

Joondalup family centre

ANNUAL REPORT

January – December 2023



Joondalup Family Centre wishes to acknowledge and thank the traditional custodians of the land, the Whadjuk people of the Noongar nation on which we meet, work, and live. We acknowledge the Elders of the past, present and future.

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ABOUT US

Our History

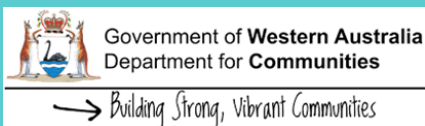
The Joondalup Family Centre Inc is a not-for-profit registered charity community-based organisation established in 1992 to offer a range of programs and services meet the needs of local families, community organisations and groups.

Joondalup Family Centre’s programs, services and facilities are generously funded by the WA Department of Communities (DOC) Empowering Communities Program.

The organisation also receives ongoing support from our peak bodies, Linkwest, Western Australia Council of Social Service (WACOSS) and Australian Neighbourhood Houses and Centres association (ANHCA).

Joondalup Family Centre is regulated by Australian Charities and Not for Profit Commission (ACNA), The Department of Energy, Mines, Industry regulation and Safety (DEMIRS) and The Department of Communities Educational Care and Regulatory Unit (ECRU)

A voluntary Committee comprised of people from the local community provides governance and leadership to Joondalup Family Centre operations.



ABOUT US

Our Centre Philosophy

Our Vision

Reconnect. Build. Grow

All the programs and services facilitated or supported by the Joondalup Family Centre work together to achieve this vision.

Our Mission

To reconnect people and build a diverse, cohesive community that grows together.

Joondalup Family Centre will integrate into existing support networks and take an active interest in other community groups.

Joondalup Family Centre will work collaboratively, sharing their knowledge with one another and the community.

Our Values

Integrity, Respect, Collaboration, Trust.

At the Joondalup Family Centre, we believe that every individual should be cared for and educated in a positive, nurturing manner. We work to support families and encourage them to be active participants in our service.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS & EMPLOYEES

January – December 2023

Committee Members

Chairperson	Julie Zajer
Vice Chairperson	Francois Eckard / Ivan Vujcic
Secretary	Teresa Gastevich
Treasurer	Lashan Wanigasekera
General Members	Felicia Vlad
	Mel Wright
	Peter Henry
	Takavengwa Marindo
	Zoe Moore

