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Why are we here?

Fairfield Conversations 2021 was held on 23 June at the Fairfield Youth and Community Centre. It was a day to review conversations across interagencies, develop collaborative solutions, and to finally meet post COVID-19 lockdowns in 2020. By the end of that week, we were back in lockdowns, harsher and longer than we ever could have anticipated. By October 2021, lockdowns were over, but it took many months for the community to recover and rebuild. Fairfield Conversations 2023 is an opportunity to connect and collaborate.



Fairfield Conversation Summit, 23 June 2021

With the onset of the omicron variant, COVID-19 became part of our day to day living. Return to work and normal services was the expectation and slowly throughout 2022, we returned to our new normal. Borders reopened, migration returned, and masks and sanitiser became more of an afterthought than a necessity. But what does this all mean for our broader community and the services provided by the community services sector?

The rising cost of living associated with both lockdowns and global issues has resulted in a community that is facing harder and more complex issues than 2021.

Cost of living pressures are being felt across the community. The Department of Communities and Justice *Rent and Sales report* (December 2022) identified that rentals within Fairfield LGA have increased by 7.14% over a 12-month period. According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) the consumer price index (CPI) in the March quarter 2023 was 7.0% with housing (+9.5%), energy (+15.6%) and food (+8.1%) all rising. BOCASAR notes that whilst the major offences of crime in Fairfield City are generally stable, domestic violence related assault and possession and/or use of other drugs as well as liquor offences are going up over a 5-year trend.

Fairfield has 4.4% of the state's electronic gaming machines but raises 28% of the state's income.

The pandemic and the harsh lockdowns showed us the resilience and commitment of our sector with services pivoting to meet growing community needs. The Fairfield Food Hub Partnership is an excellent example of the pivot and collaboration of place-based services working at many levels to ensure those most in need in Fairfield are fed.

**National Reconciliation Week
Flag-Raising Ceremony**

Tuesday 30th May 9:30 am - 12 pm
Location: Fairfield City Council
Administration Centre, 86 Avoca Rd,
Wakelley 2176
Contact: 9725 0222



Ready for distribution to residents in need during COVID lockdown.

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...06,002, with daily ...
...838,937 - that is a l ...
...llars per day.



Image: Fairfield City Council, Uncle Darrell Faber doing Acknowledgement of Country

Acknowledgement

Fairfield City Council acknowledge the Cabrogal of the Darug nation who are the Traditional Custodians of this Land. We also pay our respect to the Elders both past, present and emerging of the Darug Nation. We thank Uncle Darryl Fabar for his heartfelt and inspiring Acknowledgement of Country at Fairfield Conversations 2023.

We thank everyone that participated in Fairfield Conversations 2023, it would not have been possible without your involvement and valuable insight regarding the communities you work with.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and to having future conversations.

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Introduction

Fairfield Conversations is a social planning and engagement activity that identifies the current and emerging social needs of Fairfield City residents from the perspective of support services and professionals.

Fairfield Conversations has been held 3 times since its inception in 2017. This first session identified over 100 issues that Fairfield City Council has worked with the community sector to address.

In 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic severely impacted the community and the sector had to quickly adapt to new and different ways to provide services. Fairfield Conversations 2021 focussed on how community services were impacted, how the sector responded and where there was more work to be done. The [Fairfield Conversations webpage](#) was developed to provide a central point for distributing resources for workers. In 2021, 13 conversations were held with over 164 service providers from 68 organisations. The first issue of the [Fairfield Conversations Newspaper](#) was released at the 2021 forum. The proceedings were collated and published in the [Fairfield Conversations Summit Findings](#), a comprehensive outline of the issues facing the sector in 2021.

The Fairfield Conversations 2023 built on the findings of previous conversations with over 65 practitioners looking at achievements since 2021 and the role of interagencies in the sector. Key issue areas were identified for discussion at the forum and this document includes the findings of those activities.



