

Bold voices accelerate action for a vibrant community: 3 extraordinary women at Balwyn Evergreen Centre

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Balwyn Evergreen Centre, a community centre dedicated to ensuring that older individuals stay active, healthy and socially connected, honours the vision and commitment of three extraordinary women whose work is accelerating change across community services, aged care and wellbeing.

Joanne Zhou is a dedicated board member at Balwyn Evergreen Centre and a sales and marketing professional who energises community events and fosters inclusive outreach at Balwyn Evergreen Centre. Tina Hogarth-Clarke is the Centre's CEO who champions gender equality and ensures aged care services remain responsive and empathetic. Jo Golds is a seasoned exercise instructor with more than 40 years of teaching experience who inspires women to embrace movement and social engagement through her energising exercise to music classes. Despite their varied roles, each is united by a common goal and that is empowering older Victorians and building a resilient and connected community.

Empowering community through leadership and leading change

At the heart of Balwyn Evergreen Centre is a belief in the power of collaborative leadership to spark community-wide transformation. In their daily work, Joanne, Tina and Jo demonstrate how inclusive and proactive engagement underpins every successful initiative.

Keenly aware that within aged care, respectful and responsive support is essential, the 3 women work to create a nurturing environment depends on communication that honours cultural diversity and fosters genuine community connection.

Balwyn Evergreen Centre is proud of these extraordinary women whose diverse roles enrich every facet of our community. Their wisdom and dedication serve as the vital currency that strengthens their families and our broader society.