



JAMIESON WAY  
COMMUNITY CENTRE

# *Jamieson Way* Community Centre Annual Report

2024

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The Jamieson Way Community Centre acknowledges the Bunurong people of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Custodians of the lands of operation. Respect is paid to Ancestors and Elders past and present for their care of Country and community across generations.

# Our Vision

To provide a safe and welcoming community space that connects people and facilitates the growth of community spirit.

To foster community engagement and a sense of belonging by providing inclusive access to relevant activities and services.

# Our Values

**Integrity**

**Teamwork**

**Collaboration**

**Innovation**

**Communication**

**Financial Integrity**

# Our Purpose

*Advancing social welfare by;*

**Reducing social isolation.**

**Promoting and advancing mental health and wellbeing.**

**Providing a physical location where it supports individuals and groups to connect and participate in activities and programs or be involved in projects, in the company of others.**

# Our Principles

**Learn   Share   Evolve**



# Board of Management

<b>Warren Roche</b>	President
<b>Poonam Arora</b>	Vice President
<b>Kim Gale</b>	Secretary
<b>Tanya Babic</b>	Treasurer
<b>Jill Roche</b>	Association Member
<b>Paula Kavanagh</b>	Association Member



## Staff Members

<b>Melinda Collins</b>	Centre Manager
<b>Emily Greelish</b>	Office Coordinator (Maternity Leave)
<b>Jake Collins</b>	Community Development Officer
<b>Amanda Doctor</b>	Administration (casual)
<b>Claire Greenwood</b>	Administration (casual)
<b>Tania Newcombe</b>	Contract Accountant



# Our BOM

My involvement with the Jamieson Way Community Centre started with the planning stage for the centre in 2002 moving onto the Board of Management in 2005 and became President in 2010. I have also worked as a volunteer at the Point Cook market since its inception in 2006.

As President of the Board I see that it is my responsibility to provide good Governance and Guidance to the Board of Management and support to Centre Management. Be mindful of the needs of both the community and the staff that the centre employs.

Other management experience includes:

- Group Leader 1st Point Cook Scout Group 2002 – 2010
- 27 years as a Board Member of Sunbury Model Railway Club (1993 – 2011) (2015- ), 18 years on the executive and 5 years as President.
- Ten years as President of the Altona Bay Basketball Association (2011 – 2021)
- Member of the Board of Directors Altona Sports Centre (2019)

Recipient of the Australian Sports Medal for 35 years of service to Basketball in 2000 and the Above and Beyond Award for services to the community of Point Cook in 2012.

I am a retired Civil Engineer and have lived and worked in the area for 43 years. Interests include Football, Coaching Basketball, Music and Model Railways.



Warren Roche



Kim Gale

I have had the pleasure of volunteering on the JWCC BOM for the last 10 yrs. I joined originally to give something back to the community but I feel I have grown so much as a person working with this amazing BOM and Centre Manager, Melinda.

I have held many roles in my work life, Beauty Therapist, Customer Service Representative, Team Leader, Integration Aid, Canteen Officer, First Aid Offer, Finance Officer and Office Manager all these have been greatly improved with what I have learnt from being part of the JWCC BOM.

I'm not ready to move on as yet.

# Our BOM



Poonam Arora

**My experience and qualifications include;**

- **Teacher at Victoria University**
- **Trainer and Assessor Hammond Institute**
- **Regional Advisory committee member Victorian Multicultural commission 2023-2025**
- **Mentor at Women and Mentoring**
- **Secretary at Women of Wyndham**
- **Executive member at RaMon Helps**
- **Multicultural ambassador 2020 and 2021 at Mental health Foundation Australia**
- **Member of AICD (Australian Institute of Company Directors)**
  
- **Quals: Graduate certificate in Client assessment and case management**
- **Advanced Diploma in community sector management**
- **Cert 4 in mental health**

**I have lived in Point Cook since March 2000, I am married and have 4 children. Jamieson Way Community Centre has been my community centre since it opened in 2005, the centre has always been a welcoming hub for all.**

