

## **8.22. Neutral Bay Community Centre Revitalisation Report**

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### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. NBCC Board Directory [8.22.1 - 5 pages]
2. Financial Summary Report 2019 2020 [8.22.2 - 1 page]
3. NBCC Schedule of Activities June 2021 [8.22.3 - 1 page]
4. Correspondence from Felicity Wilson MP 3 June 2021 [8.22.4 - 2 pages]
5. NBCC Community Engagement Summary May 2021 [8.22.5 - 8 pages]

### **PURPOSE:**

This report provides an update on Neutral Bay Community Centre and its development in the past eighteen months and recommendations for its future sustainability and growth.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Neutral Bay Community Centre has experienced a period of significant change and growth in the past 18 months. The community has been consulted, membership has increased by 400%, a new volunteer board of directors has been elected and a comprehensive schedule of activities has been implemented.

With increased membership and engagement, it is recommended that Neutral Bay Community Centre join the Council's other community centres in developing a Joint Strategic Plan with Council and reviewing this annually.

To maintain the growth and prepare for the transition to a new purpose-built community centre identified within the Military Road Corridor Planning Study, the future employment of a centre coordinator will be vital.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Neutral Bay Community Centre currently receives \$4000 (increase to \$8000 in 2021/22) through Council's Grants and Subsidies Scheme. The Centre receives no other recurrent funding and derives modest contributions from membership fees, fitness classes and low-cost computer lessons.

Over the past 18 months, with the support of Council, Neutral Bay Community Centre has successfully applied for \$14,850 in grant funding. At the end of 2020 the Centre had a closing balance of \$24,378.50.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1. THAT** Council continues to support the growth of Neutral Bay Community Centre by providing support and mentoring to the board of directors in their infancy.
- 2. THAT** Council enters into a Joint Strategic Plan with Neutral Bay Community Centre, consistent with other Council-owned community centres.
- 3. THAT** Council considers in its 2022/23 community grants & subsidies budget providing an additional grant to the Neutral Bay Community Centre to support the employment of a part time coordinator.

## **LINK TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

The relationship with the Community Strategic Plan is as follows:

### 1. Our Living Environment

1.4 Public open space and recreation facilities and services meet community needs

### 2. Our Built Infrastructure

2.1 Infrastructure and assets meet community needs

### 3. Our Future Planning

3.4 North Sydney is distinctive with a sense of place and quality design

### 4. Our Social Vitality

4.1 North Sydney is connected, inclusive, healthy and safe

## **BACKGROUND**

Neutral Bay Community Centre is a long-established community centre in the heart of Neutral Bay. It provides a place for community members to come together in a safe environment, connect with others, learn new skills, and maintain their health and wellbeing.

Historically, Neutral Bay Community Centre operated exclusively by volunteers to govern and manage the day-to-day operations of the service. Due to a number of factors, including the death of two volunteers, the existing management committee became redundant toward the end of 2019.

In a Council meeting held in November 2019 it was resolved that Council's Access and Inclusion Coordinator would work with the Centre to develop a greater capacity to service the needs of the aged community east of the Freeway.

## **CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS**

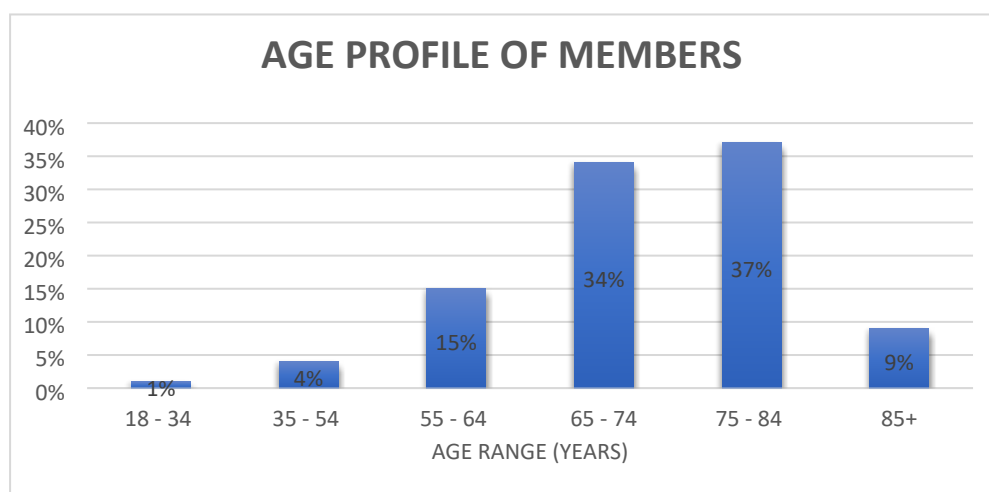
Community engagement will be undertaken in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Protocol.

