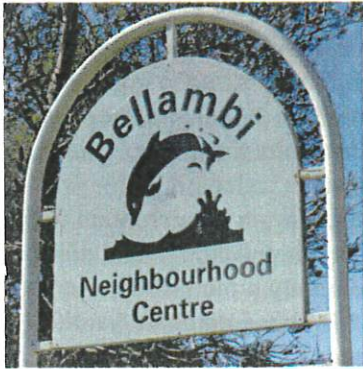


# BELLAMBI NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS

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9am-3pm Monday to Friday 



## Welcome to our newsletter

There's no doubt spring is in the air! The days are quickly flashing away towards another beautiful summer. At BNC we've been reflecting a lot lately, especially as we've recently celebrated 40 years at Bellambi Neighbourhood Centre! We have recently had a wonderful community morning tea, with beautiful singers performing, speakers and an art exhibition. As always the show of support was heartwarming. Thank you to all who came, assisted in organising and preparing the delicious food, and thank you to all who come through our doors.

The work that was planned for the garden has been completed, and its worth having a look. The garden is created with a much more welcoming, accessible and productive outdoor space for all to enjoy.

Check out our new library box, pick up a book and pull up a bench in the shade to have a read and relax. The vegetable garden will be providing fresh food for our shop and community lunch in no time at all as more energy is being devoted to our little garden. We hope this newsletter provides useful information for all, and we would love feedback and suggestions. Your opinions are important and valued. Feel free to enquire at the office, or use the suggestion box located in the entrance foyer

## SPRING/SUMMER 2019 CALENDAR

### NOVEMBER

FREE DV alert awareness session at 12 noon 19-11-19

Wollongong homeless hub mobile market with all items FREE! including clothing, manchester, household items and toiletries at 9.30AM-12.30NOON - 28-11-19

### DECEMBER

Christmas party 3-6pm 12-12-19

Summer holiday closure dates 23-12-19 till 6-01-2020

**THE BELLAMBI PANTRY**

Our shop offers discounted and/or free fruit and vegetables, bread, household products, assorted pantry, fridge and freezer items. Opening hours are Tuesday to Friday 9.30 am until 1.00pm.

**KIDS BREAKFAST PROGRAM**

Our breakfast program provides a free meal to school aged children and young people and their parents. The breakfast is served from 7.30 to 8.30 each school day to students attending school. Cereal, toast, fruit, and other yummy options are available each day prepared by our terrific team of volunteers. We are also able to provide recess and lunch if asked

**COMMUNITY LUNCH**

Come in every Wednesday during term time at 12AM to enjoy a scrumptious 2-course meal prepared by our fabulous team of volunteers. Everyone is welcome. Come and share great food, conversation and company! If you would like to donate to Community Lunch all donations over \$2 are tax deductible (and will go towards helping the Bellambi community). Bellambi Neighbourhood Centre is a not-for-profit organization. And if you're coming for lunch, why not come early and join in a fun game of bingo at 11AM. SPONSORED BY BONNOS PIZZERIA

**WORK & DEVELOPMENT ORDERS**

Work and development orders (WDO) allow eligible members of the community to reduce their fines through unpaid work with an approved organization, or through certain courses or treatment. You are an eligible client if you: have a mental illness, intellectual disability or cognitive impairment homeless, have a serious addiction to drugs, alcohol or volatile substances or you are experiencing financial hardship to the extent that you are deemed eligible for the scheme. If you have a fine through State Debt Recovery and would like to find out if a WDO could help you, please get in touch.

**ENERGY ACCOUNTS PAYMENT ASSISTANCE SCHEME (EAPA)**

**At BNC we can assist you with your energy bills Tuesdays and Thursdays by appointment only.**



**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Community Engagement Group meets 9.30AM at the centre the third Friday of each month. The group is made up of community members with the coordinator and two Board reps. It is the communities chance to connect, gather centre information, share ideas, bring up concerns and work towards solutions. All community members welcome!!

**JOIN US!**

Did you know that Bellambi Neighbourhood Centre is a membership based association? We want to grow our membership to get input from more members of the community. Joining cost is \$2.00, and then \$2.00 renewal per year. If you would like to contribute to the Neighbourhood Centre Association, then just ask for a membership form at the front office

**YOUTH & FAMILY PROGRAMS**

Barnados run a supported play group in the centre Monday 9.30AM - 12PM

Big Fat Smile in conjunction with healthy cities runs the active-in-betweens (BELZA'S) after school program Tuesday 3-5PM Supported playgroup is run by Big Fat Smile on Wednesday 9.45AM-11.45AM (please join us for lunch afterwards)

Wollongong council youth team runs youth connect 2518 for high school kids 3PM-5PM wednesday (loads of fun)

Craft with Rhiannon is on Thursday 10AM-12PM come along and learn some new skills or share your skills

Computer skills with David on Mondays 9AM-3PM and Fridays 9AM-12.30PM. All welcome!