**My family and I have an extensive connection with the centre - Maternal Health Centre, Playgroup, Cookie Kids (Messy play), Kindergarten, classes, I taught classes at JWCC, attending markets.**

**I joined the Board of Management as a General Board Member in 2018, I then became the Treasurer in 2019 which is the position I currently hold.**

**Before joining the Board of Management I had not had any experience of being a board member. The staff and board members have always been a wealth of information to me and everyone.**

**I have grown in confidence for being on the Board of Management and because of this, in 2022, I started working as a sewing teacher, which I love and enjoy helping the wider Point Cook community to further their skills and education.**



Tanya Babic

# President - Warren Roche

**The past twelve months have been a very challenging time for the Community Centre with the commencement of the Jamieson Way Reserve Master Plan and Community Centre redevelopment heavily impacting on our ability to carry out our operations.**

## Highlights

- We were able to continue our food relief program for most of the year until October, when we had to reduce it to providing emergency packs only due to the renovations. This has been achieved through strong partnerships with Foodbank Victoria, Bakers Kitchen, Bakers Delight Sanctuary Lakes, and our local Community (Bendigo) Bank.
- Chatty Café has been a great success with members of the Community coming along for a cuppa and informal chat up until we had to suspend this also in October.
- The Board of Management has been heavily involved with Wyndham City Council on the Jamieson Way Reserve Master Plan and Community Centre.

## Staffing

The successful operation of the Community Centre during this very trying time of the redevelopment would not have been possible without a very committed team of staff and volunteers led by Melinda Collins (Centre Manager) ably assisted by Jake Collins (Community Development Officer), Emily Greelish (Office Coordinator), Amanda Doctor, Claire Greenwood (casual office admin), contract Accountant Tania Newcombe and our volunteers John Collins and Paula Kavanagh in food relief, and Jacqui Carne in office admin.

## Going Forward

We are looking forward to reopening in 2025 in our new surrounds and providing all the programs we have over the past years and even some new initiatives.

We will also be further fostering our existing partnerships with our local Community (Bendigo) Bank, Foodbank Victoria, Wyndham City Council, Bakers Kitchen, Bakers Delight, local community groups and the community as a whole.

I would like to thank my other fellow Board Members, our very loyal staff and volunteers for all their hard work, continued support of and dedication to the Community Centre and our wider community.



# Financial Overview 2023 - 2024

The Financial Statement for Jamieson Way Community Centre Inc was prepared by  
Negotiis Advisers Pty Ltd for the year ended 30th June 2024

## **TOTAL INCOME**

\$304,312

## **TOTAL EXPENSES**

\$308,829

## **DEFICIT**

\$4,517

Income opportunities were impacted in the second half of  
the financial year due to the commencement of the  
redevelopment in January 2024.

JWCC produces the Annual Report and Financial Statements as two documents.  
The full Financial Statements are available to view separately.

# Funding and Grants



**Bendigo Bank**

Community Bank

Altona and  
Laverton



Education  
and Training

# Key Moments



*JWCC approved as a registered charity  
Review & amendments to the JWCC Constitution  
& Statement of Purpose*



*Pivoted our food relief program to continue to  
support many families and individuals weekly  
including developing an on call emergency food  
parcel service*



*Continued to connect and provide free  
community programs & activities throughout the year in  
a welcoming space during extensive redevelopment  
stages*



*Maintained & strengthened community  
funding partnerships*



# JWCC Expansion & Redevelopment

Wyndham City expansion of the Jamieson Way Community Centre and Reserve. This \$11 million project, which is being delivered in stages, aims to enhance the facilities and services available to the Point Cook community.



## **STAGE 1A JANUARY 2024 TO SEPTEMBER 2024**

Additional kindergarten room, Maternal and Child Health areas along with community centre entrance and administration areas finalised.



## **STAGE 1B OCTOBER 2024 TO LATE MARCH 2025**

Commencement of new community spaces, kitchen and seating area.