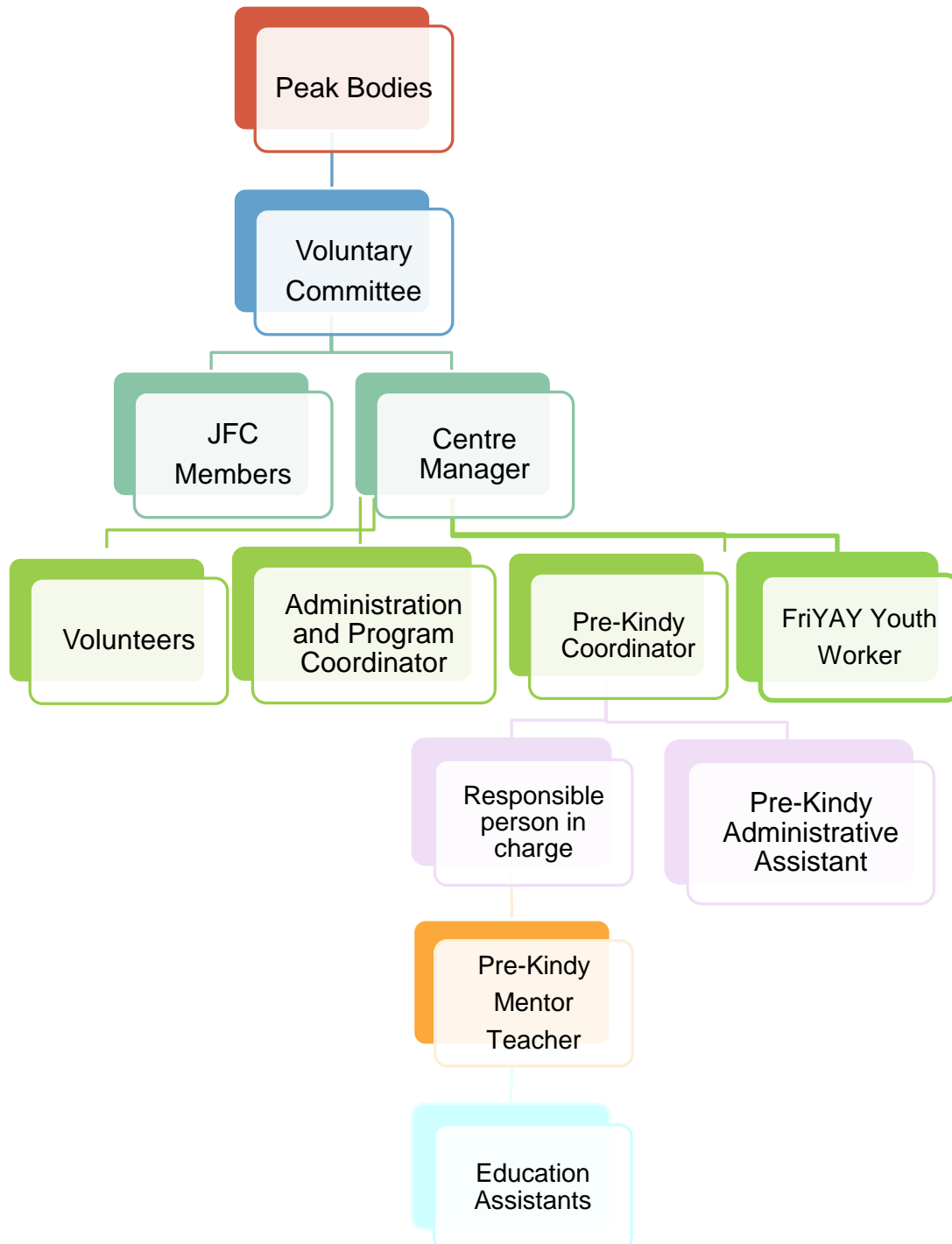
Past Committee Members

Vice Chairperson	Francois Eckard
General Members	Mel Wright

Employees

Centre Manager	Chloe Scott
Administration and Programs Coordinator	Mel Natoli
Pre-Kindy Mentor Teacher	Erin Lister
Pre-Kindy Coordinator	Nicola Riley
Pre-Kindy Education Assistants	Mel Clayton
	Anom Suarini
	Kim Tapper
	Sarah Hough
	Sophie Williams
	Eloise Collins- Nuttall
FriYAY Youth Worker	Sharron Lambe
Nyat Djena Playgroup Coordinator	Mel Clayton

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE



CENTRE USERS

Joondalup Family Centre is a vibrant busy Neighbourhood Centre offering a variety of programs, venue hire and community groups throughout the year.

Below are some of our regular programs which benefited our local community in 2023:



All Stars For Autism



Messy Friends



Nyat Djena Playgroup



E2 Young Engineering



FriYAY Youth Club

Air Brush Venturi
Art Buzz
Auslan Factory
Art Therapy Connect
Best Beginnings Playgroup (DCP)
Child and Adolescent Health Service
Super Mandarin
First Step Solutions
LitCity Church

Alcoholics Anonymous
Ace Tutoring
Spectrum Therapy
Autism WA
Calligraphy Class
Food Bank Food Sensations
Forward in Faith Ministries
Ngala
Kobda Bioenergetics

CHAIRPERSON REPORT

Dear Members and Supporters,

It is my pleasure to present the Chairperson's Report for the Joondalup Family Centre for the 2023 year. As we reflect on the past year, we are proud of the accomplishments and grateful for the support that has propelled our organization forward, I also want to express my sincere appreciation for the trust and confidence placed in the Joondalup Family Centre. Together, we will continue to build a strong and supportive community that nurtures the well-being of families.