## **DETAIL**

For the past 18 months Council has been supporting Neutral Bay Community Centre to become a sustainable and thriving community facility for people residing in the Neutral Bay/Cremorne area.

With the support of Council’s Access and Inclusion Coordinator, Neutral Bay Community Centre has achieved the following milestones:

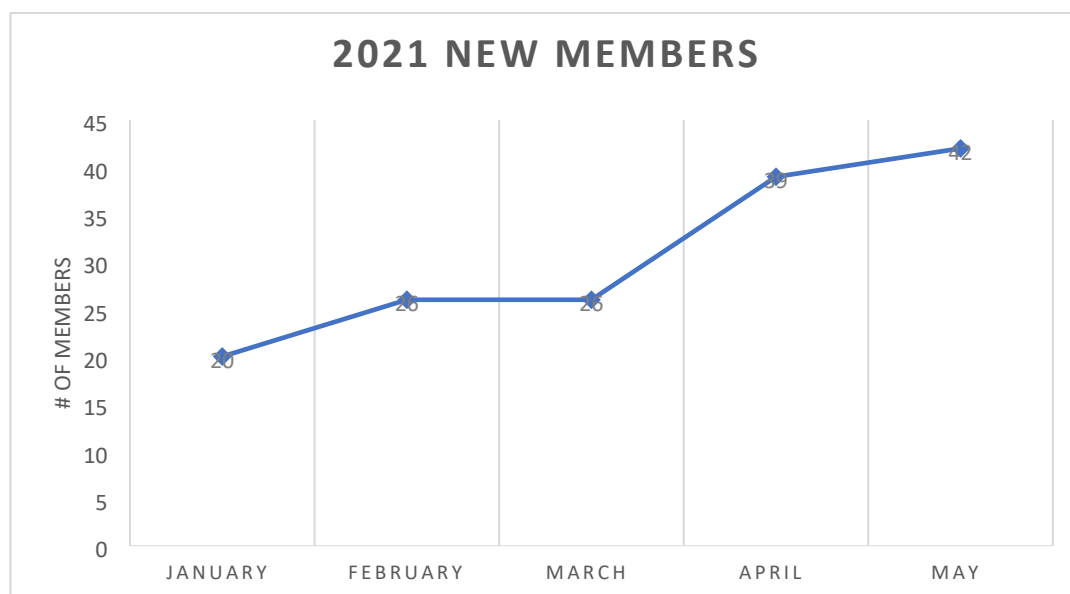
- Recruited, inducted and mentored a new board of directors to take over the governance of the Centre, replacing the existing management committee which became redundant in October 2019. Potential board members were invited to a Board Information session in early November 2020 and the new board were elected at the AGM on 9 November 2020. The incoming board have varying levels of experience and expertise and have benefited from the support of Council to provide support, training and mentorship in their infancy. A copy of the bios of the board members is provided as an attachment.
- Recruited, trained and supported thirteen (13) new volunteers to support the Centre’s day-to-day operations. In total, there are fifteen (15) volunteers who offer their time on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis. These roles include computer tutors, hosts for the drop-in centre, as well as leaders of special interest groups, such as the Philosophy and Men’s Chat group. The co-ordination of volunteers is currently managed by Council’s Access and Inclusion Co-ordinator but would transfer to the Centre Coordinator once this position has been established.
- Formally changed the name of the Centre from Neutral Bay Senior Citizens Club Inc. to Neutral Bay Community Centre Inc. in March 2021 to appeal to a wider audience and become a more inclusive community facility that welcomes people of all ages. Whilst the Centre remains a place that largely appeals to older people (people aged 65 and over), the removal of ‘Senior Citizens’ from the name has attracted a greater cross section of the older population.



- Adopted Covid-safe practices to safely reopen the Centre following the Covid lockdown from March to July 2020. During the forced closure members were offered support and welfare calls were made to vulnerable and socially isolated members. A monthly newsletter was introduced, and a private Facebook group

established to keep members connected and informed during this time. Both initiatives have sustained since the Centre re-opened.