Image: Fairfield City Health Alliance Presentation



Fairfield Conversations

Achievements since 2021

The Fairfield Conversation Action Plan (2021) had four themes:

- Strengthening Collaboration
- Attracting Funding
- Enhancing Service Provision
- Inclusive and Accessible Services

Achievements across these four areas have included:

Strengthening Collaboration

- The Fairfield Food Hub Partnership won the award for Most Exceptional Community Partnership at the 2022 ZEST awards.
- Bring it on! Festival (Youth Week) has over 30 organisations participating
- Service Connect hubs were held for seniors, homelessness and employment
- Strengthened interagencies (showcased at Fairfield Conversations 2023)
- Stronger connections between services and community leaders, enabling partnerships to support communities through COVID-19, address alcohol and drug issues through community leader's forum, gambling harm minimisation workshops as well as ethical bystander training.

Enhancing Service Provision

- Community information was an essential part of the sector's COVID-19 response. A services support card was developed as well as directories for low-cost food, sport, recreation and leisure for people with disability as well as widespread promotion of the Ask Izzy online service directory.
- Many services mobilised to provide food and other essentials to residents during the pandemic, including the Fairfield Food Hub Partnership.
- A number of service expos were delivered as well as training in ethical bystander intervention, gambling harm minimisation, young carers awareness, sexual health, LGBTQI and intersectionality as well as grants funding.

Attracting Funding

- Representations have been made to state and federal governments about the unique needs of Fairfield City. Formal advocacy was undertaken through submissions to National Action Plan for Violence against women, Spouse Partner Visas, gambling reforms and research, National Preventative Health Strategy 2022-2023, Keeping People Healthy: South Western Sydney Local Health District (SWSLHD) Preventative Health Strategy 2023-2033, Department of Home Affairs (DHA) Multicultural Framework Terms of Reference, Liquor Licence Reform. We had input into the National Cultural Policy and Fairfield Youth Workers Network (FYWN) ensured young people contributed to the Election Priorities of Young People compiled by Youth Action.
- Services in Fairfield have worked collaboratively on funding applications.

Inclusive and Accessible Services

- An LGBTQI safe space for young people has been operating in Fairfield City.
- The Zero Barriers initiative has been active and working with Council to increase the accessibility of business within our town centres.
- Upgrades to council buildings have continued. For example, Bonnyrigg Community Centre access has been enhanced with a new ramp entry to the building and an upgrade to the accessible toilet.

Objectives of Fairfield Conversations 2023

Fairfield Conversations is:

1.

A forum to develop collaborative approaches to meet needs

2.

An opportunity for services to develop connections

3.

A opportunity to identify and reflect on community needs that can inform funding bodies, Council's community grant programs and Club Gra.

Interagency showcase

A showcase was held to outline the work and achievements of interagencies in Fairfield City.

A full list of all interagencies and contact details is included as **Appendix A**.



Image: Ageing Forum Presentation

Creative Communities

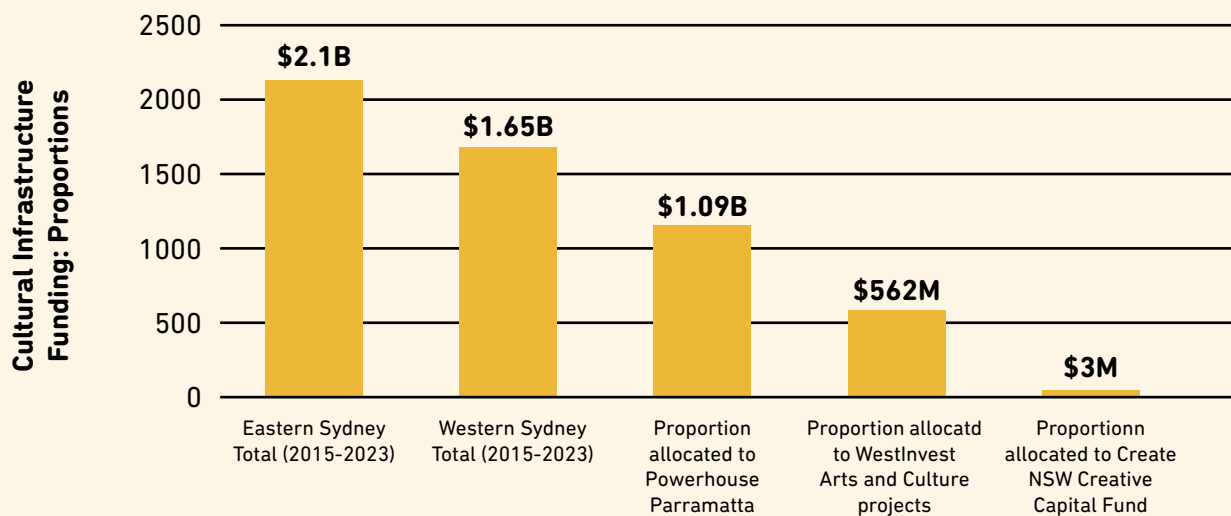
Fairfield City Council and Think and Do Tank Foundation gave a presentation on the current state of cultural funding in Western Sydney as well as an example of working from a creative perspective.