Our Family Centre has continued to provide essential programs and services to the community throughout the 2023 year. Our staff introduced new programs aimed at the Youth in our community, this initiative has been a wonderful success, and we are looking forward to continuing this program into 2024. Our educators continued to introduce wonderful programs to compliment the curriculum and enhance the learning of the children. These efforts have had a positive impact on the lives of many families, reinforcing our commitment to the well-being of our community.

We have continued to actively engage with the community through our programs & services offered. These interactions have not only strengthened our ties with residents but also allowed us to better understand and address the evolving needs of the community and families we serve.

We celebrated our 30th Anniversary this year, with many activities cumulating in a wonderful Anniversary party attended by staff, board members, past staff & board, along with community members and venue hirers. We are very proud of the achievement of our centre and the positive impact it has had throughout the 30 years.

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our staff, board, volunteers and centre users for their unwavering dedication and hard work. Without their commitment, the success we have achieved would not have been possible.

Looking ahead, we are excited about the opportunities to further enhance our impact. The admin staff along with our educators will continue to foster partnerships and forge new partnerships to better enhance our centre, these partnerships ensure our current programs continue to run along with the introduction of new and exciting programs for the coming year.

We look forward to building on our partnerships and fostering new and exciting partnerships in 2024. To the board members and staff that we said good-bye to Joondalup Family Centre throughout the year I would like to thank them for their time with us.

We look forward to continuing to progress partnerships with individuals and organisations that share our values.

Thank you for your continued support.



Julie Zajer
Chairperson

FINANCES

Treasurer Report



Lashan Wanigasekera
Treasurer

It is with pleasure and encouragement that I provide you with the Treasurer's report for the period ended 31 December 2023.

I would like to acknowledge the hard work the staff and committee have done, which has seen organic growth in the centre's operating income. In past years, our grant income contributed to 50% of the centre's income, however the past 12 months has reflected a switch where our grant and funding income contributed toward 24% towards the centre's income and operational income was 74%.

Main contribution to this change was in July 2022, the Centre was granted CCS (Childcare subsidy) and we altered our operating time to suit our member's needs. Initially a significant growth was reflected and now it has stabilised and has an organic growth. The Centre continues to be able to meet its present and future obligations, whilst retaining consistent staffing levels. The centre continues to solidify its financial position as the engagement from the community increases and our funds are used for the benefit of our members.

FY23 saw further investment in the centre to continue to enhance the experience of its members. New signage, shade sails and a new artificial play area were a few of the main investments made to the centre.

FY24 is anticipated to be another strong year for the centre as we had new members of 108 in FY23 and expect this to grow as the community engages further with the centre.

We continue to engage with Traction Financial Chartered Accountants to ensure strategic planning and strong reporting will continue to be the Committee and the Centre Managements focus.

I would like to thank our Chairperson, Julie Zajer and the members of the committee for their continuous support and encouragement and thank you to the staff at the centre who continue to make this centre a success through their kindness and commitment towards our members."

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Statement of Financial Position

COMMITTEE REPORT

JOONDALUP FAMILY CENTRE INC

For the year ended 31 December 2023

The Committee presents the report on Joondalup Family Centre Inc for the financial period ended 31 December 2023. The following members of the Committee were on the Committee during the period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023 unless otherwise stated.

The Committee members are:

Julie Zajer (Chairperson)	Ivan Vujcic (Vice Chairperson)	Teresa Gastevich (Secretary)
Lashan Wanigasekera (Treasurer)	Felicia Vlad (Member)	Zoe Moore (Member)
Peter Henry (Member)	Takavengwa Marindo (Member)	Mel Wright (Member)

During the period, Joondalup Family Centre Inc. applied the accounting policies described in Note 1 to these financial statements.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the Joondalup Family Centre Inc. is to provide early learning and development services for children ranging from playgroup to pre-kindy. Also, to provide venue hire facilities for the community and business groups.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

No significant change in Joondalup Family Centre Inc activities occurred during the year.

