staff are currently upskilling in Education and Care and Community Development Diplomas. *Learning* remains as a focus along with all the other Centre values. The Centre values are at the foundation of how we operate.



In September 2022 we underwent our Assessment and Rating process where we received an overall rating of Meeting with **Exceeding in Quality Area 6 (Collaborative partnerships with families and communities)**. This process is a rigorous assessment of 7 Quality Areas under the 2018 National Quality Standard for Early Childhood Education and Care (NQS)



The Centre is always looking at ways to improve and empower our staff, volunteers, families, and local community. We have achieved this through community consultation and anecdotal feedback. A great example of receiving feedback from our families is with our Brekky n Go initiative. We provide food for feedback!!

One parent wrote "it would be nice to know more about the educators background". From this feedback we added photos of our families to the world map and introduced our personal philosophies to the wall.

The Centre has formed strong partnerships with the City of Cockburn (CoC), Connecting Community for Kids (CCK), Cockburn Chinese Community Association, Yangebup Progress Association (YPA) and a number of local organisations and churches within Yangebup and surrounds. We are a part of networks that support each other in providing the best outcomes for children and families. We have collaborated and provided events and initiatives with each of the organisations, celebrating Lunar New Year, Community Eats, Information forums, group support programs, pre-school programs, NAIDOC week celebrations and more.

We thank Linkwest for their on-going support and guidance, they have provided us with a wealth of information and support with the challenges Neighbourhood Houses face.

We have many and varied programs to suit all ages and we pride ourselves in being a hub for our community.



The Community Eats program was developed in partnership between the City of Cockburn and various organisations within Cockburn to provide meals and social opportunities for vulnerable people in the community. The YFC was involved in the partnership from the beginning of the initiative, and it has become a hive of activity with an average of 80-100 people attending each month. The meals are enjoyed by local residents from young to old. These evenings have become more than just a meal but a sense of belonging, getting to know your neighbours over a shared meal.

We were successful in receiving a grant through the Supporting Stronger Communities (SSC) grant program who provides Neighbourhood and Community Houses and Centres the opportunity to access funds to target poverty and disadvantage in their local communities through its partnership with the Sidney Myer Fund.

The funds allowed us the opportunity to build this program in partnership with Foodbank. The Mobile Food truck provides subsidised food hampers while YFC provide a free healthy light lunch, tea and coffee to local residents weekly on a Monday.

The Centre has the opportunity to support those in need of food relief, social connections and it empowers volunteers to come along and learn new skills or bring their skills to the local residents.



**Joanne McGillivray**

Children's and Community Services Co-ordinator



# Recognition



## Australia Day Awards

The Yangebup Family Centre was very honoured to be recognised at the City of Cockburn Australia Day Community Citizen of the Year awards as the winner of the Active Citizen Award. This award is presented to an organisation for their outstanding contribution to the community.

Thank you to Mayor Logan Howlett, David Scaife MLA, Josh Wilson MP, Deputy Mayor Tom Widenbar, City of Cockburn Councillors, and staff for your ongoing support.

Special thank you to our amazing volunteers, committee and staff for your ongoing commitment and dedication. This was a wonderful way to start 2023 and great recognition of our 30 years in the community.

## CSEA Awards

The Yangebup Family Centre was very proud to be a finalist in the 2023 Community Services Excellence Awards!

The awards – a long-standing partnership between the Western Australian Council of Social Service, and the Department of Communities, supported by Lotterywest – continue to be an indispensable opportunity for the sector to reflect on its achievements, and to commemorate both these and the significant differences made within our communities as a result.

The awards recognise and celebrate the work of organisations and individuals in the community services sector, who have demonstrably made a positive difference to people, families, and communities through innovative and creative practice.

Louise Giolitto, Chief Executive Officer, WACOSS said:

“The organisations and individuals have demonstrated a focus on outcomes, starting with local initiatives in their community, and partnering with other organisations, to provide creative and innovative solutions.

“They at the forefront, driving change within our communities to improve outcomes for people who experience disadvantage and adversity, and have demonstrated a focus on outcomes, starting with local initiatives in their community, and partnering with other organisations, to provide creative and innovative solutions.



The Honourable Sabine Winton MLA, Minister for Communities, said:

“The work that the community services sector does, with compassion and empathy to make a difference and support our most vulnerable community members is vital,”

“These awards are a fantastic way to recognise the many outstanding organisations and people who make huge contributions to our communities every day.