The following figures are taken from the State of Arts 2023 Report prepared by Western Sydney University.

Report: [State of the Arts 2023 \(westernsydney.edu.au\)](https://westernsydney.edu.au)

Case study: [Seed of Hope Creative Communities Case Study - YouTube](#)

Funding Landscape: Cultural Infrastructure Summary



Key Priorities for the Arts in Western Sydney

1. Commit to minimum per-capita funding for arts and culture in Western Sydney – based on population distribution across three tiers of government

2. Boost operations and programs funding from Create NSW for Western Sydney’s small-to-medium arts sector.

3. Fund and commission critical research into Indigenous arts and culture in Western Sydney.

4. Establish local, high-quality higher arts education, training, employment and business development pathways to deliver the artistic and creative skills required for the future of Western Sydney.

5. Implement a process that allows active participation of arts and culture stakeholders in cross-government decision-making and ensure that their voices are heard on issues that impact the sector in Western Sydney.

6. Support the development of the Western Sydney Arts Alliance as a key independent peak advocacy body that provides feedback on government policy, raises the image and profile of the sector.

Service mapping and gap analysis

Participants were asked to review a local service map and identify any gaps in service provision.

Service mapping assists in providing a wholistic view of the local community services sector. So far this mapping exercise only shows those services currently situated in Fairfield City. Further consideration will be given to how services outside of Fairfield City reach local residents.

The updated map is located at [Fairfield Conversations](#).



Image: Fairfield Conversations

Needs identification

Small group discussions were held to explore pre-identified priority topics. Conversations were robust and insightful, with a range of perspectives presented. After transcribing the discussions, the following themes presented as priority areas for service providers.

- Older people 65 years plus
- Cultural and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) Community
- Enhancing cultural and creative capacity
- Domestic and Family Violence
- Early Intervention in children and family services
- Engagement and support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- Gambling Harm
- Health and well-being issues from a community sector perspective
- Homelessness
- Young people and mental health

A. Older People 65 years plus

In the 2021¹ Census 34,968 people aged 65 years or older make up 17% of the population. The greatest increase in the population cohort was in the older ages confirming that Fairfield City has an ageing population and 4,946 of people over 65 live alone. Unpaid assistance to a person with a disability, long term illness or old age is provided by 3,288 people over 65 years of age. Low-income households include 11,277 people over 65 years. The number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residents over 60 years of age was 207. People who speak a language other than English at home include 25,650 over 65 years. There are 3,724 people over 65 with a long-term health condition with the most prevalent being Diabetes and Arthritis.

Issues concerning people over 65 years include limited access to services due to the complexity of accessing My Aged Care as well as the need for more services and activities that are not part of the My Aged Care system. For example, there are few affordable recreation services and activities for the community without a My Aged Care referral. Social isolation for older people is a recognised need and has been exacerbated by COVID -19 lockdowns.

Council and the community sector provide a range of activities, volunteer opportunities and events for older people. There is strong participation and positive feedback regarding these activities.

Further areas for consideration include support for carers, more accessible transport, increased awareness on elder abuse and ensuring that places and infrastructure are accessible.



Image: Fairfield Conversations

¹ Source: Australian Bureaus of Statistics, (2016 and 2021), Census of Population and Housing.

B. People with Disability

In 2021, 19,285 people (or 9.3% of the population) in Fairfield City reported needing help in their day-to-day lives due to a disability compared to 5.2% in Greater Sydney. This was an increase of 2,374 persons (or 14%) from 2016 and 19,740 people or 11.5% provide unpaid care to person with a disability, long term illness or old age².

