



June Community Centre Newsletter



As we move into the new financial year, June Community Centre continues to thrive as a local hub for wellbeing, inclusion, and engagement. With a strong mix of social groups, wellness programs, and outreach support, we are proudly seeing increased participation, renewed energy, and stronger partnerships across our region.

Our collective focus remains clear: dignity, choice, and community connection for all.

Line Dancing & Dance Moves

Fun, accessible dance classes that combine rhythm, exercise, and laughter. A great way to stay active and meet new people.



Baby on the Mat

A gentle sensory program for infants and new parents, focused on bonding, early development, and connection in a warm, welcoming environment



Toddlers on Their Toes

Active movement and play-based learning for little ones aged 1–4. Encourages coordination, confidence, and fun for both toddlers and carers.



Gentle Exercise

A low-impact program for older adults or those with mobility limitations—improving balance, strength, and social connection.



Crochet & Craft Circle

A creative, calming space to learn or share skills in knitting, crochet, and crafts—complete with good conversation and community spirit.

WEEKLY COMMUNITY EXCURSIONS
GROUP OUTINGS TO LOCAL ATTRACTIONS, MARKETS,
AND CULTURAL SITES. DESIGNED TO REDUCE
ISOLATION, FOSTER FRIENDSHIPS, AND EXPLORE NEW
EXPERIENCES.
TOGETHER, WE'RE BUILDING A CONNECTED, VIBRANT,
AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY—ONE PROGRAM AT A
TIME.

Whether you're interested in joining a program, volunteering, partnering, or referring someone, we'd love to hear from you:

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Key Dates This Quarter | July – September 2025

1 July – Start of the New Financial Year

We're reviewing our funding priorities, refreshing programs, and implementing major aged care reforms.

7–14 July – NAIDOC Week

Theme: *"Keep the Fire Burning! Blak, Loud & Proud"*

Join us in celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and achievements. Community events and Elders' gatherings will be held throughout the week.

11 July – World Population Day

We acknowledge the importance of access, inclusion, and health equity for all—especially in rural and ageing communities.



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1–7 August – Homelessness Week

We're raising awareness about housing stress and supporting those doing it tough through our Emergency Relief and aged care outreach services.

4 August – National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day

Our early childhood programs will incorporate cultural storytelling, art, and song to honour the youngest First Nations voices.

12 August – International Youth Day

A time to shine a light on our youth programs, including Youth on Country and school holiday workshops.

20 August – Seniors Week NSW (TBC)

We'll be celebrating our older community members with special events, morning teas, and wellness sessions.

1–30 September – Dementia Awareness Month

We'll be sharing resources and offering support for carers and families navigating dementia, as well as promoting healthy ageing.

7 September – National Grandparents Day (NSW)

We invite families to join us for an intergenerational morning tea and celebration.

10 September – R U OK? Day

Let's check in with one another. Mental health and wellbeing are everyone's business—especially in our caring and volunteer-led programs



Stay connected with what's happening in our community this quarter! There are key national and local events that Junee Community Centre is recognising and supporting.

Meals on Wheels – More than Just a Meal

At Junee Community Centre, our **Meals on Wheels program** continues to be a vital service for older residents, people with disabilities, and carers in the community.

We don't just deliver food—we provide **connection, safety checks, and dignity** to those who need it most.



“It's the highlight of my day. They always check how I'm going.”

Program Features:

- Freshly prepared meals delivered hot to your door, 5 days a week
- Frozen meal packs available for weekends and emergencies
- Menus tailored to suit health and dietary needs
- Friendly volunteers and staff delivering more than just food
- Affordable pricing with **My Aged Care** and **NDIS subsidies** available

From the Program Coordinator

“Meals on Wheels is so much more than just food. We're often the only human contact some clients receive each day. It's a privilege to serve our community in this way.”

— Lisa N., Meals on Wheels Coordinator

Support Spotlight: Free Financial Counselling

Junee Community Centre is proud to offer **free, confidential financial counselling** for residents of Junee and surrounding districts.

Whether you're managing unexpected bills, facing financial stress, or simply want help budgeting, our qualified financial counsellor can assist with:

- Budgeting and money management
- Managing utility and phone debts
- Advocacy with creditors
- Navigating Centrelink, fines, or hardship support

To book, contact our team on (02) 6924 2666 or email admin@jccentre.org.au

Take the first step toward regaining control—we're here to help.

**Free and
Confidential**



Get Involved

Volunteer with us | Share your skills, time, or support

Donate or sponsor a program | Your contribution directly supports transport, materials, and participant access

Join our mailing list | Be the first to know about new programs and events

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Aged Care Reform Update |
Effective 1 July 2025

The Australian Government is rolling out a historic transformation of aged care to ensure that older Australians receive high-quality, safe, and respectful care. These changes respond directly to the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety.

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Key Reforms Starting 1 July 2025

1. A New Aged Care Act

A **rights-based Aged Care Act** will replace current legislation. It will:

- Embed the **rights of older people** in law (e.g. dignity, privacy, autonomy)
- Introduce a **Statement of Rights** all providers must uphold

2. New Regulatory Model

A stronger compliance and enforcement framework will:

- Hold providers to new **mandatory quality standards**
- Improve **incident reporting** and **complaints resolution**
- Expand the role and powers of the **Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission**

3. Code of Conduct for Aged Care Workers and Providers

A legally binding **Code of Conduct** will apply to all aged care workers and governing persons, including volunteers. It includes obligations to:

- Treat people with respect and dignity
- Act with integrity and transparency
- Provide care that is safe, competent, and inclusive

4. Worker Screening and Registration (Phased Introduction)

A new **Aged Care worker Screening and Registration Scheme** is being introduced (starting with worker screening in 2025), aiming to:

- Ensure only safe and qualified individuals provide aged care
- Require ongoing **training and conduct obligations**

6. Transition to the Support at Home Program (delayed)

While initially scheduled for July 2025, the new **Support at Home** program—which will replace CHSP, HCP and other programs—has been **delayed** ensuring it is safe and workable.

Current CHSP and HCP arrangements will **continue beyond July 2025**, with transition timelines to be confirmed later in 2025.



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5. Star Ratings and Provider Reporting

The **Star Ratings system**, introduced in 2023 for residential care, continues to expand and will:

- Include home care provider data

Increase transparency around **staffing, care minutes**



What It Means for Our Centre and Clients

Junee Community Centre is:

- **Aligning services with the new Quality Standards and Code of Conduct**
- **Preparing staff and volunteers** for new screening requirements
- **Continuing CHSP delivery under current arrangements**
- **Keeping clients informed** of their rights and upcoming changes
- Working closely with My Aged Care and government departments to ensure a smooth transition

 Information sessions will be offered throughout the year. Stay tuned!

Until Next Time...

Thank you for being part of our vibrant and growing community.

We look forward to sharing more stories, updates, and opportunities with you in our next edition—coming October 2025.

Until then, stay connected, stay well, and stay proud of the role you play in making Junee stronger every day.

Warm regards,

The Team at Junee Community Centre



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