ANNUAL REPORT

OXENFORD/COOMERA COMMUNITY & YOUTH CENTRE INC

JUL 2023 - JUN 2024





THE MEETING PLACE

Building connections, supporting growth, and empowering our community every step of the way.

OUR PROGRAMS. YOUR WORDS.

Refer to Appendix A for presenting issues..

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Community members.

TI appreciate the skills I have gained through the program. I am eager to implement all I have learnt. My daughter is responding very well.

Thank you for the amazing programs you offer. - 1,2,3 Magic 2024

ITaking the first step to attend is all I needed to help me in many ways.

Turning up each week allowed me growth and commitment to come to a group setting. I certainly have come away with knowledge and skills of self-reflection to change my journey.

Self Esteem Program 2024

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Hands down the best playgroup I've ever been a part of!! Very fun, structured and interactive program. I've been lucky to be able to bring two of my children and they both absolutely loved/love coming here every week. I have been to a few other groups but they don't even compare. Everybody that works here at the Centre are so lovely and mums and bubs are all friendly too. Highly recommend to all the parents who want to meet other parents and want their kids to make friends. Thank you to all the staff for continuously providing such an amazing place for us to come to. We really appreciate you all.

-- Early Years HuBS 2023



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

COMMUN The Oxenford and Coomera Community Youth Centre Inc (OCCYC) has continued to flourish, providing a welcoming and vibrant space for our community to gather, learn, and grow. Our association has ensured that the building is highly activated by the diverse and essential free community services we provide. It has become a vital hub where people of all ages can connect, learn, and thrive through the programs provided on-site.

The Northern Gold Coast Communities for Children (CfC) funded programs remain a cornerstone of our association's offerings at the Centre. These programs include Parent Education and Lifeskills workshops, Self Esteem and health & wellbeing sessions, Game of Life programs, and our playgroup hubs, which support thousands of families. Most importantly, our free counselling and psychological support services are deeply needed and highly valued in the community. These services provide crucial mental health support to individuals and families, making a profound impact on the well-being of those we serve.

We continue to deliver our Emergency Relief and Intake program, supporting families in need and vulnerable members of our community. Over the past year, we have seen a significant rise in demand for emergency relief and case management services. Additionally, many individuals accessing this support have also been referred to our counselling and family support programs for further assistance. This client journey is an example of the interrelated pathways that we offer vulnerable community members.

We continue to expand revenue streams including social enterprise style community cafe to further develop the associations sustainability. The proceeds go to our emergency relief program ensuring we support the changing needs of our community. We have also continued to develop our websites, expand our social media reach and online booking facilities to keep up with community expectations.

We owe much of our success to the support we receive from generous funding partners and local organisations. I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Northern Gold Coast Communities for Children Initiative for their ongoing support. We are also grateful to MP Mark Boothman, Cr Naomi Fowler, Councillor William Owen-Jones, Silverdale Realty, Men's Shed, 12 Baskets, Oz Harvest, the Rotary Club of Coomera River, and Active and Healthy Gold Coast. Your commitment to our Centre is truly appreciated.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This year, we successfully integrated a new system across all aspects of our association's operations. This has created a centralised database, allowing us to connect more effectively with our community and streamline processes, including inquiry and intake funnels. These enhancements have significantly improved our efficiency, ensuring a more cohesive experience for everyone who engages with our services at the Centre.

Our team has once again been outstanding. Jen's warmth and enthusiasm as Hub Coordinator, Kirri's thoughtful facilitation, and the compassion and care provided by our counsellors—Iona, Julia, Karen, Deb, and Alice—have had an incredible impact on our community. Special thanks to Alice for her continued work promoting health and wellbeing through our programs.

A special mention goes to Susan and Mandy for their tireless dedication and exceptional work in marketing, event coordination, and participant engagement. Their efforts have ensured that our association's services at the Centre continue to run smoothly and effectively.