Issues concerning people with disability centred on the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) and its implementation. Concerns were raised over service provision, transport, and lack of awareness of disability by service providers, the community and medical professionals. There is also limited access to sport and leisure activities.

It is evident that local service providers are passionate about supporting people with disability. The *Fairfield City Council Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2022 – 2026* has been translated into Easy Read and multiple community languages to allow for easy sharing with our diverse community.

Networks that support people with disability are regaining strength after the transition to NDIS and should continue to be supported.

Further work is required in promoting available services and increasing access and inclusion.

C. Culturally and Linguistically Diverse community

Fairfield City is a culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) community, with most of its residents born overseas (56%) and over 80 different languages spoken in the region. In 2021 69.7% of the population speak a language other than English at home. The most common languages include Vietnamese (21.1%), Assyrian/Aramaic (11.9%), Arabic (9.3%), Cantonese (3.7%) and Khmer (3.3%).³

Issues faced by the CALD community include stigma and shame preventing people finding support for gambling issues. There is a lack of culturally specific drug and alcohol services and inpatient treatment. Services need to be adjusted to provide models of service that are tailored to CALD communities as services use western models that don't always meet the needs. Health services often lack the language proficiency to support the CALD community.

Access to community buses and transport is an issue for the CALD community, especially for seniors and early childhood groups. A solution for these issues could include creating a bus driving program for community organisations to build their capacity to drive and hire larger vehicles.

There is a need for one-on-one support to navigate forms (e.g., tenancy forms to secure housing). Information and forms should be developed in community languages. Government support services need to support clients to confirm their identity.

Fairfield City is a Refugee Welcome Zone. More community services are needed to address the needs of people settling in the area. Government funded intensive settlement support is only available for 18 months. Refugee employment services are needed to better help refugees find and prepare for and maintain employment.

Cost of living and language barriers are notable drivers causing disadvantage for CALD communities. Service providers identified challenges due to competitive funding processes which make it difficult to secure funding to support CALD communities. A more individual need identified was concerning the need for greater English literacy, particularly in reading and writing.



Image: Creative communities

D. Enhancing cultural and creative capacity

Culture and creativity are critical to strengthening and building the social, economic and cultural resilience of Western Sydney. Fairfield is recognised as a creative incubator for stories that explore the lived experience of migrant communities. This is evident through the work of PYT Fairfield, Think + Do Tank Foundation and the Fairfield City Museum and Gallery. These organisations produce works and foster artists that widen the lens on national identity and cultural perceptions of Western Sydney, while embedding the arts in response to complex social needs.

Enhancing cultural and creative capacity of services requires more innovation, cultural awareness and creative employment pathways. People need more opportunities to increase their social capital through the arts as well as more avenues for tapping into skills, and approaches need to be culturally appropriate.

The community needs artistic and cultural leadership to break down barriers to better empower local members and help build businesses. It is necessary to build the community from the ground up, led by the creative community for the community.

Cultural safety should be a priority for services for them to build trust with and offer inclusive services to the community. When people feel safe, they are more likely to learn and share their stories and concerns.



Image: Fairfield Conversations

E. Domestic and Family Violence

The Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) notes domestic violence related assault and possession and/or use of other drugs and liquor offences are increased over a 5-year trend in Fairfield City. Domestic and Family Violence (DFV) is one of the main drivers of homelessness. Discussion at Fairfield Conversations 2021 identified that contributing factors to DFV include social isolation, employment uncertainty, gambling harm, mental health, exploitation of visa status and cultural nuances around family roles. There is a need for more resources for service provision. CALD communities have varying understanding of DFV. School curriculums need to be more inclusive of cultural experiences when educating students on sex education and DFV.

Emerging drivers in DFV sector include financial pressures such as housing affordability and the increasing cost of living. Relationship breakdowns are also a contributor.

Networking, information sharing and connecting with community leaders are providing positive outcomes in the DFV space. Police collaboration with services has helped break down barriers. The wallet sized Fairfield City Support card has been a useful resource.

Longer term funding contracts and stronger relationships with Police will support the sector. A whole of community approach is needed to educate the community along with additional training and education for frontline workers.

F. Early Intervention in child and family services

Access to early intervention (EI) is an issue across all services, from early childhood to My Aged Care. Resourcing is required to ensure that clients can have intervention services to ensure better outcomes. EI services also need to be culturally responsive.

