



OAKGROVE COMMUNITY CENTRE INC.

ABN:19 354 644 996

ANNUAL REPORT

JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2023

AS PRESENTED AT THE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY 12 MARCH 2024

Acknowledgements

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the land on which we work and live.

We pay our respect to their Elders past, present and future.

We are very grateful to the below Organisations for their support:

- Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH)
- City of Casey
- Neighbourhood Houses Victoria
- Community House Network-Southern Region
- Bendigo bank



About Us



We are a local not-for-profit Organisation that provides social, educational and recreational activities for our local community in a welcoming and supportive space.

We offer fun, learning, and engagement through participation in our programs and activities which are flexible and diverse in their delivery, responding to the community needs.

Our strong community connections are formed through community partnerships with other groups and local businesses. A volunteer-led Committee of Governance guides our strategic direction and our key people to manage our day to day operations.



Our Committee of Governance

- David Haynes – President
- Anu Ravindernath – Secretary
- Lisa Robinson – Vice President
- Sountharam Chidambaram – Treasurer
- Jacqui Wade – General Committee
- Catherine Fleming – General Committee
- Nahida Bibi – General Committee
- Sudha Nandhakumaran – General Committee
- Norelle Creaney – General Committee
- Nedums Nedumaran – General Committee
- Sugan Kanagalingam – General Committee
- Deepa Aravind – General Committee
- Jennifer Lewis – General Committee
- Jessica Bannan – General Committee

Our Tutors

- Women's Wellbeing & Adult Yoga - Anu
- Basic Computer Skills - Rod
- Zumba - Nishi
- French Classes - Manasi
- Coffee & Craft club - Laura
- Seniors Yoga - Meena
- Children's Hip Hop Dance – Naomie
- English/Sewing - Deborah and Seetha
- Arts for Children - Viviana
- Line Dancing - Meika
- Women's Mobility Fitness - Deepa
- Pre-schoolers craft - Neelam



OAKGROVE COMMUNITY CENTRE INC

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024



AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Acknowledgement of Country

3. Apologies & Proxies

4. Review of actions from Minutes of the previous AGM

5. Acceptance of Minutes of the previous AGM

The Motion is: To adopt the Minutes of the previous AGM, Tuesday 14 March 2023.

Proposed:

Seconded:

6. Annual Reports

- President's Report
- Manager's Report
- Treasurer's Report

7. Annual Financial Statement

To receive and consider the "Audit Report" submitted to members on the financial affairs of the Association for the last financial year.

The Motion is: I move that the "Audit Report" be confirmed as a true and fair record of the financial position of Oakgrove Community Centre during and at the end of its last financial year.

Proposed:

Seconded:

8. Appointment of Auditor

The motion is: To engage MPC Consolidated Pty Ltd as Auditor to Oakgrove Community Centre.

Proposed:

Seconded:

9. Election

In accordance with Rule 53 the motion is to limit the number of ordinary members of the Committee to 6 (six) members.

Proposed:

Seconded:

In accordance with Rule 50 all positions are declared vacant.

9.1 Election of Office Bearers

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Ordinary Members (6)

10. General Business

11. Acknowledgements

12. Meeting Close




Annual General Meeting Minutes

Date/Time of Meeting	Tuesday 14 th March 2023 at 12.30pm	
Location of Meeting	Oakgrove Community Centre	
Attendees (in person and online)	David Haynes – President	Sudharshini Nandhakumaran
	Lisa Robinson	Nahida Bibi
	Anu Ravindernath	Naomie Mcleod
	Sountharam Chidambaram	Nedums Nedumaran
	Norelle Creaney	Catherine Fleming
	Dawn Coward	Dylan Tremaine
	Mary Amalraj	Jo Davey
	Girija Nedumaran	Hong Ling
	Rod Grigson	Nadeesha Rajapriya
	Jaenette Hume	Manasi
	Meika Johnson	Nazifa Nader
Acknowledgement of Country	The President acknowledged the Traditional Landowners.	
Apologies	Cassandra Fernando (Federal Member for Holt), Julian Hill (Federal Member for Bruce), Deepa Aravind, Jenny Diggines, Jenny Lewis, Kylie Arndt, Nishi Silva, Susie Stevens, Manju Pringle, Mila, Bakhtawer, Kanagalingam Suganthan, Neelam.	
Meeting Opened	12.30 pm	
Guests	Gary Mass MP Narre Warren South	
Conflicts of Interest		