Finally, I want to acknowledge the unwavering support and dedication of our Management Committee. Louise, our exceptional Secretary; Alice, our diligent Treasurer; Margaret and Iona, for always being there to support the association and having all played crucial roles in guiding the association. Your professionalism and commitment are deeply valued. This organisation is special in that the management committee are not just a strategic board but are actually hands on in the delivery of the associations outcomes.

It is truly an honour to serve as President of this thriving and vibrant association that supports thousands of community members every year. I am immensely proud of the impact we make and look forward to another year of delivering high-quality services and programs to the Northern Gold Coast community.

Karyn Johns
Chair
Oxenford & Coomera Community Youth Centre Inc





Cameron CALDWELL MP



Federal Member for Fadden

4 December 2024

To Whom It May Concern

It is with great pleasure that I express my support for the Oxenford/Coomera Community and Youth Centre as it celebrates its 20th anniversary of exceptional service to the Northern Gold Coast community.

Over the past two decades, the Centre has provided invaluable support through a wide range of programs, including food distribution, emergency relief, and various physical and mental wellbeing initiatives. These services, among others, have played a crucial role in enhancing the health, safety, and overall quality of life for the community.

The Centre's growth and evolution over the years have transformed it into a cornerstone of the community. Its ability to adapt and respond to the changing needs of the area, even in the face of challenges, reflects the Centre's unwavering commitment to supporting the wellbeing of its members.

Their dedication to providing targeted, high-quality services has undoubtedly made a lasting and positive impact on the lives of many individuals and families.

The Oxenford/Coomera Community and Youth Centre touches the lives of thousands of local community members each year. This impact is a testament to the effectiveness of their programs and the positive influence they have on the well-being of individuals and families.

As we approach 2025, it is increasingly clear that the Centre has become an indispensable asset to the community. With plans to further strengthen partnerships with local organizations, the Centre is poised to continue its role as a central hub for connection and collaboration, driving the delivery of vital community support services across the Northern Gold Coast.

I would like to once again express my sincere appreciation to the Board and the staff for their unwavering dedication to fostering a stronger, more connected community within the region.

I look forward to supporting and celebrating all the positive work of the Oxenford/Coomera Community and Youth Contre in their 20th anniversary!

Yours sincerel

Cameron Caldwell MP Federal Member for Fadden

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Mark **BOOTHMAN** MP

Member for Theodore

2 December 2024

To Whom it may concern

 ${\rm I}$ am writing in support of the Oxenford Coomera Community Youth Centre and their programmes and services to our community.

I, and many others, have witnessed firsthand the benefits this centre brings to our local community and I fully support their endeavours.

The Oxenford Coomera Community Youth Centre is more than just a building, it is a vital resource that enriches the lives of residents. It offers a welcoming and inclusive environment for people of all ages to gather, learn, and grow together.

Through a diverse array of programmes and services, the community centre meets community needs. The centre continues to think outside the square to develop programmes for a changing community by finding simple solutions for complex problems.

I wish the Centre all the very best for 2025.

Yours sincerely

Mark Boothman MP Member for Theodore

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14 November 2024

To Whom It May Concern:

LETTER OF SUPPORT

As Councillor, it has been a privilege to witness the profound impact The Meeting Place has on our Northern Gold Coast community.

This centre has truly become a cornerstone of support, offering essential services that are lifelines for families, youth, and individuals from all walks of life.

From free family support and mental health resources to community events and emergency relief, The Meeting Place brings invaluable programs to our community that foster resilience, growth, and a sense of belonging.

The remarkable work of the team and volunteers at The Meeting Place cannot be praised enough. They have created a welcoming, inclusive space where everyone is valued and supported, making The Meeting Place a trusted sanctuary for those facing challenges. And I have seen first-hand how their efforts change lives.

In addition to their core programs, The Meeting Place stands out as a hub for collaboration. By building partnerships with other local service providers, they continually broaden their impact, ensuring that the Northern Gold Coast community has access to a comprehensive support network. This commitment to unity and cooperation strengthens the foundation of our community, creating pathways for shared resources, knowledge, and support.