Issues identified when working in child and family services include the need for more collaboration between services and stronger partnerships with government agencies such as the Department of Communities and Justice. Participation at interagencies will increase the services' ability to collaborate and work collectively. Expanding this collaboration across child, family, and youth workers will better bridge the gap and provide better support for families as well as the individuals. Better systems are needed for collaboration as the current climate has services competing rather than working together. There is scope for services to develop better connections with schools.

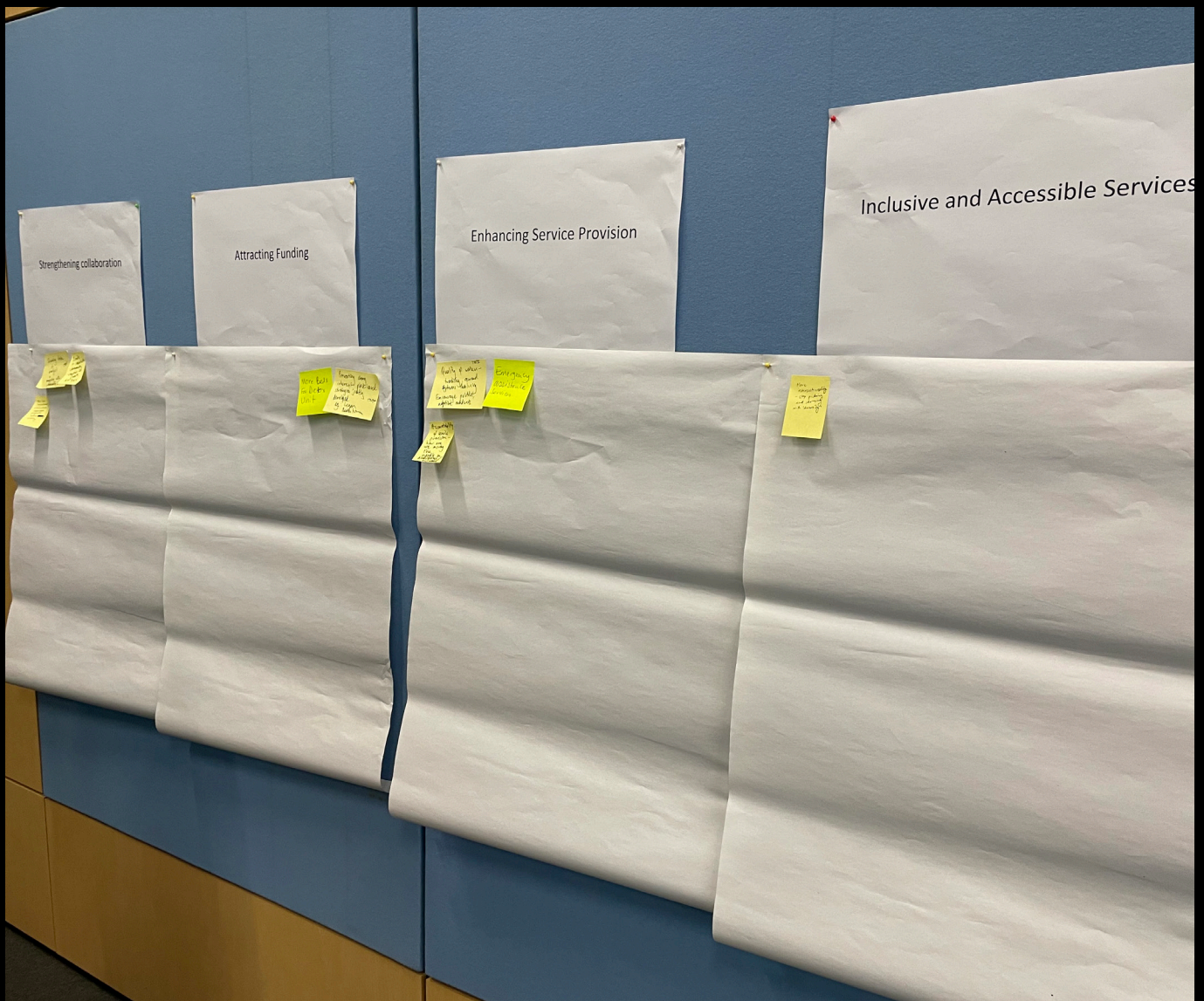


Image: Fairfield Conversations

G. Engagement and support of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

The Cabrogal of the Darug Nation are the traditional owners of the land and have cared for country here since time immemorial. The local Aboriginal Land Councils include Gandangara and Deerubbin who provide services and leadership to preserve Aboriginal heritage and provide services to the community. The 2021 Census recorded that a total of 1,523 people of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent were living in Fairfield City⁴.