Agenda Item/Topic	Discussion/Outcomes	Person accountable for action	Due date
Confirmation pf Previous AGM Minutes	The Motion is: To adopt the Minutes of last year's AGM, Wednesday 16 th March 2022. Proposed: Catherine Fleming Seconded: Jacqui Wade	David Haynes	
Annual Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> President's Report Manager's Report Treasurer's Report The Motion is: to adopt the Reports. Proposed: Sountharam Chidambaram Seconded: Nadeeshani Rajapriya	David Haynes Mary Amalraj David Haynes	

Annual Financial Statement	<p>To receive and consider the “Financial Statement” submitted to members on the financial affairs of the Association for the last financial year in accordance with section 94 (1) of the Associations incorporation Reform Act 2012 (Vic)</p> <p>The Motion is: I move that the financial statement be confirmed as a true and fair record of the financial position of Oakgrove Community Centre during and at the end of its last financial year.</p> <p>Proposed: David Haynes Seconded: Catherine Fleming</p>		
Appointment of Auditor	<p>The Motion is: To engage MPC Consolidated Pty Ltd as Auditor to Oakgrove Community Centre.</p> <p>Proposed: David Haynes Seconded: Sountharam Chidambaram</p>		
Election of Office Bearers	<p>Two (2) nominations, Dawn Coward and Sountharam Chidambaram’s nominations were received for the position of Treasurer. Jacqui Wade was appointed as Returning Officer and a ballot was conducted in accordance with Rule 54. The returning Officer declared Sountharam Chidambaram as the successful candidate.</p> <p>The Returning Officer read the list of all candidates as detailed below. (see Note 1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Haynes – President • Lisa Robinson – Vice President • Anu Ravindernath – Secretary • Sountharam Chidambaram – Treasurer • Catherine Fleming – Committee • Jacqui Wade – Committee • Norelle Creaney – Committee • Sudharshini Nandhakumaran – Committee • Nahida Bibi – Committee • Naomie Mcleod – Committee • Nedums Nedumaran – Committee • Kanagalingam Suganthan – Committee • Deepa Aravind – Committee • Jennifer Lewis – Committee • Jessica Bannan – Committee 		

Other Matters	
Acknowledgement	David Haynes acknowledged all the staff, Volunteers, Committee Members the Victorian State Government, the City of Casey and all Centre Members for all the help and support provided towards Oakgrove Community Centre.
Meeting Closed	1.02 pm
Chair Signature	

Note 1: In reading out the Election nominations for 2023, the returning Officer, read a list of names from a document, not the Nomination Forms, and in reading the list included Dawn Coward by mistake. Dawn Coward has been advised of this mistake and that the error was regretted.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023



Oakgrove has redefined itself as a Community Centre by offering significantly more diverse and inclusive programs and activities which has brought the Centre into the heart of the local community. A strategic focus has been on the development of additional children's programs, more programs and activities aligned to cultural wants and needs.

The business model is built around Tutor programs run by the Centre (61%) and Hire programs (39%) run by commercial or private entities.

The Charitable Purpose is built around the advancing social welfare for the local community. We self-fund the Oakgrove Women's Wellness Group with supplementary funding from grant applications.

The core office staff is the Manager Mary Amalraj and Finance Officer Girija Nedumaran who receive a special mention as this is their 10th year with Oakgrove. Jenny Diggines, our Playgroup Coordinator has been running playgroup for the past years 20 years and received her 20 Year Award last year. Anu Ravindernath coordinates the Oakgrove Women's Wellness Group and Event Management. Sudha Nandhakumaran and Ammani Durai assist in the day-to-day operations support.