- Developed a weekly schedule of approximately 25 activities and programs to appeal to a broad demographic and promote the health, wellbeing and social connectedness of older people living in the Neutral Bay/Cremorne catchment. Programs, classes and groups are provided at low or no cost to members.
- Increased the usage of the Centre through new activities and extended opening hours. Previously, the Centre was open for drop-ins on Mondays and Thursdays only, between the hours of 9.30am – 2.30pm. The Centre now opens Monday to Friday from 9.30am – 2.30pm.
- Increased the membership by 400% since 2019. Membership is open to anyone and attracts an annual fee of \$10. At the end of 2019 there were 71 members, a consistent average for the Centre’s membership base in the preceding five years. At the end of 2020 there were 168 members, and as of May 2021 there were 277 members. The Centre has experienced consistent growth in membership since the Centre reopened following the Covid lockdown in July 2020. The graph below plots the growth in new members since the beginning of 2021.

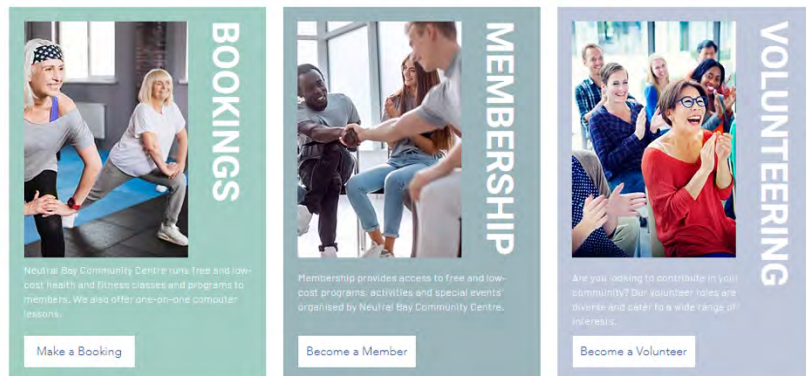


- Facilitated community engagement to better understand the needs of members, as well as the broader community. A total of 198 people responded to an online survey that was shared with members in an e-newsletter and promoted through local social media groups. Responders provided comments and feedback on the current status of the community centre, their likes and dislikes, as well as aspirations for the future. A snapshot of the results is provided below and a more comprehensive report is provided as an attachment to this report.

- “The community centre has been central to helping me settle into the area and meet other older people”.
  - “Having only been a member for the past three months I feel that Camelia and the team of helpers is doing a tremendous job and she has increased the number of activities available”.
  - It is very important to me that the community centre continues to grow and remain relevant to the needs of the local community”.
  - “It could do with sprucing up as it’s very dreary and uninviting. Be good to see it given a face lift”.
- Developed a Draft Strategic Plan to guide the future growth of the Centre and become financially sustainable as the Centre expands with the proposed new community centre identified in the Military Road Corridor Planning Study. The strategic plan, for the next three years, is broken into three pillars; Engagement, Offering and Sustainability, and will be implemented by the board of directors. A copy of the plan is attached to this report.
  - Increased the Centre’s online presence with a new website and public Facebook



page.



- Secured \$14,850 in grant funding to support the growth of the Centre and its programs. Successful funding has been received from the Good Things Foundation to deliver the Be Connected Digital Technology Program, 2020 Supplementary Volunteer Grant provided by the Centre for Volunteering, Grill'd Local Matters, as well as North Sydney Council's Small Grants Program.
- Received consistently positive feedback from members about the value of the Centre and the benefits on individual's health and wellbeing. Correspondence has been forwarded to Council, as well as local MP's.
  - “Dear sir/madam, I should like to commend Camelia Tobia who, in the last year/18 months, has made a significant change to the ambiance, scope and facilities available at the Neutral Bay Community Centre. Not only has the name changed from a Seniors Centre to a Community Centre, (which is so much more inclusive) but the number and variety of classes has grown, the area has been brightened up and I gather that the membership has tripled or even quadrupled. It is certainly more popular with more people dropping in to a very cheerful, positive atmosphere. She has done an excellent job of improving the Community Centre's profile and outreach Thank you from a very satisfied member. Olga Cramsie”. Received by Council on 18 May 2021.
- Recognised in Parliament by the Member for North Shore, Felicity Wilson MP. Ms Wilson noted the impact of Covid-19 and “Moved that this House: Recognises the Neutral Bay Community Centre and its significant efforts in helping reunite the community following a year of Covid-19 restrictions, particularly for those over 50 who have unfortunately become more vulnerable and isolated during the pandemic”. A copy of the Hansard and letter addressed to Neutral Bay Community Centre is provided as an attachment to this report.

- Commenced minor refurbishment of Neutral Bay Community Centre to create a more welcoming and modern facility that appeals to a greater audience. Works carried out to date include the demolition of existing cabinetry, new carpet in main community room and upstairs meeting room and replacement of loose furniture. New carpet tiles were acquired by one of the board members and the furniture was donated by Stanton Library.