Issues facing the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community include a lack of social opportunities, culturally specific services such as education on Aboriginal Culture, sporting and recreation, health and disability, domestic violence, men's behaviour change, employment, homeless and legal aid. Transportation costs and the lack of nearby services is notable. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages are not being preserved. Drivers impacting these issues include feelings of exclusion and a lack of rapport with the rest of the community coupled with an ageing population.

Identified ways to address these issues includes education, increased funding to existing services, better traineeships and work experience pathways, building partnerships across the sector, cultural sensitivity and inclusion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in policies, planning and service delivery.

The Fairfield Engaging Families of Aboriginal Heritage (FEFAH) network is working well as is Karitane Little Possums group that is First Nations focused and has a good early intervention system. Guntawang, which meet women's arts and cultural needs, and the Gandangara Aboriginal Land Council which look after culture and heritage in Fairfield City are also valuable resources.

Further ideas discussed include the need for an Aboriginal liaison officer in NSW Police to cover the Fairfield area. Aboriginal culture needs to be better incorporated in office introduction/induction and we need to promote more Aboriginal culture in existing services.



Image: Fairfield Conversations

H. Gambling Harm

At the time of Fairfield Conversations 2023, Gambling losses in Fairfield City venues was approximately \$1.8 million dollars per day, an increase in local gaming profits since pre-pandemic levels of \$1.4m. Fairfield City has 4.4% of the electronic gaming machines (EGMs) in NSW but raises 28% of the state's EGM revenue from clubs.

Issues in this area are the challenges of culture, language, and the lack of local counselling services. Language and stigma are barriers to helping the community as they may not see gambling as a problem. There are not enough bilingual counsellors in the area.

There have been many initiatives in this area. Gambling counselling services need to be available across the LGA and we need better advertising and awareness raising around gambling harm.

Other methods that may help decrease the appeal of EGMs include implementing a policy to limit colours/sound effects on machines and separating out the smokers and food section from the poker machine section.

I. Health and well-being issues from a community sector perspective

Chronic health issues continue to be a major concern. Fairfield City continues to report the highest proportion of the population known to have diabetes compared to other LGAs in NSW. Fairfield City also reports higher than state average rates of asthma, babies with low birth weight and same day hospital admissions for dialysis. Other identified issues include childhood obesity, heart disease and dementia. The 2021 census identified 26.8% of the total population reporting a long-term health condition with the most common long-term health condition being arthritis at 7.1% followed by diabetes at 6.8%. This is higher than data for Greater Sydney which recorded figures of 6.7% and 4.6% respectively.⁵ This is reflective of the ageing population and has implications on the demand for community health promotion and medical services.

Service providers and health partners continue to report an increasing prevalence of mental health issues. Factors such as uncertainty around housing and employment and a lack of culturally sensitive mental health resources are identified as key barriers to mental wellbeing.

Greater focus is required to address the social, cultural, economic and environmental barriers faced by CALD communities when accessing and engaging with health services. Bi-lingual counsellors and health workers are key to service provision. Work is needed with GPs around socially and culturally accepted practice.

⁵ Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, (2021), Census of Population and Housing.

J. Homelessness

Over the past five years there has been an increase in reports of people experiencing homelessness in the streets of Fairfield City. The Fairfield/Liverpool Homelessness Interagency was established in 2019 to ensure a more coordinated approach to service delivery and a greater presence of outreach services.

The Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) conduct an annual street count in February each year. In 2020, 7 people were identified, 15 people in 2021, 13 people in 2022 and 15 people in 2023. According to DCJ's Rent and Sales Report, December quarter 2022 rental prices for properties in Fairfield City have increased by 7.14% over a 12-month period. Rental costs in the 2165 postcode for a 2-bedroom unit was \$400 per week and for a 3-bedroom house was \$570 per week, an increase of \$110 since March 2021.