As we look ahead, I am deeply committed to supporting the activities of The Meeting Place as they continue to grow their services and partnerships. Together, we are working toward a future where every member of our community can thrive.

Yours sincerely

CR NAOMI FOWLER Division 2 Councillor

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Rotary International District 9640 Limited

ACN 120 511 999

3 December 2024

To whom it may concern,

As Rotary District Governor for District 9640, I am honoured to recognise The Meeting Place for its unwavering support to our community. This partnership has been instrumental in supporting our Rotary and Rotaract clubs of the Northern Gold Coast for several years now.

Through the Centre's support and collaboration, we have launched new initiatives linking Rotaract and Interact clubs and the monthly Stock Up Social in partnership with local Rotary clubs; supported impactful community service events, including the NGCR Purple Colour Run as part of our Rotary campaign "Say No to Domestic Violence"; and created a welcoming and inclusive space for our Northern Gold Coast Rotaract Club and special Rotary club events.

The Centre is at the heart of the local community and the dedication and passion of the team are a testament to the values that strengthen and unite our community.

On behalf of Rotary District 9640, thank you for your continued support and I look forward to building on this relationship to create even more positive change.

Regards

Lisa

Lisa Hunt
District Governor 2024-2025
Rotary International District 9640

ABOUT US

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VISION

A strong, resilient community which values and includes each member and supports them to meet their full potential.

MISSION

We work in partnership with local residents, community organisations, businesses and government to connect, advocate, and support, to create opportunities for us all to thrive.

JALUES

Social Justice
Empowerment
Integrity
Equity
Collaboration
Commitment



OUR COMMUNITY

- •To engage with our communtiy by providing opportunities for enjoyment •Identify programs and activities relevant to the needs of our community.
- contribution and learning.
- •Actively encourage volunteers and facilitate their involvement in our Community

ASSOCIATION

- To operate a viable, effective and accountable community centre.
 - Attract, train and retain community focussed and enthusiastic staff and volunteers. Continually develop accountable
 - management systems to ensure long term stability, viability and growth.
 - Ensure that our facilities and practices support sustainability

PARTNERSHIPS

- To actively develop partnerships, relationships and networks.
 - Identify and develop mutual beneficial relationship models with our partners
 - •Explore opportunities for developing collaborative projects, sponshorship and funding

SERVICE

- To effectively promote the services, programs and activities of the centre.
 - Identify our key target audiences.
 - Disseminate information internally, online, through our networks and via media

HIGHLIGHTS

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554 FOOD BOXES DISTRIBUTED 4,823 HUBS PARTICIPANTS

KEY METRICS

439 COUNSELLING SESSIONS

5,745 COMPLETED SCORE EVALUATIONS PARENTING
/LIFESKILLS
PROGRAM
PARTICIPANTS

1,231



GROWING STRONGER FAMILIES

The Family Support and Counselling Service works with families with children aged 0-18 years in the Northern Gold Coast region.

Youth Cold Our team works collaboratively and in consultation with support agencies, schools, families and other professionals.

We offer:

- Emergency Relief and Food Box Program
- Family Support and Counselling services
- Case Management
- Group parenting and life skills programs
- Facilitated social gatherings
- Christmas hampers

We regularly follow up with participants in our life skills programs, and the feedback remains overwhelmingly positive. Participants frequently highlight the high quality of the programs and the dedication of our compassionate facilitators. Many parents have shared how these programs have had a ripple effect, positively impacting other areas of their lives and significantly boosting their confidence in parenting.

Thanks to Iona, Julia, Deb, Karen, Kiri and Jen for your dedication and support of our families.

> "Our facilitator was so knowledgeable and the conversations we had during the program really helped me understand the content."