### **Main Community Room Before**



### **Main Community Room After**



### **Financial Position of Neutral Bay Community Centre**

Historically, Neutral Bay Community Centre has operated as a low-level community group, servicing a small proportion of the local community. The existing model of



service delivery, reliant solely on volunteers, has not allowed the Centre to reach its full capacity and resulted in a service that was known and frequented by a small fraction of the community.

Since 2019 the membership has quadrupled and at the end of 2020 the income stream for the Centre doubled. The income growth has been achieved through successful grant funding, coupled with small profit made from the provision of programs and activities introduced to the Centre in the past twelve months.

Council, through its Contributions and Subsidies scheme, supports the operation of five community centres, as highlighted in the table below.

<b>Name of Community Facility</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>
Crows Nest Centre	\$415,600
North Sydney Community Centre	\$63,000
Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre	\$53,300
Nutcote	\$40,900
North Sydney Men's Shed	\$6,300
Neutral Bay Community Centre	\$4,000

To maintain the growth and prepare for the transition to a new purpose-built community centre identified within the Military Road Corridor Planning Study the future employment of a centre coordinator will be vital. This role would oversee the day-to-day operations of the Centre, provide consistency and a 'familiar face' to members, whilst supervising a team of volunteers. Without this dedicated position in the near future, the Centre is likely to lose its momentum and won't be able to capitalise on the new community centre once it has been built.

# Neutral Bay Community Centre

## Board of Directors

### Peter Kruger – President



Peter is a retired engineer who worked extensively in Australia, the UAE, SE Asia and the Pacific regions, working on feasibility studies, design management, QA/QC and commissioning of power plant projects. In addition, Peter has established new branch offices for Australian companies in Jakarta, Indonesia and in Abu Dhabi, in the United Arab Emirates. His clients have included the Department of Defence, AUSAID and local government.

Peter has been a resident of the Neutral Bay/Cremorne area since 1983. Both Peter and his wife Robyn are regular users of Neutral Bay Community Centre and Peter has practiced Tai Chi at the Centre for the past five years. For the first four years Peter was a student of Jane Zhao, a former Tai Chi teacher at the community centre and in July 2020 he began teaching Tai Chi in place of Jane who remains in China.

Peter's hobbies include woodcarving and he has held the position of Secretary for Sydney Woodcarving Group for the past seven years. His other committee experience includes several years as a committee member for Epping Creative Centre Inc. and for the past four years he has been a strata committee member, assuming the role of Treasurer for three of these years.

### Janice Bergheim – Vice President



Janice arrived in Australia 18 years ago from South Africa. In her 'other' life she was a radiographer and worked in many and various hospitals. Janice has always been curious about new things and enjoyed working with the latest and most innovative machinery. At a pinnacle of her career she was one of only six radiographers worldwide who were breaking kidney stones with hydraulic shock waves.

Janice has always been interested in health and wellness. Whilst working in radiography she studied homeopathy and Pilates as a hobby and taught in South Africa for many years. Upon moving to Sydney Janice made the bold move to open her own Pilates studio in Crows Nest and met some amazing people. Janice made the decision to close her Pilates studio just before Covid-19, however her love of teaching led her to Neutral Bay Community Centre where she has been teaching Pilates since August 2020. Through her Pilates classes Janice's hopes she can encourage people to strengthen and become aware of how their bodies can function more efficiently.

Outside of teaching Pilates, Janice has a passion for "good causes" and loves nothing more than getting people together to have fun and make a difference in her local community.

## Paul Mottek – Treasurer



Paul Mottek retired in 2017, after a career in the construction and property industry. Having completed undergraduate and post graduate degrees at UNSW, Paul forged a strong career at Lend Lease, undertaking many senior roles across the organisation over 15 years before taking up a role heading up a small publicly listed property company for 3 years and then establishing his own company, specialising in property development and consulting.

Paul was responsible for the management and delivery of many large commercial, industrial, retail and residential projects, leading and mentoring multi-disciplinary teams to successful outcomes.

Since retirement, Paul has enjoyed extensive travel (pre-COVID) and has a strong interest in outdoor activities including, sailing and bush walking. Paul likes nothing more than catching up with family and friends and enjoys meeting new people and getting involved in community activities.

## Sally Leung – Secretary



Since finishing her BA at University WA and University Philadelphia majoring in Political Science, Sally held positions in ministerial offices in State and Federal governments both in Western Australia and in Canberra, Australia. In the late 1980's she worked for two years in Indonesia responsible for the establishment of Western Australia's Trade Office in Surabaya, East Java, Indonesia

Sally moved to Sydney in 1994 taking on senior management roles administering the NSW State Government's Export Development programme both within government and NGO organisations till 2010.