OPERATING RESULT

The surplus for the year ended 31 December 2023 amounted to \$30,617 (2022: surplus \$124,196).

AFTER REPORTING DATE EVENTS

There has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of the financial report any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature that in the opinion of the Committee is likely to substantially affect the operations of Joondalup Family Centre or the results of those operations in future financial years.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The Centre will continue to carry on the principal activities noted above. There are no likely developments in the activities in future years which will affect the results and therefore require disclosure.

Signed on behalf of the Committee



Julie Zajer (Chairperson)

Date: 19/3/2024

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STATEMENT BY THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

The Executive Committee has determined that the Joondalup Family Centre Inc is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report comprising a statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023, a statement of profit or loss and comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year ended 31 December 2023 should be prepared in accordance with the accounting standards reduced disclosure and policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial report.

In the opinion of the Executive Committee:

1. The attached financial report complies with the Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1 to the financial report and the Associations Incorporations Act 2015 and associated regulations.
2. The attached financial report gives a true and fair view of the financial position of the Joondalup Family Centre Inc as at 31 December 2023 and its performance for the year then ended.
3. At the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Joondalup Family Centre Inc will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Executive Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Executive Committee by:



Chairperson



Treasurer/Secretary

Dated this 19th March 2024

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

JOONDALUP FAMILY CENTRE INC
For the year ended 31 December 2023

	NOTES	2023	2022
Income			
Bank Interest		683	13
Centre Income		61,225	43,263
Clinic Income		4,106	3,893
Donations		-	1,500
Funding and Grant Income		160,260	301,748
Fundraising		8,719	4,671
Other Income		2,030	1,535
Playgroup Income		4,452	5,117
Pre-Kindy Income		418,702	145,165
Total Income		660,177	506,906
Total Income		660,177	506,906
Expenditure			
Administration Fees		85,215	72,468
Amortisation Expenses		1,814	1,833
Audit Fees		2,150	1,900
Cleaning and Maintenance		39,804	28,330
Commission Expense		3,344	936
Depreciation Expenses		34,937	10,476
Employment Costs		425,156	246,573
Finance Expenses		602	648
Leave Entitlement Expense		9,048	7,429
Playgroup Expenses		662	231
Pre-Kindy Expenses		19,706	5,744
Utilities		7,121	6,144
Total Expenditure		629,560	382,710
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)		30,617	124,196
Total Comprehensive Income		30,617	124,196

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COMMITTEE REPORT

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Members – Joondalup Family Centre Inc.

Opinion

We have audited the special purpose financial report of the Joondalup Family Centre Inc., which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023, the statement of income and expenditure for year ended 31 December 2023, notes to the financial report, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the statement by the Members of the Committee. Our audit opinion is provided in order to satisfy the reporting obligations as outlined in the Association Incorporations Act 2015 and also meeting the requirements as set out in the Joondalup Family Centre Inc.'s Constitution.

In our opinion, the accompanying special purpose financial report of the Joondalup Family Centre Inc. for the 12 month period ended 31 December 2023 is prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the financial reporting provisions as outlined in Note 1 of the financial statements and presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Joondalup Family Centre Inc. as at 31 December 2023 and its financial performance for the year then ended.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Joondalup Family Centre Inc. in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of financial reports in Australia, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the special purpose financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report is prepared on an accruals basis to assist the Joondalup Family Centre Inc. in complying with the financial reporting obligations as outlined in the Association Incorporations Act 2015 and also meeting the requirements as set out in the Joondalup Family Centre Inc.'s Constitution. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Report

Joondalup Family Centre Inc. management, on behalf of the Members of the Committee, is responsible for the preparation of the special purpose financial report and for establishing such internal control as the Joondalup Family Centre Inc. management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of a special purpose financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the special purpose financial report, the Joondalup Family Centre Inc. management with the Members of the Committee is responsible for assessing the Joondalup Family Centre Inc.'s ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting. The Members of the Committee are responsible for overseeing the Joondalup Family Centre Inc.'s financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report.