> > Circle of Security testimonial 2024



As a result of attending the parenting programs

98% Have more confidence in their parenting ability

90%

92% Know how to calm themselves dow

97%

KEEPING KIDS HEALTHY AND ACTIVE

Veletrating 17 YEARS

Our free bi-weekly gross motor skills programs for children aged two to five remain a beloved staple for families. As we move into another year, Jumping Jim's program, funded by Communities for Children, continues to equip young participants with vital skills for future success in exercise and sports, while also promoting social development and improving physical coordination and balance. Jim's passionate team of sport-loving, education-focused professionals remains dedicated to inspiring a new generation to embrace an active and healthy lifestyle.

Thank you Jim and the team

"Jumping Jim's program is an absolute hit with my little one! They come home buzzing with excitement after every session, talking about all the fun activities and how much they love 'Coach Jim.' It's such a joy to see them staying active, making friends, and having a blast!" - 2024





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SECOND STEP PROGRAMS



For fourteen years, the Second Step program has evolved to reflect the shifting priorities of our community. As we move forward, our focus remains on expanding its reach and refining its approach to ensure it provides meaningful, inclusive support for children's development. By staying responsive to the diverse needs of families, we aim to keep the program impactful and relevant for years to come.



EARLY YEARS HUBS

The Integrated Early Years Hubs provide a 'soft entry' point for parents and young children, offering a welcoming space to engage in skill-building activities. These hubs include supported playgroups, Cook, Learn & Nutrition sessions, Move to Music, Read and Grow, and Health & Wellbeing workshops, as well as special Family Fun Days. Parents are also supported with a quarterly newsletter filled with actionable tips to foster stronger parent-child connections and enhance language development.

This year, the Early Years Hubs were proud to host events like the Child Protection Week Family Fun Day, National Simultaneous Storytime, and festive Easter and Christmas celebrations, continuing to bring families together in a meaningful way.

Thank you to Miss Jen and Miss Kiri for all your hard work and enthusiasm.



"The playgroup is such a highlight of our week! My little one gets so excited to see their friends, and it's amazing to watch them grow more confident with each session. The activities are creative and fun, and it's such a lovely space for both the kids and parents to connect. We feel so lucky to be part of this community!"

- Parent testimonial 2024





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HEALTH & WELLBEING HUB

"I didn't even realise the Centre had stuff for seniors, but I'm so glad I found these classes! It's such a fun way to get moving and meet other people my age. I always leave with a smile and feeling like I've done something good for myself." - 2024

SASSY SENIORS EXPO!









Youth Con COMMUNITY CARE PROGRAM (EMERGENCY RELIEF)

Demand for our Emergency Relief program has remained high, with many vulnerable and at-risk families seeking food and financial assistance. With Bendigo Bank as the major sponsor, alongside the generous support of Communities for Children, Silverdale Realty, Energy Queensland, Rotary Club of Coomera River and fresh food deliveries from OzHarvest and the 12 Baskets outreach program, we continue to provide vital support to the community. The program supplies fresh and dry food boxes weekly, distributes food parcels, pays for allied health services, and provides food vouchers. This year we commenced an additional program of monthly large scale, soft entry food distribution events (Stock-Up Social)

In addition to these essential services, clients accessing Emergency Relief can also benefit from counselling services and case management support, including a robust referral service. This comprehensive approach ensures that families receive the support they need during challenging times.

Thank you to Kerry and Jen for your compassion and boundless energy.



WEEKLY PRE-PACKED FOOD DISTRIBUTION



COUNSELLING & PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT



EMERGENCY BILL **PAYMENTS**



CASE MANAGEMENT & REFERRAL PATHWAYS

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PRESENTING ISSUES

"Being a single mum with 3 children at home and the cost of groceries can be hard and my rent going up for the third time being able to access free food is so much help" "Single mum of 5 doing it abit hard atm, with bill's & Christmas coming up fast & still have to get kids gift's & 3 nights ago I had to rush my dog to the emergency vet & that costs was \$600 which was the money I have saved up for the last 6 mount to do my kids Christmas shopping & food... it just hasn't been my year."