The 2021 Census identified 32.6% of renting households were paying \$450 or more per week in rent. Issues facing the community around homelessness include an ongoing lack of resources for services to meet the accommodation, mental health and crisis support needs of the community, particularly young people. There is no young person's crisis support in Fairfield City and there is limited emergency relief. There is high demand on services such as food relief and support to find affordable rental properties.

The Homelessness Interagency has been working well as has the DCJ outreach patrol. Services noted that the Fairfield City Support card has been a good initiative and is preferred over brochures. The Low Cost and Free Meals directory along with the Food Resources Guide are also useful resources.

The drivers to homelessness are housing affordability, the cost of living crisis and family breakdown. Ways to address homelessness includes federal government intervention into housing affordability and improved funding contracts for housing services along with training and education on homelessness for front line workers, availability of professional interpreters and assistance with submitting documentation.

A. Young people and mental health

In 2021 37,574 (18%) young people aged 12- 24 live in Fairfield City. They were born in over 50 different countries with 10.4 % from Iraq, 6% from Vietnam and 3.1% from Syria. Of these, 21.8% speak Vietnamese, 10.8% Arabic, 7.6% Assyrian Neo Aramaic, 5.2% Chaldean Neo Aramaic, 3.1% Cantonese and 2.6% Khmer at home and 24.2% live in a one parent household and 2.3% need help in their daily lives due to disability⁶.

Issues facing service providers working with young people include the lack of services between crisis care and ongoing counselling, and the challenges of funding to provide the services needed for young people. A more holistic approach, better mental health care plans, more resources for school counsellors, more sustainable services and more responsive and longer-term funding will improve services in the sector.

Locally based services are preferred for young people as they are cost effective and culturally safe.

Next steps

Fairfield Conversations will be held again in 2025. In the meantime, we will all work to address the identified needs of our community through partnerships, seeking funding and advocacy.

Council thanks the sector for the work that it does and welcomes partnerships.



Image: Fairfield City Council SPCD Team

Appendix A Fairfield Interagencies

Fairfield Multicultural Interagency (FMI)

The FMI is a forum to address migrant, refugee and cultural matters in Fairfield City. Government and non-government agencies that service the Fairfield City community are welcome to participate. The objectives of the group are to identify policy and systemic issues, provide a platform for collaboration, and opportunities for professional connection. The FMI Google Group is the main platform for information share.

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MEETING LOCATION

Fairfield City Council
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9:30am-11:30am

Fairfield Emerging Communities Action Partnership (FECAP)

FECAP was established to identify and address needs presenting to Fairfield's populations of newly arrived and small and emerging communities of humanitarian, refugee and other migrant backgrounds through community development and advocacy initiatives in order to facilitate the full participation and social inclusion of these groups. FECAP members aim to work collaboratively as service providers to maximise outcomes for new and emerging communities in the Fairfield LGA.

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MEETING LOCATION

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10am-11.30am

FEFAH (Fairfield Engaging Families of Aboriginal Heritage)

Fairfield Engaging Families of Aboriginal Heritage (FEFAH) working group is a network dedicated to people of First Nations in Fairfield.

The FEFAH working group aims to build an understanding of the Fairfield Local Government Area's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and to build relationships to be able to deliver tailored solutions to identified issues.

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MEETING LOCATION

Rotated | 10.30am-12pm

South Western Sydney Koori Interagency

This interagency is a forum for workers in NGO's and government departments to share information and projects specific to the Aboriginal community. South West Sydney Koori Interagency (SWSKI) meetings are held 10am to 12pm on the last Thursday of the month (excluding December).

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Meeting Location
Online | 10am-12pm

Fairfield Domestic Violence Committee (FDVC)

The Fairfield Domestic Violence Committee (FDVC) focuses on developing strategies aimed at reducing the incidence and impact of domestic and family violence across Fairfield Local Government Area (LGA).