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

As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

CENTRE MANAGER REPORT

Welcome Community Members,

This was my 3 year at Joondalup family centre and what an amazing busy year it's been with lots of celebrations and achievements.

This year we celebrated the centre being around for 30th year and supporting the community providing lots of new opportunities and grow for both the centre and community members. We were able to reflect on the changes to our programs and our ability to adapt to continue to support our community needs.

We celebrated senior's week which was a Free Worm farm workshop hosted by Worm Shed and morning tea for our Senior community members.

Learning all about worm farming and how to make one in your own garden will hopefully give Senior community members confidence to be able to start their own worm farm at home. This will help keep and encourage the seniors to stay active by getting back out in the garden and looking after the worm farm.

We created and fostered lots of partnerships with Emily Hamilton, We Give food, Second bite, Act belong and commit, See it say it, Spiers Centre and Silver Chain.

Our social platform and local members increased this year with lots of new members and families joining our Facebook/Instagram page's and liking and following our centres movements and sharing with others.

We were lucky enough to apply and receive some new grants to upgrade and run workshops. We had many new upgraded centre facilities, boundary fencing, bathroom upgraded, centre signage and new shade sails.

We continue to receive funding from the Department Of Communities until July 2024 with the possibility for this to be extended.

In 2023 Department of Communities helped the centre by upgrading Pre-Kindy Bathroom, Fluro lighting throughout the centre, Electrical switch board upgrades, New boundary fencing and upgrading the Activity Room & Pre-Kindy sink area.

Joondalup Family Centre has increased our staff members over the year and we have an amazing group of well knowledge community driven passionate team which has show to the community and all the positive feedback we receive.

We started up our Tech hub program for the community to come down and utilise our technology and learn new skills. We continued our FriYAY youth program for children aged 7-13 to attend sessions to meet new people and take part in our weekly activities.

We have lots planned for 2024 and cannot wait to share these ideas with our community.



Chloe Scott
Centre Manager

2023 CENTRE OVERVIEW

Programs/Events

At the start of 2023 we surveyed the Joondalup Family Centre members to see what programs/events they would like to see and participate here at Joondalup Family Centre. The results from that survey were our starting point on what we would try to achieve and bring to our Centre for the community.

2023 started off with Joondalup Family Centre organizing a Family Fun Day and Mini Market providing an opportunity for community members to come together in a relaxed and enjoyable environment. These type of events strengthens bonds between neighbours, promotes a sense of belonging, and fosters community spirit.

Throughout the year we held many workshops/Training programs free for our community such as:

- Raising Resilient Kids – Hosted Helping Minds
- My Mental Health Matters - Hosted by Beyond Blue
- First Aid morning – Hosted by Heart Beat Club
- Kids Food Sensations – Hosted by Royal Life Saving
- Surviving the rising Cost of Living - Hosted by Spiers Centre
- Ladies only class – by C2 Martial Arts.

The biggest week on our calendar each year is ANHCA Neighbourhood House week which runs in May each year. This week is to celebrate all Neighbourhood and Community Houses and Centres (NCHCs) all throughout Australia who are the heart of the local community. Through collaborative initiatives, inclusive programs, and shared spaces, they cultivate an environment where every voice is heard, every story is valued, and every member contributes to the vibrant mosaic of our shared community.

During this week we had lots of activity and programs running out of the centre for our community. Kidsafe Australia – providing free child seat restraints checks, Second Bite bringing food items for our community to share, Containers for Change handing out free mesh bags to start collecting to name a few.

Thanks to successfully receiving a grant through Good Things Foundation we were able to run a Tech Hub for a year. This is for community members that don't have access to technology and internet to be able come down to the centre and ours.

We also received a grant from Council on the Ageing WA where we were able to hold a WA Seniors Week event. The staff from Worm Shed held a workshop on how to start and continue a worm farm at home. This was a very successful workshop.