### Category 1 Finalists

Small organisation providing collaborative, innovative or creative programs or services.

- Activate Mental Health
- Man Up WA (Winner)
- Thommo's Community Garden Inc.
- **Yangebup Family Centre**





## Linkwest Awards

We were very proud to be a finalist for the Linkwest Awards which acknowledged the initiatives of six outstanding Centres. Our nomination was for the Yangebup Community Eats initiative.

Chairperson Tracy Pearson, Community Development Officer Jo McGillivray and Manager Samantha Williams attended the Linkwest Conference just prior to Easter where the awards were presented.

As a finalist for the People's Choice Award we provided a 10 minute presentation on the Yangebup Community Eats initiative.

A huge thank you to the City of Cockburn, Cockburn Community, the local partner organisations, volunteers, and community for making this initiative a huge success!



## 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!





## VIP Celebration

The VIP Celebration held on Saturday 5 November was a wonderful way to celebrate 30 years for the Centre and the people who make it such a special part of our community.

Jan Langley and Maggie Di Re were presented with Life Membership for their significant contribution to the Centre and the community over the past 30 years. Jan was a part of the Centre from the very beginning. She was President of the Yangebup Progress Association for many years and Chairperson of the YFC for 2 years and a member of the committee for many more. Maggie attended the Yangebup Family Centre in 1994 with her newborn and became a member of the CWA. She first joined the YFC committee in 2000 and served as Chairperson for 5 years. Jan and Maggie are regular attendees at the Community Eats evenings and are true Community Champions who have supported the Centre and the Community for a very long time.



The Special Recognition Award recognises committee and staff who have been with the Centre for more than 10 years. Together Ann Gerlach, Julie Taylor, Debbie White and Jo McGillivray have been with the Centre for over 57 years. They are the backbone of the YFC family and provide familiar faces for our community. They each bring their unique strengths to our Centre, and we are all so much richer for being able to share their passion, creativity, and commitment.



The Community Champion award recognises supporters of the Centre who have not been in a formal position as a committee or staff member but have gone above and beyond in their support of the Centre. Peter Wright started volunteering at the Centre 30 years ago when his kids were attending programs and his wife Lyn was the Chairperson. In his current capacity as Just Wright Maintenance he has been



with us for 17 years and even though he retired last year he is still helping out with maintenance. Marie has been a regular member and volunteer for the Centre over the past 30 years. She first attended with her daughter and then more recently with her granddaughter. She is a wonderful connector and contributor to our Community. She has assisted the Centre with bread collection and events like our Open Day. At the City of Cockburn Awards last month Marie was recognised for over 15 years of volunteering with Neighbourhood Community Watch and the Yangebup Progress Association.



The Recognition Award recognises committee and staff who have been with the Centre for more than 5 years. Maria Quaggan, Tracy Pearson, Sam Williams and Charmaine Fatin were presented with awards for their outstanding contributions to the Centre.

The event was also an opportunity to celebrate previous and current volunteers, staff, committee members and partners. Special thanks to Cr Philip Eva JP for assisting with all of the presentations.



Thanks to everyone who attended or contributed to the event and helped us celebrate 30 years!







## Celebrating 10 years of Service

We are incredibly fortunate to have staff who have been part of the Centre for a very long time and we think that's a great reason to celebrate! In 2023 we celebrated Manager Sam Williams and Educator Salma Al Saliby who have been with us for 10 years.

These ladies have been an integral part of the Yangebup Family Centre and it has been an honour to work alongside them. Salma you make us laugh and have an admirable work ethic. Salma is hard working, respectful, kind, reliable, funny, and down to earth. Over the years, we have enjoyed your humour, culture and your input into the programs. Your heart is beautiful and your genuine care and affection for the children shows in all the amazing feedback we receive from families.

Sam what you have achieved in these 10 years really needs to be commended, you have led our team from strength to strength and should be proud of all your achievements in shaping the Family Centre as a place based community hub where people want to be a part of and join in the various programs, either as volunteers, staff or members wanting to join this fantastic Centre. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to work alongside such an accomplished and dedicated Community Development practitioner.

Sam is a passionate advocate for the Centre in many circles; at all levels of government, local, state and federal, in local networks such as Linkwest, the peak body for Neighbourhood and Community Resource Centres in WA and on the Joint Leadership Team for the collective impact initiative, Connecting Community for Kids.

