

Welcome to our Community Chatter Newsletter!

Thank you for registering your interest in Connecting Community for Kids and we hope you enjoy this newsletter. Wow, can you believe it is the end of 2017 already! We have had an epic year and we thank you for joining us on our journey. From chatting to us at our events and pilot programs, to adding your input to our community workshops, all decisions made for the communities of Cockburn and Kwinana have come from you. During our Decide the Right Path Workshop, approaches were presented and voted on by our Community Champions with Action Teams recruited at our Community Planning Days. We look forward to working with you in 2018 as we embark on implementing our approaches. We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday season. Stay safe and be merry!

Community Planning Days

Over 100 people attended Connecting Community for Kids Community Planning Days on **Tuesday 14th November** (Kwinana) and **Tuesday 28th November** (Cockburn). The Planning Days were open to all local residents and service providers to ensure any decisions on catalysts for change are made by the community, for the community. Fresh attendees were joined by our Community Champions; local individuals that have supported us through our journey. Participants were invited to progress the co-design for five Community Approaches that had been previously agreed at our 'Decide the Right Path' Workshop in August.

Both Planning Days were held in conjunction with City of Kwinana and City of Cockburn; respectively, with an address from the City's Mayor on how Connecting Community for Kids is working in partnership with the City and how approaches are aligned to the City's Community Development Strategies. While our aim is to improve outcomes for kids pre-birth to 8; through community consultation, we have realised that this work involves the whole community. Our approaches connect and overlap with each other and all work in conjunction to improve outcomes for children and families. If you are still keen to join us and become a Community Champion, why not join an Action Team. Or feel free to have a chat to us on how you can participate. It really does "take a village to raise a child".

Action Team Meetings

Building Neighbourhood Connections (Similar to Street by Street)

Kwinana Meeting: Tue 12th Dec 9.30am to 11am, Darius Wells Centre

Cockburn Meeting: Feb 2018 To be determined by Action Team

Celebrate Culture (Promoting embedding all cultures into community)

Kwinana Meeting: Wed 13th Dec 5.30pm to 6.30pm, Darius Wells Centre

Cockburn Meeting: Mon 15th Jan 10am to 11.30am, Yangebup Family Centre

Providing Peer to Peer Support (Similar to Parent Café in a Box)

Kwinana Meeting: Wed 17th Jan 10am to 12noon, Child and Parent Centre, Calista

Cockburn Meeting: Mon 5th Feb 9.30am to 11am, Yangebup Family Centre

Postnatal Peer Support (Similar to Community Mothers)

Combined Meeting: Tue 23rd Jan 10am to 12noon, Darius Wells Centre

Target 100% (2 year old health checks)

Combined Meeting: Thu 1st Feb 10am to 11.30am, Darius Wells Centre



Children's Week 2017

Connecting Community for Kids celebrated Children's Week by participating in three major events. On **Tuesday 24th October** we joined Kwinana service providers at the Kwinana Early Years Working Group Pop-Up Playground. We offered an activity for the kids to get creative, with rock painting the flavour of the day. Children were able to paint one rock to take home and hide themselves and a second rock for us to keep and give to City of Kwinana to create a rock art piece in the City.



We also join City of Cockburn's celebrations by attending the annual Teddy Bears Picnic on **Wednesday 25th October**. We asked children to walk with us by painting their feet and getting a foot impression on calico with the quote "If you want to walk fast walk alone. If you want to walk far walk together"



Connecting Community for Kids also joined Medina Residents Group at the Medina 2017 Community Festival on **Sunday 29th October**. The event attracted a large and diverse attendance and our team enjoyed chatting to all the friendly faces and recruiting for our Planning Day.

The Holiday Season is Here!

Wow, we can't believe 2017 is finishing and 2018 will soon be upon us. With so much to look forward to, we can't wait to meet with you all again next year as we implement our approaches. We are in need of a well deserved break and would like to advise that our offices will be closed from **Friday 15th December 2017 until Monday 8th January 2018**. We wish our community a safe and happy holidays. Take the time to relax and rejoice in your family and appreciate your precious children.

Farewell but not Goodbye

Cath, our Cockburn Community Facilitator has decided to return to her passion of nurturing young minds and will be back in the classroom at a very lucky Cockburn Primary School. Cath will remain a part of Connecting Community for Kids, participating in our Community Mothers Action Team. Cath has been such a strength to the team that she will be sorely missed, but we all wish her every success in her new role and will be keeping in touch.

Let's Introduce Our Team

We would like to introduce our newest Backbone Team Member!

Belinda Ngoroyemoto
Cockburn Community
Facilitator



Belinda will join our team officially in January 2018; however some of you have already met the bubbly, friendly and energetic force of nature.

Belinda will replace Cath in the role of Cockburn Community Facilitator and is looking forward to making a positive impact within the Cockburn Community and chatting to parents, carers and providers.

Belinda joins us with ten years experience working with children and facilitating programs in her community through various avenues. She has qualifications in Communications and Community Studies and ignites these passions by ensuring the voices of children are heard.

Belinda will project manage our 5 approaches as we embark on implementation in 2018. She encourages all parents to join their wider community.

Welcome to the team Belinda!

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