We created a partnership with some of our local daycare centre's where they helped collect food items for our Urban Pantry. Their support helped many of our community members that use our Urban Pantry every day.

It has been a busy 2023 and can't wait to see what 2024 holds.



Mel Natoli
Administration &
Programs Coordinator



2023 CENTRE OVERVIEW

Fundraising

As a Not for Profit association, fundraising is vital to be able to purchase new resources and be able to upgrade our centre. All money raised from these events and fundraising drives, will go straight back into the centre and our programs for the local community.

In 2023 we held many different fundraising events and fundraising drives to help raise much needed funds for the centre and raised \$2474.80 for the year.

Pre-Kindy helped with this fundraising effort by holding Pre-Kindy Colour run, Mother's Day and Father's Day stalls, Pre-Kindy Tea towels and gold coin dress up days.

Joondalup Family Centre held a Musical Bingo evening with raffles, Lucky Dip & prizes in August. It was a fun filled night. Duality provided the music for the evening and Epic Catering for providing the Bar services.

In October we held our popular Halloween disco for the children in our community. With lots of games, music and a canteen the children had a ball, and the children costumes were amazing.

Other smaller fundraising drives we run throughout the year were Cadbury Chocolate boxes, Raffles, Containers for Change & Grill'd Local matters.

We would like to thank all the local businesses and companies that donated goods and services to us in 2023 that helped with our fundraising efforts.

Also a big Thank you to our local community and Joondalup Family Centre members that have supported these fundraising efforts by participating in the fundraising event and purchasing the fundraising items.



PRE-KINDY

Our Pre-Kindy Program runs Monday – Friday 8am to 4pm 48 weeks a year. For children aged between 2 – 4 years old.

My name is Nicola Riley and I have had the pleasure of being the Pre-Kindy Coordinator at Joondalup Family Centre. I have been at the centre for 2 years. We began the year with a full enrolment, catering for 20 children per day our word of month had paid off. We secured a full-time team who work collaboratively amongst each other to ensure high quality care is provided to our community and families.

We have watched our children grow and learn so many new skills throughout the year and very proud of what they have achieved.

Throughout the year we engaged with the families for feedback and input to what activities they wanted to see during the year.

2023 brought many incursions and even excursions for the Pre-Kindy class including intergenerational mornings with Silver Chain, Ambulance visit, U Can Hatch us program, Constable Care, Swan Valley Cuddly Farm. and the Fundamentals movement skills Program at Joondalup Primary School.

We carried out many different fundraising events through the year including colour run, show bags, raffles, book week/dress up days, children’s hand-made tea towels, Mothers day stall, Father Day stalls and Cadbury boxes.

In October had our Pre-Kindy open night to the local families to come on down and meet and greet our educators and see the Pre-Kindy in action with all the amazing resources and activities we had set up.

Our staff attended regular staff meetings and conduct lots of learning opportunities such as child protection, Sun smart, food safety and ECRU road show.

Watch this space for 2024, we plan to further reach out and explore our community, with excursions happening regularly with our community.



Nicola Riley
Pre-Kindy Coordinator



Number of children booked daily Jan - Dec 2023

	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Mon	19	19	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
Tues	20	19	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
Wed	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
Thurs	18	19	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
Fri	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20

NYAT DJENA PLAYGROUP

Nyat Djena (Little Feet) Playgroup runs weekly term based on a Wednesday 9am – 10.30am in our Activity Room.

This year the playgroup has been ran and coordinated by Mel one of our Early Childhood Educators.

Hello my name is Mel, I have been working in the early childhood industry for over 20 years. Being able to shape young minds, foster a love for learning and being part of their growth journey makes it very rewarding.

At Nyat Djena Playgroup I love to create different learning environments and activities for the children and families each week and watching their excited faces as they enter the session is a picture. I enjoy connecting with the families and community and getting to know all the new families that come along and support them.

Our Nyat Djena playgroup aims to promote positive early development by improving parents/caregivers parenting skills and confidence, Reducing the impact of health risk factors, social disadvantage and other issues on children's development through prevention and early intervention, enhance school readiness and develop valuable social and family support networks.