As a staff team we thank you for your hard work and dedication for helping create an environment that is welcoming and family friendly. We thank you for the hard work that it took to secure our jobs when we were unsure about our funding and for leading us through the pandemic.

Having a balance of serious work and a bit of fun can be challenging when you are the Manager, Julie and I were reflecting on how we love to see you burst into song and dance with the children, your passion for dancing shines when you see the children respond to this so joyously.

You lead the team and contribute to all areas of the Centre whether that is putting bins out, cleaning floors, writing successful grant applications and securing the Centre's future. We thank you and appreciate your dedication to the Family Centre and us. Our home away from home.

# 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 2022-2023
<b>Sustainability</b>	Ensure effective governance and the development of strategic partnerships for ongoing sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build and maintain relationships with key partners</li> <li>• My Journey to School Booklet developed in partnership</li> <li>• Build and maintain volunteers to support programs like Community Eats &amp; Food Connections</li> </ul>
<b>Inclusion</b>	Provide opportunities for community collaboration and place-based services to support individuals and families in our community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community collaboration through activities like Yarn Bombing, Community Eats, Lunar New Year</li> <li>• Engagement with CCK and families through Co-Design workshops and trialling programs</li> <li>• Offering programs outside including Kids Go Wild and Playgroup in the Park</li> </ul>
<b>Environment</b>	Create a welcoming Centre promoting environmental responsibility and sustainable use of resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding received from the Department of Communities to complete bathroom upgrades</li> <li>• Funding from City of Cockburn for Mosaic Project</li> </ul>

# 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 37 activities



Over 350 sessions



Over 30 000 interactions





## Yarn Bomb Project & Purple Bra Fundraiser

At the start of 2022 we had conversations with our community about ideas for a project to celebrate our 30 year Anniversary. We held conversations and generated ideas. Some of this was done online and via social media as COVID was very prevalent and anxiety was high. We formed a group and they decided to do a Yarn Bomb project out the front of the Centre.

### Key Actions

- We held conversations with our community in person and online
- Our community chose to do a Yarn Bomb project as this was something that could be done at home or at the Centre as a group
- We organised a volunteer group for the initiative and setup a facebook group
- Our group chose colours to support other causes and raise awareness through the project Pink for Breast Cancer, Purple for Domestic Violence awareness and Rainbow for inclusion
- We organised yarn bomb project days at the Centre commencing in May and running until August prior to the 30 year Open Day
- We held school holiday sessions so children and families in the community could contribute
- Donations of crochet and knitting were dropped at the Centre by members of the community or created by the group at the Centre
- The group worked together to join donated items together and then organised days to meet at the Centre to add the yarn to the trees and front of the Centre
- We also added characters created to the display and designed treasure hunt cards so that children could find the hidden animals
- We had a donation box in the Centre to support causes like Breast Cancer WA
- We held a Purple Bra Day event to celebrate and raise money





Outcome 1	Outcome 2	Outcome 3	Outcome 4
People work together to create a wonderful visual display that encourages others in the community to make connections.	People attended weekly sessions to create items for the project. Members of the community who were unable to attend created items at home and dropped them to the Centre to be included in the project. They also contributed through social media.	People attended weekly sessions were provided with new skills to crochet or knit items for the project. Through social media we shared links to videos to help people learn new skills so they could contribute.	A group of community members joined together to run the sessions, welcome new people, provide knowledge and coordinate the project. They also decided to hold a Purple Bra Day event to raise funds for charity and celebrate the project.





## Selina's Story

Selina has been regularly attending and facilitating at the Yangebup Family Centre since 2021.

She retired from full time employment in 2020 having worked at various state and local government departments.

Over the years, in her spare time, she did her certificate in Belly dance. Selina attended workshops in England, Egypt, Bali and Singapore. She has been a Belly dance teacher for 19 years.

Selina has facilitated a number of programs including belly dancing, jewellery making and making mosaic candle holders at the Centre.

Selina says,

"I love my involvement with the Yangebup Family Centre and the staff. I am grateful for the opportunities and support that are given to me by the Manager, the staff, committee members and the people participating in my workshops.

I have seen the benefits of these programs especially the 'Belly dance' that have been achieved by those doing the classes. The self-confidence and self-care demonstrated by the ladies have been very positive.

I have participated in cultural cooking events and belly dance performances with the students at events such as the Purple Bra, the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Centre and the Community Eats.

