

MINUTES OF MANNING VALLEY INTERAGENCY MEETING

| Date: 4 February 2015 | | At: Manning Uniting Church, Taree | |
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| Present: Caron Watkins (MVNS), Jane O'Dwyer (MVNS), Alina Ljumanovic (Catholic Care Brighter Futures), Sarah Wilkinson (GTCC), Ruth Brunner (Counsellor), Annett Gleeson (Family Referral Service), Natalie Drury (Family & Community Services), Lucas Buckland (Family & Community Services), Sue Jones (Taree Women & Children's Refuge), Jacqui Keith (Samaritans), Zara Gilkison (Samaritans), Natasha Davis (ICL), Rachael Hartley (Benevolent Society & PhaMS), Leonie Nilson (DHS Centrelink), Ellen Carter (St Vincent de Paul Taree), Pauline Smith, (MNC Financial Counseling), Kim Ward (Salvation Army Taree), Susan Livermore (Family Referral Service), Linda Parker (Red Cross – Telecross), Pru Hampton (Booroongen Djugun), Kirsten Olsen (RichmondPRA), Jo Gilkison (Uniting Care), Jane Titterington (Mid North Coast Legal Centre), Bernadette Sexton (MVNS) | | | |
| Apologies: Melanie Kallmier (Mid North Coast Community Legal Centre), Kaycee Wisemantel (Hunter Medicare Local), Robyn Morrison (Manning YMCA) | | | |
| Time Commenced: 1.03pm | | Time Finished: 2.33 pm | |
| Chairperson: Caron Watkins | | Minute Taker: Bernadette Sexton | |
| <u>TOPIC</u> | <u>DISCUSSION</u> | <u>ACTION</u> | <u>ACTION BY</u> |
| <u>BUSINESS ARISING</u> Timebanking | <p>Follow-up Timebanking discussion from Angela Chaperon (December 2014 meeting)</p> <p>Overview: Timebanking is a free community program that allows the voluntary exchange of services between members. Participants can earn time-credits for giving their time and sharing skills to help other members. These credits are then used to receive services that are useful and valuable to the individual .</p> <p>Contact details for Angela: Angela Chaperon Senior Project Officer NSW Volunteering Department of Education and Communities Level 7, 35 Bridge St Sydney 2000 T: 02 9561 8597 M: 0417 481 995 www.volunteering.nsw.gov.au www.timebanking.com.au</p> | REMINDER: Angela asked interested participants to contact her early 2015. | |
| <u>Standard Agenda Items</u> | <u>Interagency Service Reports</u> | | |
| Samaritans Jackie Keith Sue Jones Zara Gilkison | <p>Great Lakes/ Manning Homelessness Support Service Generalist homeless service for anyone over 18, women, families, women escaping domestic violence. Homelessness Hub: 182 Victoria Street Taree (behind Ngarralinyi Radio) Open: Mon-Fri 9am- 4.30pm Phone: 65501191 Co-ordination of Homelessness forum monthly meetings to be established.</p> <p>Taree Women and Children's Refuge Short term crisis accommodation for women and children escaping recent domestic and family violence and abuse. Open: 24 hours 7 days a week Ph: 65510011 Or Free Call 1800 629 445</p> | | |