"Married family of 5 still feeling the affects of the tomato last year at our home."

"3 kids. Cost of living is killing us."

"Im a single mum with 3 kids one is 22 16 and 15 struggling every week to try and put food in my cupboards and fridge any kind of help 1 appreciate so much"

"Became single mum recently and everything is so hard"

"Looking for work only just managing most of the bills but trying to save for a car for transport, food hampers are brilliant and will help manage better so I can save for car to get job for the long term solution.

Thank U I really appreciate it."

"Homeless for 3 months. Cashless for 2 weeks"





FAMILY SUPPORT CASE STUDY

A 35 year old mother presented to therapy with relationship issues and struggling with parenting. Therapy supported her with these issues and the client was recommended to attend the Circle of Security parenting program at Community Centre to provide support and education regarding attachment with her child.

The client stated that "the Circle of Security Parenting was the most eye opening program I have attended in a long time. It has brought up the most important, key elements of parenting. I have a better understanding of myself as a parent and how I was parented and of the emotional needs of my child" The client then suggested that her sister attend the next Circle of Security parenting program at Community Centre .

Her sister stated that "Circle of Security has helped me feel calmer and less overwhelmed by my triggers and "shark music". I have noticed a profound change in my daughter with the tantrums she was having compared to now. I am able to remain calm(mostly) and be there with her in order to meet her needs. My daughter has changed so much and so have I but I know it is something that I will need to continue working with to grow as a person for myself and my daughter".

Six months later their mother (grandmother to the children) attended the Circle of Security parenting program as she had seen such profound changes in the way her daughters were parenting and in their self-worth and boundaries.

One sister is now confident to return to her law practice. The other sister is pregnant with her second child and confident in her parenting abilities. The grandmother has a sound understanding of attachment and feels confident in supporting her daughters with their parenting.

This is generational change in this family system.

HOUSE OF GOOD THINGS



House of GOOD THINGS

- Emergency Relief and Food Support: With the backing of OzHarvest and 12 Baskets, we continue to distribute fresh and dry food boxes twice a week to families in need. Monthly Community Socials, featuring a free BBQ and takeaway food boxes, provide not only practical assistance but also opportunities for community connection and awareness of the Centre's programs.
- Comprehensive Emergency Relief Services: The Emergency Relief program continues to assist families across the Northern Gold Coast by providing food boxes, petrol and food vouchers, and funding for allied health services. This program also offers a robust referral system and complements our busy counselling and case management services.
- Expanding Parenting and Life Skills Programs: We successfully reintroduced the popular Circle of Security Parenting program, which has been well-received by families. Additionally, we launched new parent coaching sessions to help graduates of our parenting programs integrate their learnings into everyday life. These initiatives have strengthened parenting confidence and brought positive changes to families.
- Early Years Hub Expansion: Our Early Years Hub groups run from Monday to Friday, featuring bi-weekly gross motor skills programs that are highly valued by local families.
- Community-Focused Partnerships: Through free venue hire, we proudly support initiatives like Read and Grow facilitator training and Pop-Up Speech Clinics, which provide free developmental screenings for families. We also assist groups such as the Breast Cancer Group Bosom Buddies, Neighbourhood Watch, and the Complex Needs Assessment Panel (CNAP), ensuring these vital services remain accessible.
- Fitness and Wellbeing Programs: In collaboration with the City of Gold Coast's Active & Healthy program and supported by CfC funding, we continue to deliver affordable, high-quality fitness classes, fostering both physical health and social connection.
- Ongoing Impact of Life Skills Programs: Regular feedback from participants highlights the lasting impact of our life skills programs, with many parents noting improvements in other areas of their lives and enhanced confidence in parenting.
- Strengthening Key Partnerships: We continue to build relationships with schools, community service organisations, and early childhood education centres (ECECs) to enhance the reach and impact of our initiatives.