All in all, I feel very privileged to be part of the Yangebup Family Service. It is a place where all abilities and cultures are valued."







## 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 opportunities for vulnerable people in the community. The YFC was involved in the partnership from the beginning of the initiative. It commenced in Coolbellup in 2019 with volunteers from the organisations providing a meal on a roster basis once a month.

Following the success in Coolbellup the partnership decided to include the suburb of Yangebup as a second venue in 2020. It was held at the Community Centre on a Tuesday. It was disappointing to have a reduced number of community members attend in 2020. The partnership engaged with community to find out how to adapt the program for Yangebup. Feedback from community members highlighted that a more family friendly environment with a safe place for children to play, food options that weren't limited to soup and a different day would be beneficial in encouraging people to attend.

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. Feedback from community was very positive. A group decision was made to continue for the year.

During 2022, we built relationships with local families and organisations through the meals and conversations around the tables. The YFC 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 prepare the meals along with forming and maintaining relationships.



## Key Actions

- We identified new organisations to be involved in the initiative
- We created a video and presented at the Linkwest Conference
- 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 80 – 140 people attended each of the dinners.

## Feedback provided

“Wonderful night again and great turn out! Thank you to all of the amazing volunteers and our wonderful community for supporting the Centre!”

“Was a lovely evening, we really enjoy coming to the community eats, can't wait till next year.”

“Great night & delicious meal again...thanks for all you do for the community”

“We loved it and was delicious. Thank you! Nice to see you all again!”

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.



**Check out our video!**  
Click on the QR code



## Food Connections

The Food Connections initiative began from an increase in community looking for food relief, contact was made through the Centre's facebook messages and conversations. It appeared that due to the unprecedented challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the cost of living and financial hardship being experienced, was having a profound impact in providing food for the family.

Initial steps were sought by the YFC by connecting with Feed it Forward Inc, a local charity organisation providing bread and fresh produce to anyone in need. We engaged with the leaders, and they helped when they could by restocking our share trolley with fresh produce.

During this time Foodbank also made contact with the Centre enquiring about using our location for their Mobile Food truck service. They commenced attending the Centre as a location in November 2021.

To increase awareness and to encourage community to use the Foodbank truck services, the drivers mentioned that other locations provide food while the food truck is there.

We were successful in accessing funding from the Supporting Stronger Communities Grant from the Australian Neighbourhood Houses and Centres Association to help us with creating a sustainable program.

### Key Actions

- The Centre, being the hub of our community, try and respond to these demands and requests.
- Food Connections is one way we can help support community with the rising cost of food.
- We provide information, a freshly cooked healthy light lunch for those attending the Mobile Foodbank truck on a Monday, and any free produce that we have been able to source.
- The share trolley is made available to community with excess produce.

- Lunches are prepared by volunteers at the Yangebup Family Centre with the support of the Community Development Officer.
- These lunch recipes are sourced from the Food Sensations website which is a Foodbank program. These recipes are made available to community and they are empowered to make these budget friendly meals at home.
- People attending the Centre have the opportunity to make new friendships and connections with people who live in their neighbourhood. There is volunteering opportunities for all community

### Feedback provided

"It is so wonderful coming here on a Monday, the coffee and lunch is always so good and you make us feel very welcome."

A gentlemen asked "Can you help me find out who does mending of clothes". A lady who does ironing said she can help him. A great example of connecting community.

An aboriginal lady came in requesting food assistance and hampers, a referral was provided along with assistance and conversation. she asked "Do other aboriginal families know about the Centre, it has a good feel."

Outcome 1	Outcome 2	Outcome 3	Outcome 4
This initiative supports social connection within the community, a light lunch is provided in a welcoming environment. Conversations and support is offered to each other.	Volunteers have offered their time and expertise in helping cook a light lunch, set up tables and chairs and be available to connect with the community.	Volunteers learn new recipes and ways to connect with the community. Community learns how to use the food and create healthy food options using the recipes provided. The lunches provided empower them to create at home.	Connections and participation with this initiative supports community for food relief, reduce isolation and bring cultures and community together. Volunteers and community contributions help this initiative to become sustainable and supports the needs of the local area.



# A Grateful Mother's Story

My daughter has been regularly attending the Yangebup Family Centre since 2020 after she suffered a brain injury eight years ago as a result of a home invasion.