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| Manning Support Services Bob Cook | Volunteer resource program has been expanded to include indigenous community and children in senior school MSS advertising for new general manger – applications close end February 2015. Meal Program slowly building momentum. Located next to Richmond PRA Taree. Target group 65+. Home delivery provided Change of Logo underway. | | |
| GTCC Sarah Wilkinson | GTCC seeking ideas for capital infrastructure projects eg. bridgework, road works, footpaths and playgrounds For more information contact/complete online survey at www.gtcc.nsw.gov.au or call Council Have your say on Ruprecht Park Workshop Friday 27 February Venue: Bushland Tukka Café Time: 10am-12pm | | |
| Catholic Care/Brighter Futures Alina Ljumanovic | Programs include Brighter Futures, PHaMs, Out of Home Care/Supported Independent Living, Counseling Vacancy: Counsellor position Contact: ph: 653 95900 www.catholiccare.org.au | | |
| Family Referral Service Susan Livermore | Mid North Coast Family Referral Service - Information and Referral service Ph: 1800758589 Susan: 0409 858 149 Annette: 0409138965 109 Victoria St Taree Email: susanl@pathfinders-us.org Covers: Port Macquarie, Coffs Harbor, Kempsey, Tea Gardens 6-12 week short term support Minimal brokerage funds – MUST be accompanied by referral plan and individually assessed. | | |
| Counsellor Ruth Brunner | Wingham Carer Support – offers carers social and emotional support, opportunity to share information, ideas and time out for carers. When: Once a month Where: 22 Isabella St, Wingham Contact: Ruth Brunner ph: 0403931520 email: puja.brunner@bigpnd.com | | |
| Family & Community Services Natalie Drury Lucas Buckland | Contact details: ph 02 55942000 (9am-5pm) Email: Natalie.drury@facsnsw.gov.au lucas.buckland@facsnsw.gov.au Identifying barriers and develop better links within the community Taree, Forster, Great Lakes, Gloucester LGA's | | |
| Indigenous Community Links (ICL) Natasha Davis | Service for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their families. ICL assists clients/families with information about other services in their local area. Contact: Natasha or Luke T.I.D.E. 30 Pulteney St Taree Email contact: n.davis@tide.org.au Registered WDO organisation | | |
| PHaMs Employment Rachel Hartley | PHaMs service Employment focus. Cover Taree, Gloucester Hastings LGA Clients: 16yrs +, No mental health diagnosis required Referrals open – ph 49833150 or phamsinquiry.psmnc@benevolent.org.au | | |
| Community Engagement Officer - Human Services Leonie Nilson | Client service for people who are homelessness or at risk of homelessness Contact details: Ph: 02 65866622/ Fax: 02 65883050 Mobile: 0467 728 911 Email: leonie.nilson@humanservices.gov.au | | |
| Salvation Army Taree Kim Ward | Service to be open Monday and Tuesdays for the next three weeks | | |
| MNC Financial Counselling Service Pauline Smith | Short waiting list. MNCFCS assists clients with gambling issues and financial counseling. To book appointment call 1300662540 | | |

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| Red Cross Linda Parker | <p>Red Cross Telecross provides peace of mind to people who are isolated through a daily call to check on their wellbeing and safety.</p> <p>Trained volunteers make calls each morning, 365 days a year. In the event of three unanswered calls in one day, Red Cross begins an emergency activation procedure to make sure the person is ok.</p> <p>Contact for Telecross service, call 1300 885 698 or 65510373</p> | | |
| Booroongendjugun Ability Links Pru Hampton | <p>Aboriginal Ability Links offers support to people with a disability, their families and carers. The program focus is on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Planning with individuals, carers and family - Building confidence, networks, access and supports - Collaborate with communities and services to become more welcoming, inclusive and culturally appropriate <p>The program aims to assist people with a disability to feel included, valued and seen as equal members of their communities. It is about community inclusion and participation, so that people with disability are able to access and participate in activities available to the general community</p> <p>Contact details: Pru Hampton Aboriginal Ability Links Coordinator Booroongen Djugun Limited Taree 0429465263 abilitylinks.taree@booroongendjugun.com.au</p> | | |
| RichmondPRA Kirsten Olsen | <p>Currently running 3 programs, covers Taree ,Great Lakes and Gloucester LGA's Partners in Recovery; - R&R; HASI; Contact: 1300 779 270</p> <p>Recovery in Action and RichmondPRA are seeking volunteers who would like to join our Working Party to assist in planning and organising The Mental Health Forum to be held this year over 2 days in Taree.</p> <p>Meetings will be held at the RichmondPRA Office 4/80 Wynter Street Taree every Friday 1pm – 2.30pm.</p> <p>Enquiries to: Jayne Cumberland Email: jayne.cumberland@richmondpra.org.au Phone: 1300 779 270 or Mob: 0404 573 360</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brushes with Life – Art Workshop, Uniting Church Hall Cundletown first Thursday - Forster Recovery Group Monday – 11-1pm, Main Beach Forster - Taree Recovery Group Monday 11am-1pm, 80 Wynter St Taree - Tuesday's with Tanya, Women's group held at Manning Uniting Church <p>- WDO registered service</p> | | |
| <u>NEXT MEETING</u> | <p>Next meeting will be 1 April 2015, 1pm-2.30pm Venue: Uniting church, Albert St Taree 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</p> | | |