The staff workload has increased, from a staff health and welfare perspective the Committee decided it is time to invest in staff rather than accumulate equity. As a result, additional staff have been employed and the 2024 Budget will target "break even".

Thank you to our resolute tutors who are core to our programs and activities.

The Centre is running at capacity, and we have asked the City of Casey to reallocate the adjacent Maternal and Child Health building to Oakgrove. This is the third request which was again rejected. We do not foresee any additional building extension and are restricted to our current facilities, so we need to repurpose the facility.

To the Committee, thank you for supporting Oakgrove and further developing and achieving our strategic intent in support of the local community.

Oakgrove and the local community acknowledge the continued support of Gary Mass MP, Member for Narre Warren South, Julian Hill MP, Federal Member for Holt and Cassandra Fernando MP, Federal Member for Bruce.

David Haynes
President



MANAGERS ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

Good Afternoon Everyone, with great pleasure I present my report as the Manager of Oakgrove Community Centre. Our last AGM was held on Wednesday, 14 March 2023 with new office bearers being elected. Mr. Gary Maas MP-State Member for Narre Warren South was in attendance.

What a year to reflect on. First, I like to express my utmost gratitude to the following people without whom we would not be at this AGM today. I would like to thank my incredible team of Girija, Jenny, Anu, Sudha, Ammani, Jen, Deepa and volunteers Sandra, Neelam and Nadee.

The Centre was supported by 3 volunteers who were involved in general activities and administrative support especially during events. I would like to thank our wonderful volunteers who continue to amaze me with the many hours of hard work and support to the Centre.

Thank you to David-President, Lisa-Vice President, Anu-Secretary, Sountharam-Treasurer and to our general Committee members Jacqui, Catherine, Nahida, Sudha, Nedums, Sugan, Deepa, Jen, Jessica for bringing your amazing facilitation & development skills to us throughout this past year. And of course, all of you, our members-thank you.

Over the past year, life for us at Oakgrove Community Centre shifted to an even busier and more dynamic one. We have grown into an organization that is here to build equity, inclusion and connections through the variety of programs offered to our diverse communities. We also recognize that being here for our community has been impactful for the local families and especially those who face daily struggles of loneliness.

This year is very special to my heart as it marks the completion of 10 years of being a part of Oakgrove family, sharing the same number of years with David and Girija. Yes going down memory lane, I came to Oakgrove in July 2013 as a volunteer and was recruited as a permanent Administration officer in January 2014 and fast forward 10 years, here I am standing in front of you as the Manager. I cherish all the beautiful memories with Rosa, Gina & Josie when we had the Kinder program running.

On behalf of the Committee and staff I now like to commend **Jenny Diggines** for completing 20 years of dedicated service successfully as a Playgroup Facilitator with due diligence & passion.



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We're extremely proud to mention the outstanding achievements of the below tutors and they deserve our appreciation & recognition

- Meika & her team have been doing Line Dancing at Oakgrove for more than 15 years & still continuing,.
- Naomie from Okie Dokie Dance has been enjoying teaching Hip Hop Dance to Children & adults for more than 10 years
- Viviana has been sharing her creative Art talent with children for the 10th year at Oakgrove.

I am proud to be part of a resilient and supportive Community along with the Committee members especially David Haynes-President who despite the ever-changing landscape, placed their faith and trust in me along with the staff and assisted us in this journey.



OUR TEAM

In 2023, Oakgrove continued to employ Girija (Finance Officer), Jenny D (Playgroup Facilitator), Anu (Events & Women's Group Co-ordinator) and welcomed Deepa & Jen L to our Playgroup team and Sudha & Ammani to our Administration team.

We were supported by our Tutors Naomie (Okie Dokie Dance), Viviana (Art), Meika (Line Dancing), Deepa (Women's Mobility Fitness), Anu (Yoga & Women's Wellbeing Group), Rod (Computers), Nishi (Zumba), Manasi (French), Laura (Coffee & Craft club), Neelam (Pre-schoolers craft), Meena (seniors Yoga), Deborah & Seetha (Sewing).