She had been working as a FIFO chef in the Pilbara and was on her week's break in Perth when her injury occurred. She spent many months in hospital and rehabilitation and was left with severe short-term memory loss and vision impairment as well as a slight left side motor deficit. Cooking and food preparation had always been her passion, and in spite of her brain injury, she has maintained many of her food preparation skills.

Over the years of her rehabilitation, many of her friends have dropped away and she rarely sees her old social group these days.

In 2020, my daughter started going to the Community Eats events that are held regularly at the Centre. These events are an excellent way for community members to informally get together in a safe environment and meet and mingle with other community members, share a meal prepared at the Centre, and have conversations with a variety of people and make new social connections. Her support worker suggested that attending this event would give my daughter an opportunity to meet new people and enjoy a social outing making new social connections with people, both male and female, young and old and singles as well as families.

My daughter thoroughly enjoys attending this event and looks forward to attending each month. She now goes earlier to the Centre on the Community Eats evenings in order to volunteer with the food preparations and to help set up the area and also remains after the event to assist with the pack away and clean up chores, giving her a real sense of purpose and also allowing her to give back to those staff who put in their own time to offer this event to the community. She can use her cooking and food preparation skills for the benefit of the community members in this volunteer role. The staff are very supportive and have become wonderful friends.

Since early 2023 she has also become a regular volunteer in the Monday Food Connections program at the Centre, using her skills in preparing a light lunch for community members attending the Centre and greeting, chatting and mixing with both those who arrive to purchase packs from Food Bank and also with the Food Bank drivers etc. She acts as a host, offering the prepared food to those who attend and a friendly and kind face up for a chat. She feels valued and is acknowledged with thanks from both staff and attendees, for her efforts and their appreciation for the meal.

The staff at the Yangebup Family Centre have demonstrated such kindness and consideration to my daughter, and I am particularly grateful for them embracing her as a valued member of the volunteer team. She feels a part of this team and enjoys catching up each week with not only the manager, office staff and other volunteers but also the childcare staff and children who pass by the kitchen with their parents on their way to the children's room.

The Yangebup Family Centre offers far more programs to the community than those that my daughter is a part of. She often brings home fliers of other one-off events that are offered to the community throughout the year. She has recently attended a three-week Art Therapy workshop run at the Centre that offers excellent emotional benefits to participants as well as good social connections.

The Centre is a very warm and welcoming place to be and is certainly the Hub of the Yangebup community. Staff and volunteers alike are enthusiastic and caring and provide excellent support to all who attend the programs. From first walking in, there are examples of crafts hanging under the verandahs and on the windows, demonstrating the variety of programs that community participants have been a part of and showing how valued the community is at the Centre.





## 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. Last year we received feedback via facebook that it would be more inclusive to call it Lunar New Year. We updated the name where possible last year and renamed the event this 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.

This year ladies from the CCCA demonstrated making dumplings and these were served at the event. The CCCA provided performers to entertain at the event and everyone is 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 and safe in the community.

### Key Actions

- Meetings held with CCCA to plan event
- Event promoted to local community
- People register via trybookings
- Setup and run event
- Those who attended greatly enjoyed the event and learning about culture
- Attendees were added to our enews mailing list and many have attended other programs or activities at the Centre or in the community

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 followed by a second program starting at Spearwood Primary School in 2021. 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

- Successful partnership with Spearwood Primary School commencing in 2021. We provide an educational program within the school setting. Program Term 3 & 4 2022 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 Coolbellup Learning Centre to discuss the possibility of trialing a Pre-School program in partnership with CCK for children with high support needs in Term 3 & 4 2023.

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.

### **Testimonial form Carol Derbyshire (Spearwood P.S.)**

*Spearwood Primary School has engaged Yangebup Family centre for the last 3 years to run a playgroup style session for parents and children enrolled in the Spearwood Primary School Kindergarten program.*

*Families are invited to attend a session once per week (child and carer) for the semester (six months) preceding their commencement in kindergarten.*

*Families attend a 1.5 hour session run by an educator provided by Yangebup Family Centre who facilitates an engaging session focussed on acclimatising the children to the school environment and the routines of a kindergarten class.*

*These sessions have proved very successful, with many of our current families asking when they will start. The 3 Year old children are eager to follow their older siblings to school and want to stay too!*

*The families who have their first child coming to kindergarten are also grateful for the sessions as this enables them to meet the other families in the school, meet the staff, familiarise themselves with the environment and start to build relationships with the school education and administration teams.*

*The children are happy and relaxed in the session as it is a short timeframe with engaging activities and routines all supported by their parent or carer.*

*We as a school have noticed child and parent engagement with the sessions is a success and supports early childhood transition to school.*

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.