Playgroup numbers improved massively from the start of 2023 and we had lots of families recommending us to friends and family which ended of nearly being full in Dec 2023.

As there has been a demand for our Nyat Djena Playgroup in 2024 we are looking to have the playgroup run all year round not just term based.

Term 1 2024 is looking to be at full capacity already.



Mel Clayton
Nyat Djena Playgroup
Coordinator



Number of Enrolled each session Jan – Dec 2023

	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Wed	10	10	15	15	15	16	16	17	17	17	17

FRIYAY YOUTH CLUB

Our FriYAY Youth Program is aimed at children for ages 7-11 and ran by our amazing youth worker Shaz term based Friday 4pm – 5.30pm



Shaz Lambe
Youth Worker

FriYAY provides an open invitation to our youth community members to congregate at Joondalup Family Centre and join in different planned activities each Friday afternoon/Evening to meet new people and form new friendships.

After FriYAY Youth Club being a major success thanks to the Australian Post grant we decided to continue this program in 2023.

As word got out in the community about this program FriYAY Youth Club became a favourite between the Children loving the different activities provided and the parent being able to leave their children in a safe fun environment and a price that most families can afford.

Each session started to book out well in advance with families still trying to secure a place on the day.

Some activities that the youth enjoyed throughout 2023 included:

- Gym Bus
- Tie Dye T-shirt class
- Pot painting/Planting
- Animal incursion
- Science class
- Young Engineers
- Arts and Crafts classes

From Term 3 we had to move FriYAY to a different due to an overlapping booking. After only 3 weeks of trialing the program on a Tuesday, FriYAY was moved back to a Friday but run out of a different room, which was more appealing for families to attend.

FriYAY will again be running in 2024 and look forward to seeing what activities the Youth get up to.



Number of Enrolled Youth Jan – Dec 2023

	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Fri	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10

RECOGNITION

30TH Birthday Celebration

2023 saw Joondalup Family Centre celebrate 30th years open in the Community. This is a massive achievement and amazing to see how far the centre has come in that 30 years.

Joondalup Family Centre Committee decided to celebrate this achievement on Friday 12th May with a ticketed cocktail evening with special guests, our community members and old and new staff and Committee members.

The evening included music by the Duo father son act Duality & food and drinks provided by Epic Catering.

Our Special guest Emily Hamilton MLA joined us in celebrating the evening and made a speech about how the Joondalup Family Centre is very important place for our community and how the centre has grown over the last 30 years.

Thank you to everyone who came and celebrated with us, sharing stories and enjoying our special evening.



RECOGNITION

Linkwest Awards

In April 2023 Linkwest held their 2-day Power of Community conference where over 160 people from Community resources Centres and Neighbourhood Centres attended from all over WA.

This is an opportunity to get together and learn with other Community resources Centres and Neighbourhood Centres Staff and celebrate the achievements of a sector that drives community and is driven by creative, skilled, and passionate people.

On the first evening of the conference Linkwest holds an awards evening. The Awards evening highlights and celebrates the important work centres do and the creative ways in which they connect people and solve problems for their community.

Joondalup Family Centre were very proud to be encouraged by Linkwest to nominate the centre for the Phoenix award. The Phoenix Award is granted to a Centre that has turned its fortunes around over the past 24 months.

Joondalup needed to submit an essay explaining why and how the centre has changed its fortunes around in the last 24 months and how these changes have benefited the community.

Unfortunately on the evening Joondalup Family Centre didn't walk away with the award but we are very grateful to be involved and encouraged to nominate our centre from our Peak Body who has seen the centre's achievements in the last 24 months.