## **STAGE 2** Connect with Wyndham City Council for details



# Centre Manager - Melinda Collins

## On Reflection

The nearly 19 years I've spent as Centre Manager at Jam Way have been nothing short of extraordinary. When I joined JWCC in 2006, I was immediately aware that I was becoming part of something truly significant for our relatively new community.

I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to the amazing team members, board members, and volunteers, both past and present, who have been part of this journey.

Special acknowledgment goes to Cate Jones, who began as a volunteer and later transitioned to a staff role. I feel fortunate that she accepted this position and made a remarkable impact over her seven years with us, particularly with her expertise in setting up and leading the 3+ Cookie Kids Program. She will always hold a special place in the first chapter of JWCC.

I would also like to extend a special thank you to Jacqui Carne, our dedicated long-time volunteer. Even after her retirement, she returned to JWCC, and I feel incredibly privileged to have benefited from over a decade of her wonderful support and infectious smile (and she is still actively volunteering!). We couldn't have done it without you, Jac!

The centre has truly "grown up" in Point Cook, and we have had the pleasure of meeting countless wonderful community members and their families throughout the years. We have launched and hosted exceptional programs and events for nearly 20 years, including the Point Cook Market, which we established in 2007 and operated until the pandemic. So many memorable moments have shaped us.





## The Next Chapter

The redevelopment and expansion project commenced in January 2024 and is expected to continue into 2025. The updates focus on enhancing the infrastructure of the community centre to better serve the needs of our community.

**Administration Area:** An updated spacious administration area to improve operational efficiency.

**New Kitchen Area:** A modernised kitchen with seating, designed to host cooking classes and community meals.

**Community Room Addition:** A versatile space for meetings, workshops, and events, fostering community engagement.

### Program Impact:

Despite the challenges, the JWCC Food Relief Program has continued to provide essential services. Special thanks go to our dedicated staff, particularly Jake, who has played a crucial role in maintaining the program.

The adaptability and commitment of our team ensured that: food relief was consistently provided to families in need.

The program adapted to new methods of distribution to overcome logistical hurdles. Community support was maintained, even under trying conditions.

We eagerly anticipate the full return of the food relief program in 2025, with expanded capacity and improved facilities.







**Staff Appreciation:** Thanks to all our staff who have shown resilience and dedication, especially during this demanding period.

**Community Support:** We are deeply grateful to our community members for their patience and understanding as we work towards a more robust and accommodating centre.

**Looking Ahead:** With the anticipated completion of the renovations in 2025, we are excited to reopen our doors and welcome everyone back to the "new" Jamieson Way Community Centre.

The transformation will not only enhance our facilities but also expand our capacity to serve and engage with our community more effectively.

We look forward to embarking on this new chapter together and invite everyone to drop by, say hello, and be part of the vibrant future of Jamieson Way Community Centre Inc.





# Memorable Moments

Point Cook Market 5th Birthday - December 2012





# Memorable Moments

Cheers for 10 years – Happy Staff & Volunteers 2016





# Memorable Moments

Cheers for 10 years - March 2016

# Food Relief Program Report - Jake Collins

The Jamieson Way Community Centre's Food Relief Program for 2024 not only offered a weekly service for an average of 45 families but also introduced an Emergency Food Relief parcel system, assisting an additional 10+ households each week.

With the Jamieson Way Community Centre & Reserve Expansion underway, 2024 posed unique challenges. There were concerns about our ability to operate effectively, so our team developed a strategy to limit our program's capacity to a manageable number, ensuring we could maintain an exceptional and well-organised service. Ultimately, we had a maximum reach of 196 individuals, with 51 families collecting in one week. Our program style is to provide individual hampers of fruit, vegetables and groceries to suit the needs of those collecting ie family size, dietary needs, ages and sometimes we are even able to help with pet food.

Although our program did not surpass previous years' numbers or met the current demand, the dedication of our staff and volunteers allowed us to navigate the challenges presented by the expansion. Additionally, we adapted by implementing a new system where the community could reach out for immediate assistance. With our new program in place, we could provide individuals with a parcel of supplies on the same day they contacted us, this boosted our weekly reach by over 20%.