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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

A broad spectrum of the community, across a range of age groups, participated in our programs and activities face to face with the commencement of 7 new Hirer programs (Kathak Dance, VADI-South Indian Dance, Stem Birds, Samoan Seniors group, Wheatfield Art, Synergia Dance & Kat's Mandala Art), however we farewelled Ready Steady Go Kids and Boogie Bounce.

We developed the below new Centre programs to meet the demands of the Community.

- Adult yoga
- To support the families and individuals of multicultural communities especially women with children & older people, Oakgrove commenced FREE programs like Women's Learning program (from Term 1) & Connecting Mums program (from Term 4) which included different activities like Sewing, Fitness, Art, Intergenerational music and a culturally appropriate lunch.
- Women's Learning Program came to an end as of 5th July due to the completion of the funding. Hence, a second sewing session in partnership with Doveton Neighbourhood Centre was formed with the participants rolling over from the Women's Learning Group.
- School Holiday Art & Craft workshops and Disco Movie Party were successful.
- Continued partnership with Narre P 12 College to run parenting workshops during term 3 and with Casey Jobs Advocate program, a free one-to-one service to assist Casey residents who are looking for a pathway to employment.
- In partnership with Casey North Community and Support Services, Oakgrove (through the charitable purpose sub-committee) commenced a four-week program "Keeping it together" during the Women's Group sessions.
- Participated in the Government's Power Saving bonus outreach initiative to support the eligible energy consumers in Victoria to access the \$250 Power Saving Bonus (PSB).
- Free Art/Craft sessions and Community lunches (once per term) were offered, thanks to the Multicultural Seniors Support Program.
- "Coffee and Craft club" was offered as an appropriate program in response to the community needs which is a socialising venue to the participants.
- A new Craft program for pre-schoolers commenced in Term 3 with the parent/carer working along with the child.



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PLAYGROUP

- Facilitated Playgroup by Jenny Diggins was continued to be offered to the families where children were able to socialise and develop motor skills before getting ready for Pre-Kinder, which continues to fill a vital community service.
- Supported social Playgroup for the Afghan families (Vic Health funding ended in Dec 2022,) was continued in term 1 with funding from Foundation of Graduates in Early Childhood Studies. The Playgroup was continued for the rest of 2023 with Oakgrove self-funding approved by the Committee.
- Commenced Intergenerational & Nature Playgroup from Term 1 2023. Intergenerational Playgroup was converted to “Adventure Play” Playgroup (with funding from Vichealth), from 30th March with Hey Dee Ho sessions running every fortnight.

*“We love connecting with our community and sharing the joy of music. Thank you Oakgrove Community Centre and VicHealth for giving us the opportunity to do both”
Catherine-Hey Dee Ho*



Our Events

March 2023

- **International Women's Day:** Celebrated on 8th March in partnership with Women interfaith network (WIN), organised by Sountharam
- **Harmony Day** – Held on 22nd March was well attended with graceful multicultural performances, inspiring speeches and lots of laughter & food from different cultures.



May 2023

- **Mother's Day Morning Tea:** It was a special morning on 10th May, celebrating Mother's Day along with Neighbourhood House Week. Mums had a hand pampering session and actively engaged in fun workshops by Okie Dokie Dance, Deeper Connections & Billabong bliss art studio.

June 2023

- **Australia's Biggest Morning Tea:** We were delighted to welcome Premier Daniel Andrews, Gary Maas MP and Belinda Wilson MP to Oakgrove's Biggest Morning Tea. Thank you everyone for your generous donations, we were able to raise a total of \$1320 and went beyond our target to support a great cause. Thank you to Jodie Hollis, founding director of Cancer Support Angels for being our guest speaker and sharing her inspiring story. Thank you to all raffle prize donors, your contribution was exceptional.