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MEETING LOCATION

Fairfield City Council
Administration Building, 86 Avoca Road
9.30am-11.30am (held bimonthly)

Child and Family Interagency Fairfield

The Child and Family Interagency meetings are convened by the Facilitation Project: Bankstown, Fairfield, Liverpool. Funded under the Targeted Earlier Intervention (TEI) Program to support children, young people, families and communities within NSW who are experiencing or at risk of vulnerability.

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MEETING LOCATION

Fairfield City Council
Administration Building, 86 Avoca Road
2.15pm-4.15pm (face to face)
2pm-4pm (Zoom)

Fairfield Community Drug Action Team (CDAT)

The Fairfield CDAT is a group of local organisations committed to delivering programs and projects focused on educating, raising awareness and providing information around drug action.

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MEETING LOCATION

Fairfield City Council
Administration Building, 86 Avoca Road
9.30am-11.30am

Local Drug Action Team (LDAT)

LDAT receives support and resources from the Alcohol and Drug Foundation (ADF) to implement and deliver evidence-informed initiatives at a local level to respond to community concerns about alcohol and other drugs.

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MEETING LOCATION

In person or via Zoom

Fairfield/Liverpool Homelessness Interagency

The interagency meets to improve coordination and strengthen partnerships between Council, police, government and non-government agencies and relevant stakeholders to improve the quality of life for people experiencing homelessness and those at high risk of homelessness.

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MEETING LOCATION

Online via MS Teams
9.30am-11am

South West Sydney Ageing Forum

The Ageing Forum provides an opportunity for the sector to share information, resources and debate current issues related to best practice in service delivery.

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MEETS

Bimonthly (2nd Tuesday of the month)

CONVENORS

Fairfield City Council
Eunice Sansour (Multicultural Network)
Hayley Orr (SWS Community Transport)
Sandra Loyola-Sandoval (Canterbury Bankstown Council)
Paola Jammitt-Caru (Liverpool Council)
Krystle Sands (Macarthur Disability Services)

South West Sydney Disability Forum

A forum that comprises of members who work in the disability sector in the South West suburbs of Sydney. The forum provides an opportunity for information sharing, networking and professional development for members.

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CONVENOR

Danielle Taylor (Fairfield City Council)
Jose Velandia (Canterbury Bankstown Council)
Paola Jammitt-Caru (Liverpool Council)

Fairfield Youth Workers Network (FYWN)

The FYWN aims to build connections, networks and relationships within the youth sector. The FYWN is a community of local youth workers, youth sector workers and education sector workers. Monthly meetings foster greater knowledge of referral points, knowledge sharing and collaboration within the sector. FYWN is co-convened by Council and other local agencies that provide youth services. This ensures that activities are engaging, energy is high and topics are relevant. We aim to build a community of workers who can call on each other when help is needed.

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MEETS

Once a month (every second Tuesday of the month)

CONVENOR

Sean Ly (Fairfield City Council)
Terry Tierney (Community First Step)
Oliver King (Anglicare Reconnect)

Appendix B Organisations represented on the day

Alliance Community	NSW SLASA
Anglicare Food and Financial Assistance Liverpool	Odyssey House
Anowah Community Living Ltd	Odyssey Multicultural Program
Arab Council Australia	PYT Fairfield
Catholic Care and Men and Family Relationships Program, Fairfield	Services Australia
Communities for Children	Settlement Services International
Community First step	Southwestern Sydney Primary Health Network
CORE Community Services	St. Vincent de Paul Society Metro South Sydney Homelessness Services.
Diversity and Disability Alliance	STARTTS
EACH (Early Childhood Partner in The Community for the NDIS)	The Parks Community Network
Fairfield City Council -Fairfield HQ, Museum and Gallery and Open Libraries.	The Smith Family
Fairfield Community Corrections - Corrective Services NSW	Think and Do Foundation
Fairfield Family Relationship Centre Uniting	Uniting
Family Drug Support	Universal Church of the Kingdom Limited
GambleAware	Wesley Mission SHS
Grace Community Centre	Western Sydney Community Forum
Health Promotion Service, SWSLHD	Woodville Alliance Limited
Hume Community Housing Association	Youth Off The Streets
Legal Aid NSW	
Liverpool Men's Centre	
MTC Australia	
Multicultural NSW	
MYAN NSW	
Navitas Skilled Futures	
NSW Police - Fairfield City PAC	