We extend our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to our volunteers:

John (bus driver), Paula (bread delivery) and Warren (bread delivery/bus driver) who worked tirelessly each week to provide food and supplies to those in need.

Our sincere thanks to the many donations and support we have received including weekly donations from Baker's Delight and Baker's Kitchen. Pinky's Cakes and Crafts and Nando's Point Cook also supported and contributed to the program. Foodbank have supported our program from the very beginning and continue to do so. Without the major sponsorship funding from our local community Bendigo Bank Altona, Laverton and Point Cook the program would not have been able to continue this year at all. The families who collect weekly often share with us how grateful they are for the support.

As we have already secured funding for the beginning of next year, we are committed to sustaining our Food Relief Program and refining our processes to better serve the community in need through 2025 and beyond.

Proudly supported by  
Community Bank  
Altona, Laverton and  
Point Cook

 **Bendigo Bank**



*Bakers  
Delight*

SANCTUARY LAKES



ALTONA MEADOWS



# 20%

## INCREASE IN FOOD RELIEF REACH

with the introduction of our same day emergency food parcel system.



## SNAPSHOT

our food support reach peaked at 196 individuals in one week

## EMERGENCY RELIEF VALUE

Food & groceries: **\$665,402**

Food vouchers: **\$1,800**

Personal care items: **\$1,200**

Clothing: **\$600**







# Food Relief Program

## COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

The food relief program has always been a huge help to our family. We are always so appreciative of the weekly bread, fruit and vegetables which saves us a lot of money. Everyone involved in the program is always looking out for us. Thank you so much.

"C"

I really appreciate all the help from the staff and volunteers they are terrific. Been really stuck some weeks if I had not been able to collect - a life saver. Really hoping it will be back in 2025 otherwise I don't know what I will do.

"H"

The most organised program going on. All the staff and volunteers always greet everyone so kindly and make it a comfortable place to come to. No matter what week, everyone is always so friendly and provide great support.

"P"

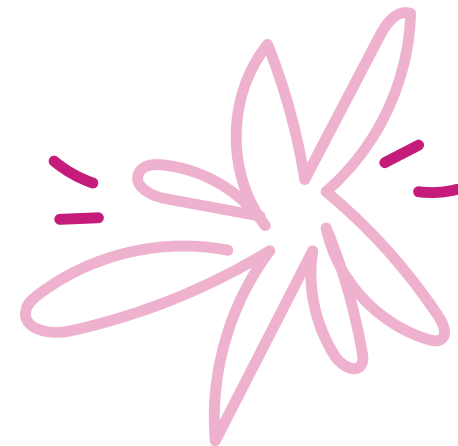


# Thank you!

To Pinky's Cakes and Crafts for the scrumptious marble cake & cream along with cookies made especially for our food relief families.



To our wonderful volunteer Paula for handmaking & donating the beautiful beanies for families in need.



To Nando's Point Cook team surprising the food program families with a special treat - a meal ready to go!



**Our thanks to all who donated food, lemons and groceries to the food program throughout the year.**











# Your Support Matters

Wyndham City Council

Bunnings Warehouse Hoppers Crossing

Foodbank Yarraville

Brian Smith

Jill Roche

Network West

Neighbourhood Houses Victoria

Top Gear Cleaning - Ray and Team

TRW Business Services

Bakers Delight Sanctuary Lakes

Baker's Kitchen Altona Meadows

JWCC Kindergarten staff

JWCC Maternal & Child Health staff

Jake Collins

Malcolm Thompson

Bruno Barreca

Sarah and PC Garden Swap team

Maree Ballestrino

Wendy Charles

Jasmine Maharaj

Iramoo Community Centre

Point Cook Community Learning Centre

Grill'd Point Cook

Pinky's Cakes & Crafts

Nando's Point Cook

Kaliope Vassilopoulos

"Y" Point Cook playgroup incursions

Thank  
you!

## Our Volunteers

Jacqui Carne

Paula Kavanagh

Kim Gale

John Collins

Tanya Babic

Poonam Arora

Linda Jobson

Warren Roche



# Connect With Us



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