Our Events



- **World Environment Day:** Our Nature Playgroup children celebrated on 9th June by planting out the freshly prepared garden beds with a range of lovely seedlings, donated by Oasis Horticulture. We hosted Julian Hill MP to the Playgroup session.
- **Seniors Community Lunch:** Hosted on 20th June, as part of the Victorian Government Multicultural Seniors support program. Thank you to Berwick Catering for the delicious luncheon and thank you to all those who came along from Berwick Senior citizens club, Oakgrove Line Dancing & Yoga members, Playgroup Nannas and our wider Community.

July 2023

- **NAIDOC week:** Was observed on 14th July at our Adventure Playgroup where children learnt about boomerangs, had fun exploring and painting them.
- **Bastille day:** Held on 19th July during the French class. Children had an amazing time learning about the significance of the day while enjoying the macaroons.

August 2023

- **Women's Wellbeing Group Second Anniversary:** Oakgrove Women's Group celebrated their 2nd anniversary on 2nd August. Thank you to Sonia & Amanda from Bendigo Bank, Narre Warren South branch for the funding support and Laura Sammut (Assistant Principal) from Narre Warren South P-12 College for the inspiring talk.
- **Father's Day Morning tea:** Oakgrove Staff welcomed all Playgroup families on 31st August, children had great fun with their grandparents. Thank you Monique from Hey dee Ho Cranbourne for the music session.
- **Science week:** Stem Coding & Robotics Workshop was hosted on 15th August for primary school children and Nature Playgroup families engaged in an Environment workshop exploring the new worm farm and building volcanoes.



Our Events



September 2023

- **Adult Learner's week:** Oakgrove celebrated Adult Learners week on 6th September by organising a craft activity and morning tea.
- **Seniors Community Lunch:** It was an absolute pleasure to welcome our seniors on 12th September, as part of the Victorian Government Multicultural Seniors support program. Thank you to Rad from Good Look Dance for the Event Management & Catering and to all those who joined us from Line Dancing, Computer, Yoga, members from Berwick Senior citizens club and our wider Community.



*"Thank you for the lovely time n meal at your Centre today..
We, members of Berwick and Narre Warren Seniors are so appreciative of
your kind hospitality"-Monica*

October 2023

- **Ageing Positively in Casey Festival:** As part of City of Casey's Ageing positively festival, the Senior's Fun Day event was held on 17th October with seniors participating in Line Dancing, Hey Dee Ho Music and a light lunch.
- **Good Things Foundation online event:** A Fun Trivia & afternoon Tea was held on 17th October.

November 2023

- **City of Casey National Recycling week:** Op shop tour organised on 15th November, as part of National Recycling Week. Everyone gained a lot of insights on sustainable living and waste reduction.



*"Congratulations again, Mary, Girija, and teams
on a high achieving year throughout 2023. So
much richness of culture in well attended
community events. Marvellous work by all
involved. Warmest good wishes for your best year
in 2024" - Rhonda*

Our Events



December 2023

Celebrating Communities:

It was a magical time on Sunday, 3rd December which brought together members of the community along with the Committee of governance, Hirers and Tutors, valuing diversity and difference. Staff & volunteers welcomed the attendees and made them feel inclusive respecting their cultural differences. There were a variety of activities, stalls, performances and sausage sizzle for community members to enjoy.

The event was a huge success, with a large turnout of around 350 attendees and we were privileged to have Federal Member Cassandra Fernando MP and Narre Warren South Member Gary Maas MP as our special guests.

We thank all Community members, Parents, Volunteers, Committee and Staff for assisting us with all the events. A big "Thank you" to the small business stall holders and performers for engaging with the community and showcasing their excellent products and talents



"Fabulous day Mary, and team at Oakgrove. So much variety of people, entertainment and cultures. A terrific representation of our communities and fun day out. Thanks for your dedicated work".-Rhonda W