Since retirement, Sally has involved herself within the community as a volunteer Justice of Peace for North Sydney Council at the Stanton Library. She has also sat on a number of committees relating to her interests including international affairs, modern history and the arts.

The experiences and knowledge Sally brings to the Board include strategy development, management and promotion of programs; communication and liaison at all levels of government and business community; a good understanding of government processes and protocols. Her personal interests include, theatre, modern history, international affairs, golf, travel and motoring.

## Van Marinos – Board Member



Van Marinos is an Accredited Exercise Scientist with Exercise & Sports Science Australia (ESSA), and Founder and Head Trainer at Community Moves Health & Fitness in Sydney. He holds a Cert III & IV in Fitness, as well as multiple certifications in nutrition, corrective exercise, training methodologies, and advanced physiology.

Since 2018, Community Moves, located in Neutral Bay, Sydney, has been delivering health & fitness services that are specifically catered to local over 50s. Van has helped hundreds of locals improve their physical, mental, and social health, ensuring they grow stronger, rather than older.

Van has worked in sport, health, and fitness for over 15 years, including roles with the Australian Sports Commission and Football Federation Australia. Over the last decade and a half, he has taught group fitness classes and delivered personal training sessions to thousands of individuals, ranging from elite athletes to weekend warriors. In addition to running Community Moves, Van delivers fitness programming and consulting services to a number of other companies. He has been featured in various national publications including Body & Soul Magazine, Woman's Weekly, and Starts at 60.

Van resides on Sydney's Northern Beaches with his wife and two young boys.

## Tina Kazmer – Board Member



Tina Kazmer has spent the last 20 years in senior corporate marketing roles for a variety of organisations including professional services, education, employment, technology and thought leadership. Her roles have seen her involved in strategy development, thought leadership, marketing and campaign planning, events, media, market growth, content development and brand awareness, among others.

Tina has led 3 start-ups globally from conception to market launch and enjoys the challenge of operating in uncharted and international markets. She has successfully recruited, developed, and mentored teams of up to 13, to ensure they are supported to become the best they can. Having worked with cross functional teams to drive the attainment of goals, in often challenging environments with complex matrices to navigate.

Tina has been involved in various purposeful activities throughout her life including volunteering opportunities such as helping reduce food waste in Australia, supporting education opportunities in remote Australia, mentoring police officers in London, and conducting market research in the urban slums of Bangalore for a social venture. She is particularly passionate about education as she believes it gives people choices in life they may not have otherwise thought of, nor had, especially for children.

## Maria Spinoulas – Board Member



Born in Sydney of Australia, of Greek Australian heritage, Maria has been a resident of the Lower North Shore for 30 years.

With her talent for adaptability and versatility, Maria has experienced a range of sectors including legal, property and people placement. Maria later found her niche in the aged care sector, became self-employed, when she networked to build a long standing referral business to assist families in a multi-faceted capacity with her compassion and dedication to their loved ones.

Maria is actively involved in volunteering on the board of Neutral Bay Community Centre. Other interests include Art Deco and appreciation of the beauty a new day creates. Bowling at the

Neutral Bay Club is her therapy for fun and relaxation. Maria lives independently in Cremorne with family living in Sydney.

## Anastasia Cheruvellil – Board Member



Anastasia is an Employee Benefits Consultant who worked for some of the top consulting firms in New York and Los Angeles before moving to Australia with her partner in 2020. She is also a Reiki Master and Meditation teacher and is passionate about educating people on the importance of mind, body spirit connection to live a joyful, healthy life. She occasionally holds meditation classes at Neutral Bay Community Centre.

Anastasia has been involved in various purposeful activities throughout her life; she served as Board Member for The Children's Foundation of Astor based in New York for over two years. In addition, she worked with New York Cares to assist the homebound elderly and with New York Says Thank You, rebuilding communities after hurricane Sandy. She truly believes in giving back to the community and has assisted with fundraising efforts to support the Kerosene Lamp Foundation and Ryvanz-Mia Orphanage in Ghana, where she also spent time volunteering. In addition to her role on the NBCC board, Anastasia volunteers her time weekly providing one-on-one computer lessons to members.

## Jenny Heath – Board Member



Originally from Birmingham, UK, Jenny emigrated to Sydney in 1970 and apart from three years living in Manly, Jenny has called Neutral Bay home.