CHRISTMAS STORM RECOVERY

In response to the devastating Christmas Day storms, we expanded our Emergency Relief Program with funding from the Gold Coast City Council to meet the increased community needs. Additional team members were brought on to provide timely support, and we organised large-scale food distribution days, easing the financial burden for families recovering from the disaster.

Beyond material aid, we prioritised mental health support through referrals and assistance, serving as a central hub for connecting individuals with the resources they needed to rebuild their lives. We also collaborated with Rotary District 9640 to distribute funds to community members in need.

In partnership with Varsity Lakes Community Centre, Palm Beach Over 80s Centre, the City of Gold Coast, and the Queensland Government, we created an Emergency Cookbook featuring community-sourced recipes for use during power outages. Thousands of copies were distributed, offering practical solutions while fostering resilience and community connection.





PROJECTS

COMMUNITY COFFEE SHOP

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The Community Cafe is back in full swing, and we're excited to announce that we are building a diverse volunteer team that spans multiple organisations, not just one. This collaboration brings together individuals from various backgrounds, fostering a stronger sense of community and shared purpose. The cafe continues to serve as a vital hub for connection and fundraising, supporting our Emergency Relief Program while providing a welcoming space for people to come together and contribute meaningfully. Special thanks to Kerry, Coda & Amanda.









NORTHERN GOLD COAST ROTARY BOOK FAIR



In April, the Centre hosted the second Northern Gold Coast Rotary Book Fair. This project was a collaboration of three organisations:

- > Oxenford/Coomera Community & Youth Centre Inc
- > Rotary Club of Coomera Valley
- > Northern Gold Coast Rotaract





HOMESCHOOL HUB FOR THE GOLD COAST

This year, we have deepened our connection with homeschool families and networks across the Gold Coast. Following the success of our Homeschool HUB initiative, we are now pursuing funding to create a dedicated hub for the homeschool community. Designed around principles like empathy, communication, emotional management, and problem-solving, this hub will serve as both a resource centre and a dynamic space for connection, collaboration, and support.















Once again, our Australia Day event, funded by the Australia Day Council, was a huge success. Embracing the theme "Reflect, Respect, Celebrate," the day offered family-friendly activities that entertained and celebrated Australia's rich cultural diversity. Performances, interactive workshops, and culinary experiences highlighted traditions from various cultural groups, creating a vibrant and inclusive atmosphere. Youth organisations played a key role in fostering understanding and respect, while the event provided a space for meaningful connections, shared stories, and new friendships. This year's celebration perfectly captured the spirit of Australia Day, uniting the community through diversity and shared values.

PROJECTS



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT THROUGH NEW STRATEGIES

Over the Christmas break, we implemented a new software platform that has transformed how we manage programs, clients, and contacts. For the first time, the Centre now has a centralised database, improving communication and ensuring attendees of one program are informed about others.

The platform includes an online learning portal, hosting parenting program modules with automated features like progress tracking, quizzes, and certificates. This convenient format has proven popular, with over 1,000 participants registering in our online programs in six months. Additionally, our internal network of participants has grown by 78%, reflecting better engagement and increased awareness of our full range of services.

The system streamlined processes, from venue hire to counselling, now ensuring faster outcomes and improved efficiency in intake processes.

Combined with our redoubled promotion strategies, this system upgrade has been a game-changer, significantly boosting program participation and strengthening connections within the community.

FACEBOOK REACH - Up 30% from previous year

146,674

Individuals who saw us via Facebook.

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INSTAGRAM REACH - **Up 914.4%** from previous year

8,024

Individuals who saw us via Instagram.

During the year, one of the strategies was to put more effort into our instagram presence to reach a different audience. This proved effective with over 900% increase in reach on that platform.



FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

VENUE HIRE

The OCCYC remains committed to offering versatile venue hire opportunities for local community groups and businesses. We prioritise collaboration with our venue hirers, working together to support their initiatives and strengthen their impact within the community. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all our hall hirers for their continued support and partnership.