## Kids Go Wild!

The Kids Go Wild events were originally initiated by Connecting Community for Kids 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 opportunities during the past three years due to COVID.

### Key Actions

- 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 have held monthly sessions from March 2022 to June 2023. 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.
- This year families have enjoyed attending events and building friendships, some have attended programs or events at the Centre

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.



## Partnerships



**Linkwest** provide opportunities for the YFC to develop new skills and access training to ensure that we provide best practice community programs. They provided funding to assist in providing Neighbourhood Centre Week events 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. In April 2023 Manager Sam Williams and Community Development Officer Jo McGillivray **presented at the Linkwest Conference** to delegates about the Yangebup Community Eats Initiative and we were a **finalist in the 2023 Linkwest Awards**.

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.



In January 2023 we were honoured to receive the **City of Cockburn Active Citizenship Award**.

**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 taken over the Kids Go Wild program and partnered with CCK to provide an All Abilities play session. 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 recent trials to provide Pre-School programs in schools following the success of the trial in 2022 we will be providing a Pre-School program at Spearwood Primary next semester. We were also involved in a project with CCK, CoC and local schools to create a booklet for local families **“My Journey to School”**.

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.

We have partnered with **Spearwood 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 **Coolbellup Learning Centre** who have trialled a Preschool Program in Term 3 and 4 2023.

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
- 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 Early Learning Programs include Occasional Care and Pre-Kindy offered three days each week. Our programs are based on the early years learning framework with qualified and experienced staff providing stimulating environments.

Occasional Care provides an opportunity for parents to attend to other commitments whilst their children are cared for in a safe, nurturing environment. Pre-Kindy is an opportunity for young children to familiarise themselves with classroom routines. Pre-Kindy provides emotional, physical and intellectual development as well as social awareness and interaction skills.



In 2022 we completed the Assessment and Rating process for the second time after our initial assessment in 2016. While the standards have become more challenging over this time it was very pleasing to receive a rating of “Meeting” overall and “Exceeding” for Quality Area 6 – Collaborative Partnerships with families and communities.

Every year our Educational Leader will focus on one aspect of our Early Learning Programs to include in the Annual Report. This year we are highlighting the Silver Linings program.



## Silver Linings Program

In July 2022 Enza and I attended the Silver Linings training, organised by CCK and delivered by Rainbows WA. Silver Linings stood out to me as a teacher as a valuable tool to help develop emotional resilience amongst our older children at the Centre, the program which has been written with support of the local Aboriginal community also seemed like a meaningful way to develop all of our children's education around the Noongar culture. Enza and I were also able to develop further our own knowledge of the Noongar culture and ask questions in a safe space. Having this program



available at our Centre will allow us to support any children working through changes and transitions in their lives, no matter how big and small.

This year we delivered our program to our pre-kindy children aged three to four, during term four of 2022, however, moving forward we would like to expand this and deliver this to our occasional care children, adapting the program to children of all ages. Our pre-kindy children attend the Centre one day a week, for nine weeks during term four. This meant we could run the sessions over a six-week block, focusing on a different aim and rationale for each session. Term four seemed like the perfect time to roll out a program based around developing resilience as we prepared our children for a substantial change in their lives, leaving the Centre and starting their new schools in 2023.



During our Silver Linings sessions the children developed their knowledge of endings and beginnings, lifecycles, Noongar seasons, emotional resilience, and protective behaviours. We look forward to delivering our Silver Linings program again in Term 4 2023 this time using the program in both Pre-Kindy and Occasional Care.

**Robyn Oliver**  
Educational Leader

# Early Learning Programs



18 staff / 4.5 FTE



Over 260 sessions



Over 4000 interactions



# 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 Enza Reale for assisting with Pre-Kindy in 2022 and Ashlee Reghenzani in 2023 while Robyn Oliver was on maternity leave. Congratulations to Robyn on the safe arrival of Rory and we look forward to having Robyn returning soon. In 2023 Samantha Locantro has joined our team and has quickly become familiar with our programs and fit well within our team.

This year we recognised Deanne Bartlett, Elena Crump, Holly Forbes, and Charmaine Fatin for over 5 years of service.







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.





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