Jenny's professional background is in the airline industry, beginning her career as a secretary she joined the Trans Australian Airlines in September 1970 working in reservations. In 1974, she made the shift to Canadian Pacific Airlines, where she worked until 2000, by which time the airline had experienced several name changes, before being bought by Air Canada. During this time Jenny was heavily involved in recruitment and training within the Reservations team, onboarding staff she had employed. Jenny progressed her

career and was promoted to the Manager Reservations & Ticket Office, a role she held for several years. Before retiring in 2007 Jenny spent the last seven years of her career working with South African Airways.

Jenny's personal interests include fitness, Pilates, Bridge. She also enjoys wining and dining and is eager to encourage more activities and interests for the Centre and open it up to everyone in the community.

# Neutral Bay Community Centre

## Financial Report Summary 2019/2020

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
Membership Fees	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,160
Computer Lessons	\$ 2,330	\$ 515
Tai Chi	\$ 1,319	\$ 624
Line Dancing	\$ 1,900	-
Ballroom Dancing	\$ 585	-
Exercise Classes	-	\$ 7,567
Donations	\$ 636	\$ 13
Grants	\$ 1,500	\$ 9,000
	<b>\$ 9,670</b>	<b>\$ 18,879</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Insurance	\$ 1,596	\$ 1,614
Department of Fair Trading	\$ 46	\$ 84
Computer and Network	\$ 2,970	\$ 1,040
Subscriptions	\$ 180	\$ 216
Consumables	\$ 2,378	\$ 521
Stationary	\$ 186	\$ 950
Tutor Fees		\$ 3,540
Volunteer costs	\$ 464	\$ 992
Consultants	-	\$ 1,551
Furniture	-	\$ 560
	<b>\$ 7,821</b>	<b>\$ 11,067</b>
<b>END OF YEAR ACCOUNT BALANCE</b>	<b>\$15,095.97</b>	<b>\$24,378.50</b>

# NEUTRAL BAY COMMUNITY CENTRE

## MONDAY

7.30am  
Pilates\* \$10

9.30am  
Strength Pilates\*  
\$10

10am - 12pm  
Bridge for  
Beginners\* \$5

10am - 1pm  
Scrabble and  
Scones

12pm - 2pm  
Japanese Poetry  
Recitation

## TUESDAY

8.30am  
Walking Group

9am  
Restorative Yoga\*  
\$10

10am  
Beginners Tai Chi \$5

10am  
Men's Chat  
**2nd and 4th Tues of  
Month**

10am  
Tech on Tuesday's\*  
4pm  
Body Groove\* \$10

4.45pm  
Core and Stretch\*  
\$10

## WEDNESDAY

8.45am  
Pilates\* \$10

10am  
Book Club  
**2nd Wed of Month**

10am  
Beginners Tai Chi \$5

11am Intermediate Tai  
Chi \$5

11am - 1pm  
Knitting and Craft

4pm - 5.30pm  
Everyday Ethics  
**4th Wed of Month**

## THURSDAY

8.30am  
Body Groove\*  
\$10

9.30am  
Yoga\*  
\$10

10am - 1pm  
Board Games

## FRIDAY

8am  
Strength &  
Balance\*  
\$10

10am - 1pm  
Ballroom Dancing  
\$5

10am - 1pm  
Mahjong\*  
\$5



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JP Service  
Wednesday  
11am - 12pm





**FELICITY WILSON MP**  
Member for North Shore



Mr Peter Kruger  
Neutral Bay Community Centre  
190-192 Military Rd  
NEUTRAL BAY NSW 2089

Dear Mr Kruger *Peter*

It is great to see the return of many great social activities hosted at the Neutral Bay Community Centre since the beginning of COVID-19. Thank you for inviting me to your Tai Chi class during Senior's Week and for all that you do in bringing the local community together.

I recognised these achievements in Parliament and have enclosed a copy of the Hansard for your interest.

Yours sincerely,

**Felicity Wilson MP**  
Member for North Shore

03 JUN 2021

*I know that Lisa and  
Natalie's <sup>family</sup> have joined  
and are loving pilates!*



**FELICITY WILSON MP**  
**MEMBER FOR NORTH SHORE**

6 May 2021

**NEUTRAL BAY COMMUNITY CENTRE**

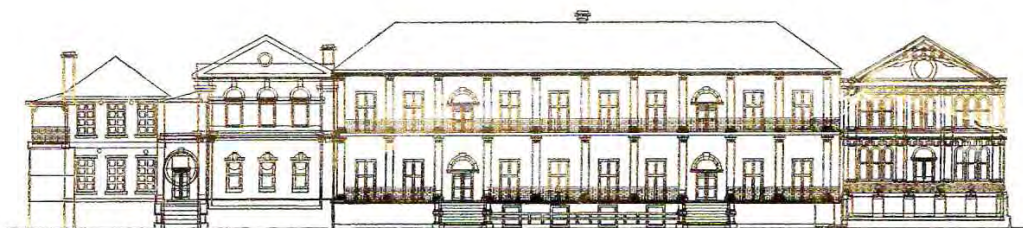
**Ms FELICITY WILSON (North Shore):**

Moved that this House:

Recognises the Neutral Bay Community Centre for its significant efforts in helping reunite the community following a year of COVID-19 restrictions, particularly for those over 50 who have unfortunately become more vulnerable and isolated during the pandemic.