GRANTS RECEIVED

- Vichealth Funding with a successful grant of \$10000 to commence Adventure Playgroup.
- Bendigo Bank funding for \$5000 to support the Women's Wellbeing Group
- City of Casey Community Grant of \$5000 towards "Celebrating Communities" Event.
- ForestHill -Foundation graduates in Early Childhood studies funding for \$4000.
- With AVEO retirement village's partnership, Oakgrove Women's group embarked on an excursion to Edrington Park Retirement village and received a \$500 funding support.
- We were successful with \$35,910 funding from the Department of Health to commence "Connecting Mums" program which aims to deliver continued pandemic response to the Community. We will also be hosting a "Community Services Expo" on 12th April 2024.
- Supporting Stronger Communities grant for \$10000 to commence Mums & Bubs program.
- Science week grant for \$1000 from Neighbourhood houses Victoria.
- Good Things Foundation grant for \$1000 to run an "Online Week Event".
- City of Casey \$300 subsidy to host the Seniors fun Day.
- City of Casey Equipment grant for \$1000 to run First Aid Courses for staff and volunteers.
- City of Casey - Recycling week grant for \$1000 and Quick response grants of \$1000 each to purchase a new fridge and sewing machines.

CENTRE RENOVATIONS

- We commenced Term 3 with brand new turf in our Playground areas, just in time for the children who absolutely loved the engaging space.
- Old Playgroup undercover area and Kinder room ceiling were all completed, as part of the Minor Capital Work funding. Thank you to City of Casey for the funding support.

SUMMARY

Again I like to thank you all for your continued support, a special thank you to Mr. David Haynes - you have been an anchor and mentor for me personally and for the Centre. We appreciate and acknowledge all the tireless input of your volunteer time unceasingly. It is the Committee's support, energy and guidance that ensured our Centre is skilfully governed. I would like to extend my gratitude to each one of our past and current Committee members.

Thank you to my wonderful team, you all deserve an immense amount of recognition and gratitude for supporting me in this journey. Another successful year, thank you to all our members for being such an amazing support to us, thank you for your optimism and belief in what we are doing.

I hereby acknowledge The Department of Families, Fairness and Housing, Neighbourhood Houses Victoria, City of Casey and Community House Network for all the continued support.

It's my pleasure to be with you today and I look forward with great anticipation to welcome the incoming Committee this year. Let's work together again with great passion and build connections to celebrate our diverse Community.

Thank you
Mary Amalraj - Manager



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024 FINANCE REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

It is my pleasure to present the 2023 Treasurer's Report for Oakgrove Community Centre Inc. Please refer to the external Auditor's Report, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Financial Performance, Cash Flow Statement and accompanying notes, for details of the results for the year.

Financially the Centre is in a good position with an income of \$290,733 for the year. Total Equity is \$478,964. The year's operations resulted in a Net Surplus of \$31,479, compared with \$12,221 for the previous year.

Program Funding (Grants) for 2023 was \$74,000 which is directly attributed to the work of the Manager, Mary Amalraj. An outstanding effort.

Oakgrove continues to be in a very strong financial position.

Thanks go to Mark Carusi of MPC Consolidated Pty Limited, Cranbourne, for carrying out the audit of our financial activities and Girija Nedumaran, Finance Officer, for day-to-day finance and accounting operations.

David Haynes
President

Sountharam Chidambaram
Treasurer

Good News Stories

"I have recently started hiring the playgroup room for my Sister Circles, which I am running once a month on a Saturday afternoon. The space is light, bright and spacious and is lovely for our purpose. Mary and the management team have been delightful to liaise with and have endeavoured to assist me in any way I require.

Mary and the team have been incredibly supportive of my program and I am grateful to be able to run my Sister Circles at Oakgrove".

Nicole-Healing with Nicole.



"We have been using this place for the last six years. We truly acknowledge that it was truly a hassle-free journey, when I reflect on our experience in hiring Oakgrove community centre venue for our church service.

We are extremely happy with Mary and team and looking forward to continue to work with this amazing team!"

Rev Thomas Haby-Life Sanctuary Ministries

"I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Oakgrove Community Centre for your unwavering support in allowing me to conduct the seniors yoga class and dedication to making this program a success. I am incredibly impressed with the results we have achieved together. Your generosity has provided a safe and welcoming space for our participants to improve their physical and mental well-being. Thank you for recognizing the importance of promoting healthy aging and for being a pillar of support in our community".

