

COMBINED MEETING - MANNING VALLEY INTERAGENCY (MVI) & EMERGENCY RELIEF INTERAGENCY

MINUTES OF MVI & MANNING VALLEY EMERGENCY RELIEF INTERAGENCY SUB COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: 4 December 2013

At: Manning Uniting Church, Albert St Taree 2430

Present: Caron Watkins (MVNS), Kim Reid (ALS & Legal Aid, Bathurst), Colin Skinner (ALS & Legal Aid, Bathurst), Kirstin Burgess (Foundation Skills Trainer Verto, Taree), Jane Lynch (Mission Australia, Youth Connections GTCC), Toni Magri (Biripi AMS), Kyrie Couch (MNCC CLC), Lou Stanton (ABLS), Jemima McLaughan (Legal Aid, Money Counts), Justine Conaly (Legal Aid, Money Counts), Captain Mark Williamson (Salvation Army, Taree), Narelle Penman (Manning Uniting Church), Pauline Smith (MNC Fin Counselling Service), Shaniane Andrews (MNCTS), Ellen Carter (St Vincent de Paul Taree), Christine Squires (Richmond PRA), Bec Ligt (CPADFFV), Chris Cassar (Richmond PRA), Jayne Cumberland (Richmond PRA), Pilar McGechan (TWCR), Paul Shipton (Uniting Day Care Port Macquarie), Linda Lee (HNE Health – MMHIPU), Elise Wynyard (SW, HNE Health), Alina Ljumanovic (FLPN/CLSD), Pru Hampton (Centacare), Bernadette Sexton (MVNS)

Apologies: Louise Webber, Sara Ison, Kim Lawrence, Robyn Ballard, Kylie Atkinson, Jenny Gibson, Cynthia Coombe, Claudine Small

Time Commenced: 1.05pm

Time Finished: 2.15pm

Chairperson: Caron Watkins

Minute Taker: Bernadette Sexton

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>DISCUSSION</u>	<u>ACTION</u>	<u>ACTION BY</u>
<u>Business Arising</u>			
	<p>1. Community Services & the Media</p> <p>Catholic Care nominated service.</p> <p>2. Fair Trade & Tenancy Disputes – Free Service</p> <p>As of Dec 2013 NSW tenants, landlords, property managers can use Fair Trading's dispute resolution service to resolve selected residential Tenancy Disputes</p> <p>For more information: www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au</p> <p>Residential tenancy disputes (fact sheet) Ph: 133220</p>	Caron to follow-up	Caron
<u>Standard Agenda Items</u>	Interagency Reports		
Manning Uniting Church Rev Narelle Penman	<p>Closed for 6 weeks – reopen end Jan 2014</p> <p>Holiday Activities 10th, 17th 24th January 2014</p> <p>Community Garden – 45 Main St Cundletown Cost: \$5 each day</p> <p>Time: 9.30am – 11.30am (morning tea included)</p> <p>More information contact: Narelle Penman 6553850</p>		

Salvation Army Taree Captain Mark Williamson	<p>Only service in Manning LGA providing EAPA vouchers Currently – 2 month waiting list Client to ring to make appointment, inform electricity supplier on waiting list, if on waiting list for EAPA electricity cannot be disconnected</p> <p>For appointment call 65525039 or, in person Mon & Tues 9am – 10.30am only</p> <p>2014 – Doorways Positive Lifestyle Program to be introduced to Taree. - program specifically designed to enhance participants self awareness, and to enable them to gain a better understanding of their personal life strengths.</p>	<p>Captain Mark to discuss further early 2014</p>	<p>Captain Mark Williamson</p>
Biripi AMS Tony Magri	<p>Social Workers Biripi AMS Contact details: Email: Tony.Magri@Biripi.org.au Ph: 0409183530</p>		
Mid North Coast Community Legal Centre (MNCCLC) Kyrie Couch	<p>MNC CLC legal Clinic outreach – Taree – Manning Uniting Church (Wednesday) Wingham – MVNS (Thursday) Matters covered: Employment, Discrimination, traffic, fines, motor vehicle accidents, insurance, domestic violence, other traffic & civil matters generally To make an appointment ph: 65802111</p>		
Aboriginal Legal Service Lou Stanton	<p>Breaking the Cycle – Assistance program for 15 – 25yrs who face significant barriers in completing WDO. For further information contact Lou Stanton ph: 65513928 or email louis.stanton@alsnswact.org.au</p>		
Manning Valley Neighbourhood Service Caron Watkins	<p>Bushland Brainstorming Workshop Tuesday 17 December 2013 10am- 3pm Manning Uniting Church Taree Opportunity to discuss new project MVNS has funding for. Focus to provide better connections, education, community Development, leadership, ownership and support to residents living in this area. Please join and support us in this journey with this community</p> <p>MVNS Xmas Availability: Closed Thurs 18 Dec 2013 – reopen Tuesday 7 Jan</p>		
Samaritans Shanieane Andrews	<p>Youth Private Rental Subsidy Demonstration Program Housing NSW pilot program (2 years) - Subsidised housing program Only based in Hunter/New England LGA</p> <p>Focus - homeless young people 16-24 years. Need to be engaged with a service willing to case manage and engaged in employment and education or case planning to be engaged. Contact Housing NSW for more information or Guy Onley ph 65511999</p> <p>Samaritans youth refuge open over Xmas/New Year period MNCTSS closed 20.12.13 – 13.1.14</p>		

	Samaritans Housing Service undergoing reform – services reapplying for funding, tenders due 23 Jan 2014. Changes to take effect from July 2014		
Richmond PRA Chris Cassar Jane Cumberland	<p>Hunter Partners in Recovery – Gloucester, Taree, Great Lakes New service – 3 year collaborative program that aims to make a difference to recovery outcome for people who have a severe and persistent mental illness and complex needs.</p> <p>Focus to identify gaps in service. Funding flexible- can provide temporary emergency housing.</p> <p>Open for referral – self referral/agency referral Contact: ph 1300656608 Website: www.hunterpir.com.au</p>		
TWCR Pilar McGechan	Referral 24 hr service ph: 1800629445. Now providing a fortnightly outreach service at Homebase Tuncurry. Call 65510011 for more information Provide ER/advocacy/referrals for women recent DV TWCR assists 16-18yrs women with children		
St Vincent De Paul Taree Ellen Carter	Address: 9 Albert Lane Taree Ph: 65525039 Reopen from Xmas break 13 January 2014 If Client has no phone number write on Centrelink referral and place in letter box at 9 Albert Lane Taree. Home visit will be undertaken		
<u>Guest Speaker/s</u> Justine Conaly Jemima McLaughan Legal Aid NSW	<p>Legal Aid Money Counts Project - Program designed to increase the level of advice and minor assistance that Legal Aid provides to Aboriginal people in consumer Law matters. Based in Sydney, funded until June 2014 Assists with consumer law matters – debts, renting, car loans, buying goods and service, energy bills Working with MNCLS (civil law service)</p> <p>Next 6 months intend to undertake Community events, advocacy and talks on specific issues</p> <p>To refer/further enquiries: Email: moneycounts@legalaid.nsw.gov.au Ph: 02 92195057</p>	Caron to distribute referral forms via interagency mailing list	Caron
<u>NEXT MEETING</u>	<p>Next meeting will be 5 February 2014, 1pm-2.30pm Venue: Manning Uniting Church, Albert Street Taree</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enquiries: Manning Valley Neighbourhood Services Inc. PH: 6553 5121, Email mvns@mvns.org.au Interagency minutes can also be downloaded from MVNS Website: www.mvns.org.au 		