



## Our Community Place

# The Buzz Newsletter

2024

### Office Hours:

Monday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Thursday : 9:00 AM- 4:00 PM

Friday: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

(Closed Tuesdays and Public Holidays)

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Our Community Place Inc.

## Our Community Place is now at the Windale Hub

Yep, you read it, We are now located at the Windale Hub on Lake Street.

And we are here to stay, along with all of our current programs and activities.

On Saturday 24 August, the Windale Hub had its official opening to welcome the community to the new venue which includes a library, community hall, a couple of meeting spaces, cafe and offices spaces available for lease.

The facility is a great addition to the community.

Please see photos of the official opening on page 3.



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## Our Community Place's Update

We hope you enjoy our first updated Buzz Newsletter for 2024!

There have been many changes to operations, contact details and location since our last newsletter.

Our Buzz newsletter will now be delivered every 6 months showcasing highlights, news and stories of our community work and information of any upcoming activities.

Our office contact number has changed, Please see front of the page for details.

We have updated our operation hours. **Please note: that we are not open on Tuesdays.** See front of the page for more details.

We also have a new PO BOX which details are on the front of the page.

Our social media (Facebook and Instagram) is now updated. If you want to follow us and keep up to date, please click the LIKE button on our Facebook page 'Our Community Place Inc' and click the FOLLOW button on to our Instagram Page called 'ourcommunityplaceinc'.

## Our Partners and Supporters



***Many Thanks..***



# Our Community Place's Office Services

## Information and Support

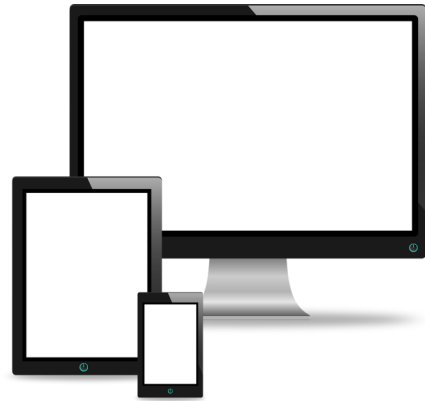
If you need any support and information on services, give us a call on our office number to chat or book an appointment.



## Computer Support Hub and Office Facilities

If you need assistance with access to the internet, computer support and/or usage of our office facilities such as photocopier, scanner and laminator **at a minimal cost.**

Please contact us to book an appointment and we can help you.





# Regular Activities and Services' Update



## **Food Share is back on with some changes at the Windale Hub's space.**

We are no longer taking phone call bookings for this program. If you are in need of food, please come between 10am to 11am at the Windale Hub, 20 Lake Street, Windale to collect a bag of grocery.

Food Share will still run on a Monday except on school and public holidays for people in the Windale, Gateshead, Mt Hutton areas.

**To keep up to date about this program, follow our Facebook and Instagram pages.**



## **Lunch Hub** A Community Lunch hosted by OCP

### **Lunch Hub is back on at the Windale Hub's Hall.**

Lunch Hub was on a little break while we were moving to the Windale Hub, but it is back on!

It runs the same as always, a two-course sit-down lunch cooked by our fantastic volunteers at a \$3 donation on Mondays at 12.00 noon (during school terms).

The only difference is it is in a new community hall!

Over the last few months, guests were treated to many delicious meals and desserts, such as Beef Steak with Veggies and Mushroom Gravy, Chicken, Salad and Chips, Sausage Bake, Chicken and Bacon Bake, Baked Pork and Chook, and Chicken and Leek Pie. Ice-cream, Jelly and Fruit, Custard Puffs, to name a few.

Check out our Facebook and Instagram pages to see what's on the menu for the upcoming Monday.

**Hope to see you at the next one!**



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**Sister Talk is still running, just now at the training room in the Windale Hub.**

The current upcoming activities flyer for Sister Talk is up on our website and on social media or you can simply contact our office.

Sister Talk is a relaxed group for women with a focus on mothers. The group provides a safe space for women to meet others, support others and have a cuppa, conversation, and a laugh.

We run a varied program including opportunities for socialising, hand-on activities (e.g., crafts, arts), guest presenters plus more!

Children (babies to preschoolers) are very welcome.

**To know about our next activities follow Facebook and Instagram pages or check out our website.**



**A new outreach program at Our Community Place**

Our Community Place have partnered with the Hunter Women Centre!

The Hunter Women Centre is offering FREE counselling services by trained counsellors at the Windale Hub.

They will join us fortnightly on a Friday alongside Sister Talk to provide support and deliver outreach counselling appointments.

HWC will also deliver some amazing workshops and women's circle activities in the new year, so keep a look out on our social media for updates.

Counselling appointments can be delivered via telehealth, videocall, or face to face at the Windale Hub. Call us for a referral or contact Hunter Women Centre directly on 02 4968 2511..





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## Windale Repair + Learn Workshop

This was a program that ran from late last year to end of Term 1, 2024.

It was a program for parents, grandparents and carers of Windale Public School who required children's school clothes and/or items such as library bags, school hats etc. repaired.

We had a small team of volunteers from assisting with the repairs.

Our volunteers also helped with teaching basic sewing skills.

We placed the program on hold in May 2024. Please stay tuned for more information about this program.



## Outreach Opportunities

We have a few outreach services available from our office.

Service Australia outreach once a month on Mondays.

The Community Hair Project provides free haircuts to the community. Our last visit was in February. It was popular, and we will soon announce the next visit so please keep an eye out on Facebook and Instagram page as bookings are essential.





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## Courses through OCP

In May, we had NEST Program again thanks to our partnership with OzHarvest. It was open to everyone in the Windale/Gateshead area.

Over the 6-week program the participants focused on learning about healthy eating and easy, affordable cooking in a friendly and fun environment. After the participants cooked the delicious meals and desserts, all sat and together for the lunch.



## Volunteering Opportunities

We are always seeking new volunteers to support our programs. If you are enthusiastic about supporting the community and want to experience working in localised programs, we would like to hear from you.

### POSITION AVAILABLE

We are currently seeking interest for the volunteer position of Head Cook for our Lunch Hub program. If you have a passion for cooking and would like to support the local community, please contact us.

If you would like to know more about how you can become involved, please contact us.