Congratulates the Centre and their Board for their classes including their Tai Chi class I attended during Senior's Week.

Thanks North Sydney Council's Camelia Tobia for stepping in to facilitate these new classes and form a new volunteer Board as the demand for the Centre's space and resources have increased.





# NEUTRAL BAY COMMUNITY CENTRE

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COMMUNITY SURVEY  
RESULTS



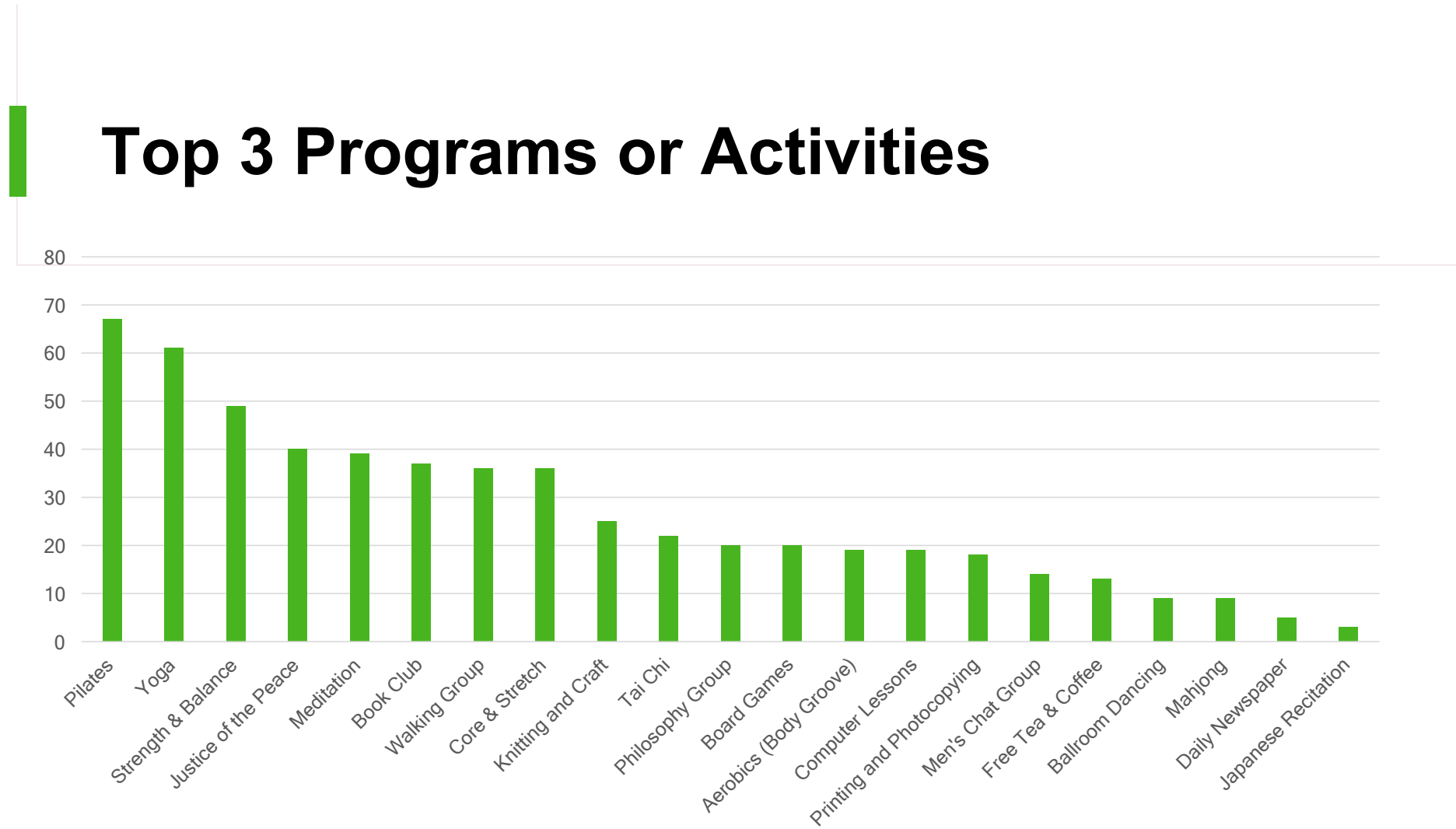
# OVERVIEW

- 198 surveys completed
- 152 people were aware there is a community centre in Neutral Bay
- 82 responders had visited the community centre
- 41 people asked to be contacted about becoming a member