Meena-Seniors Yoga



"The staff at Oak Grove Community centre have been very friendly and helpful. They have always been supportive of any request we make.

The facilities at the centre are maintained really well and would love to keep using this place for a long time as it makes you feel like your own space".

Amruta-Vinoth & Amrutha Dance Initiative

"I know Mary for more than 10 year's and I have been at Oakgrove before. I'm glad that since 2019 the Women/s Multicultural Group started and managed by dear Anu. I have been attending this group and I find myself spiritually calm and I felt happy" - Nazifa

"I joined Oakgrove Women's group in 2021 as a work experience student. I have learned so much from everyone here at Oakgrove and most of all I loved learning about different cultures , backgrounds, loved quilling, Macrame, art , photography etc. I feel very happy to be a part of this women's wellbeing group. Thank you Oakgrove for making our time together so much fun and unforgettable" -Zeba

"I am blessed to be a part of Oakgrove community centre and very happy to be a part of women's wellbeing group. I have learned so much from everyone here it has always been so fun".- Nahida

"I just accidentally walk into women's well-being group introduced by Mary. I enjoyed being with nice people .I can learn and share different experiences and enjoying different activities".
-Siew

"I joined three four years back. All these years it was so impressive, and I attended almost every day. Learned so much. Most of all I like the friendly environment with different cultures".
Ramya

"Very happy to be a part of women's wellbeing group since last year. Every Wednesday I look forward to our sessions where I can socialise, learn something new and also get a chance to contribute my skills. It has benefited my mental health so much by being in the presence of such wonderful women with whom I can share, connect and receive guidance".
-Manasi

"I joined the Oakgrove Women's group last year because I was feeling lonely and disconnected.

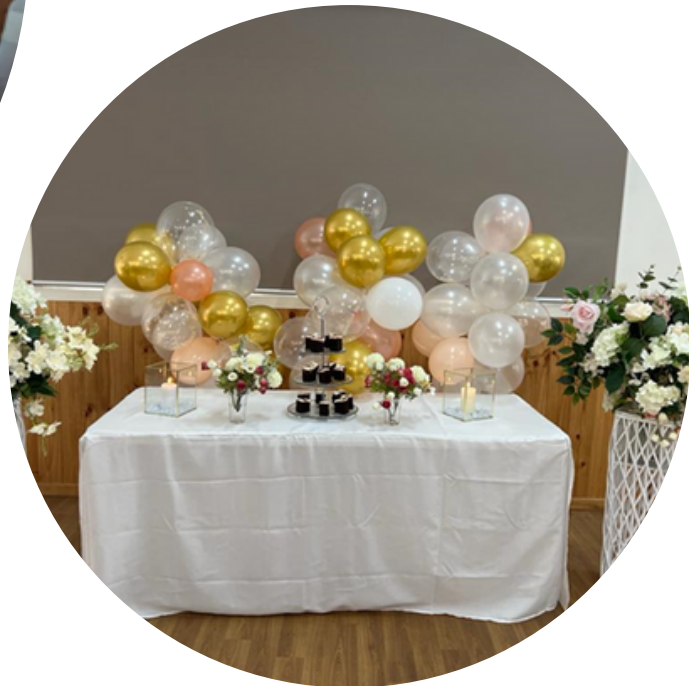
Not only have I learnt new skills such as quilling, calligraphy, art and dance, but I have made close friendships with many of the ladies. They have been a great support when I have needed it, been a trusted ear when I've felt low, offered advice and kindness and happy smiling faces. It has been medicine for my heart and soul to giggle and chat with women from diverse backgrounds, cultures and experiences. I love attending each Wednesday and appreciate every gorgeous woman there.
Thank you Oakgrove" - Janette

"Oakgrove has given me an opportunity to enhance the skill of mixing with diverse groups, upgrade life skills, opportunity for volunteering, a boosting confidence to be a part of the community, multicultural exposure, and a wider exposure to many learning experiences". - Heena





*Let's Connect With
Us!*



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