STRATEGIC PRIORITIES 2020-2025

Quality Education

Program Delivery

Centre Profile

Strategic Aims	Objectives	Key achievements 2023
<p>Quality Education</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increase class enrolments to meet 20 enrolments per class/program 2. Increase to full day of classes at least 2 days per week 3. Develop and innovate new programs with input from staff 4. Expand service delivery to include vacation care and/or after school programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opened our Pre-Kindy 5 days a week. • Extended hours from 9am-2pm to 8am – 4pm. • Pre-Kindy at capacity everyday 20 Children. • CCS (Child Care Subsidy) big success for families. • Continuing FriYAY Youth Club in 2023.
<p>Community Program Delivery</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establish Programs Subcommittee to assist with creation and delivery of community programs 2. Develop new programs for various areas of community 3. Identify and secure new funding opportunities for new programs 4. Recruit volunteers to assist with providing/completing programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tech Hub started with funding through Be Connected • Council on the ageing WA grant – Work farm workshop and morning tea. • Lots of 1 off workshops for various areas of community – Surviving the rising cost of living, Heartbeat first Aid course, My Mental Health Matters to name a few. • Food Sensation for kid by Foodbank program.
<p>Centre Profile</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establish Marketing subcommittee including interested members of Committee and staff 2. Develop new Marketing Plan and implement 3. Review effectiveness of Marketing Plan and update accordingly 4. Develop further Membership categories and recruit new Members 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership grew to just under 100. • Social media platform is still growing. 1500 people following on Facebook. • Engaged with Buggy Buddies to help with marketing.

EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

Joondalup Family Centre was successful in receiving support through the Empowering Communities Program (ECP) from WA Department of Communities. The funding is for five years and commenced on the 1 July 2019. The funding provides us to continue and to provide programs and initiatives, so our community is connected, belong, are valued and contribute to our centre.

The Vision of Empowering Communities Program is:

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

The Aims of Empowering Communities Program are:

- Empower Local People
- Strengthen Social Connections
- Foster Collaboration

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

We Give Food

Joondalup family Centre was having a high demand for food request in the community, and we partnered with Jed from We Give food to provided free pre-package meals to the community. This program was running on Monday afternoons for the community to come down and get food items. It was amazing to see all the community gain free food items to help and support their families. At Christmas We Give Food run a 10,000 meal Christmas Drive, Joondalup Family Centre kindly supported this drive by providing a space where they could cook up and package these meals over a couple of weekends.



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People have social connections in their community	People participate in their local communities.		People contribute to their communities.	

All Stars For Autism

All Stars for Autism is a registered Australian charity, who provide an atmosphere of fun, positivity, and creativity, enabling each child to create organic friendships and follow their interests. Using a strength-based model of inclusion, that encompasses the whole family, especially siblings. All Stars is about building relationships within the family unit, with other families on the same journey and creating an inclusive and loving community. All Stars have been a big part of our centre running many different programs for the community from Playgroup, Mentoring programs, Art therapy and many school holiday programs.



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People have social connections with their community	People participate in their local communities	People learn new skills and knowledge		People feel safe in their communities

EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

WA Senior' Week - Work farm workshop and morning tea

Joondalup Family Centre was lucky enough to receive a grant from Council on the Ageing WA to run a WA Senior week program.

The grant's aim was to have senior's be part of their community and continue an active lifestyle.

We had staff from The Worm Shed to share their knowledge on worm farming and how to take care of a worm fam at home.

We also supplied morning tea and drinks to the seniors that attended the workshop.

Our aim of having this program is giving seniors the knowledge and opportunity to create a Worm farm at home, having to care for this worm farm the seniors will continue an active lifestyle.



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	People participate in their local communities.	People learn new skills and knowledge	People contribute to their communities.	

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How you can support us

- Engaging with us on Social Media.
- Becoming a Committee Member.
- Registering your interest as a program volunteer.
- Participating in one of our programs or services offered at Joondalup Family Centre.
- Hiring our facilities or your next Children's Party, community services or workshops at the Joondalup Family Centre.
- Spreading the word of the Joondalup Family Centre Programs and Services with your neighbours, friends, and family.
- Provide us with valuable feedback.

The continued support and engagement with our local community is key to the future of the Joondalup Family Centre.

We would like to thank you all for making 2023 an engaging and successful year.

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