# Feedback

- The community centre has been central to helping me settle into the area and meet other older people
- Loving seeing this facility being promoted!
- You are doing a wonderful job!!
- Having only been a member for the past 3 months I feel that Camelia and the team of helpers is doing a tremendous job and she has increased the number of activities available. Hearing from some of the longer term members participation to the centre has increased considerably since Camelia has been the manager.
- Excited to go and learn about it soon! Did not know it existed!
- I only recently realised that Neutral Bay Community Centre have activities for all age group. I used to think Neutral Bay Community Centre is mainly for elderly members. Looking forward to do yoga or meditation soon.
- I was unaware of some of these activities... it's time I investigated.
- Keep up the great work. Extremely beneficial for mental health and activities for all ages.
- What a beautiful space! I'm so glad I came across this location, such a lovely way to connect the community.
- Looks lovely, good range of activities, very nice.

# Top 3 Programs or Activities



# Aspirations and Suggestions

It is very important to me that the Community Centre continues to grow and remain relevant to the needs of the local community. I feel that it has the capacity to offer a welcoming and friendly place for people looking for companionship and friendship and it would be a shame not to strive for this

I would like to see valuable courses which attract a broad section of society, all ages. Perhaps some interesting talks, is there an option for teachers, presenters to give talks eg Ted talks, healing, crystals, herbs, plants and sustainability particularly, computers etc

The centre currently feels like a senior, retirees meeting place. It would be great if a much younger age group also gathered there

I think it's important to have a diverse program offering which caters to all ages

Does Neutral Bay Community Centre have an Instagram?  
Perhaps a more user-friendly site/bulletin to notify

It would be great if some activities were also scheduled in the evenings or weekends, to accommodate people working during the week

Unfortunately I'd forgotten about the Community Centre. It would be great to promote the services of the Centre more frequently and increase visibility - perhaps the Council can support this? Note that if there were activities targeted to children that would no doubt increase exposure and membership amongst families

## Aspirations and Suggestions Cont.

Weekend or evening activities targeted at adults in their 20s and 30s

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Level of expertise in taking Pilates, yoga classes should be made available. Also our power was recently down due to works being done. Would have used Centre if open past 2pm

I've not been inside but I have walked past and it could be quite cozy given its location, so close to cafes and the community hub. Just needs some community activities to get people coming together.



## Feedback on the building

- Entrance is dark and not welcoming - not mobility friendly
- It would terrific if this centre was rejuvenated with a 'new lease of life' and got more utilised
- A bit of sprucing up the inside would be nice
- Adequate parking is imperative and inviting frontage
- When I dropped in briefly it felt as though it need freshening and brightening up
- It could do with sprucing up as it's very dreary and uninviting. Be good to see it given a face lift
- A very ugly entrance. Very out dated. They need to make the space luxurious and appealing. Maybe get an interior designer to create a lovely haven for the community



# Suggested Programs and Activities

- Cooking classes
- Coffee forums on specific topics of interest
- Rock n Roll Dancing
- Mums and bubs classes
- Language Club
- Playgroup
- Trivia Nights
- Table Tennis Competition
- Painting and Creative Arts
- Counselling Services
- Children's Play Area (including messy play)
- Zumba and Zumba Gold
- Creche
- Pottery
- Community group for local businesses
- Free space for event hire
- Cycling Group
- Mother's Group
- Community networking events
- Lunch time activities for working parents
- Creative Writing Group
- Table Tennis
- Movie Club
- Photography group
- Belly Dancing
- Qi Gong
- Running Group
- Pop up photography or art/painting gallery
- Health, fitness and craft activities for children
- Women's Chat Group
- Foreign Language Conversation classes
- Wine and Dine Club/Dinner group
- Composting and worm farm workshops
- Pottery
- Choir
- Writers Group
- Darts
- Plant cuttings group
- Card Games
- Homework club
- Guest Talks and Lecturers
- Monthly wine & cheese tastings  
Trivia quiz afternoons
- First Aid Course
- Other Dance Classes