The Centre serves as a hub for a diverse range of activities, hosting local fitness groups, dance academies offering styles like contemporary, tap, ballet, Irish, and circus skills, as well as performance art groups and various martial arts programs.

Venue hire is a vital component of the Centre's operations, helping to offset the rising costs of building maintenance while enabling us to work closely with other community organisations. Through free venue hire, we proudly support programs and projects that deliver significant benefits to the wider community.

- **Busom Buddy Cancer Support Group** Provides support and information for people who have breast cancer, their families, carers and support network
- Wesley Mission Australia, Complex Needs Assessment Panel (CNAP) Interagency, case planning support for children and young people with complex needs
- Northern Gold Coast Rotaract Youth based charity using the Centre as their home and base of operations.
- Oxenford Neighbourhood Watch Oxenford Neighbourhood Watch quarterly meetings to bring local residents together to build a safer community.
- Youth Trivia Night for the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Supporting the youth based team to raise funds for their annual youth leadership seminar.
- Northern Gold Coast Rotary Book Fair Fundraiser. Working with the Rotary Club of Coomera Valley and the Northern Gold Coast Rotaract Club to raise \$15,000 for community projects.

QLD NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE SENSUS REPORT

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SECTOR IMPACT REPORT

The Queensland Neighbourhood Centre Sector Impact Census, organised by Neighbourhood Centres Queensland, evaluates the collective impact and value of neighbourhood centres across the state. This essential tool captures data on services and volunteer contributions, highlighting how centres bolster community well-being. Its findings support advocacy efforts by demonstrating the economic and social value these centres provide, thus influencing policy decisions and enhancing public awareness of their vital roles in community development.





Qld Gov, and 27 do not receive this funding

Median Funding Per Centre*
Calculation based only on the *128 Centres
who receive NC Program funding

805

over the year

Funding Applications
to maintain operations

1,598

Community Projects Run
Over the year, and supported 917
Community Projects run by others

over the year. Worth over \$37.6m



QLD NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE SENSUS REPORT

In 2024, The Meeting Place significantly enriched our community, providing an estimated \$3,394,218 in community value. It's important to clarify that this figure does not represent direct financial expenditures. Instead, it quantifies the output and impact of our center's activities in monetary terms. This approach helps illustrate the substantial value of our services and volunteer contributions to the community, including enhanced social connections, emergency relief, and other vital services, despite not receiving Queensland Government Neighbourhood Centre funding. This calculation estimates the equivalent economic value our center generates, highlighting our significant role in supporting and enhancing community life.

IMPACT SNAPSHOT 2024

The Meeting Place

Provided \$3,394,218 in community value in 2024

This centre does not receive Queensland Government Neighbourhood Centre funding and equates to \$817.88 for every 1 hour the Neighbourhood Centre was in use.

This includes the value of:



Improved quality of life through social connection

\$2,619,157



Volunteer contributions

\$129,116



Emergency relief provided

\$<u>519,072</u>



services provided

\$<u>126,873</u>

KEY RELATIONSHIPS



The Association appreciates the value of strong partnerships and the positive outcomes of an effective collaboration. The Association would like to recognise and thank all funders, partners, and community groups we have worked with over the year.





Communities for Children remains the Association's primary source of funding and support for community services programs.

Funding from CfC has empowered the Association to provide quality community services for 20 years.

Without this support, the organisation and the community would be in a completely different position.

On behalf of our community, we thank CfC Northern Gold Coast for all their on going partnership and contributions, financial, inkind offerings and all other forms of support.

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KEY RELATIONSHIPS

COLLABORATING WITH
COMMUNITY GROUPS AND CHARITABLE
BUSINESSES TO MAXIMISE MUTUAL POSITIVE IMPACT

































THANK YOU

Thank you for your interest in our Incorporated Association and the work we do in the community.

We look forward to another year of growth and impact.

- Oxenford/Coomera Community & Youth Centre Team