

## MINUTES OF MANNING VALLEY INTERAGENCY MEETING

**Date: 3 June 2015**

**At: Manning Uniting Church, Taree**

**Present:** Caron Watkins (MVNS), Susan Livermore (Family Referral Service), Jane O'Dwyer (MVNS), Cindi Ulstrup (DHS Centrelink), Linda Lee (HNE Health), Kaycee Wisemantel (Hunter Medicare Local), Bree Dennis (RichmondPRA), Ellen Carter (St Vincent de Paul Taree), Sarah Wilkinson (GTCC), Pilar McGechan (Bayami Ganya Youth Homelessness Services), Jo Hamilton (FACS), Natalie Drury (FACS), Maureen Nicholls (Breakthru Family Mental Health Support Services Taree), Jamil Ahmad (Breakthru Family Mental Health Support Services Taree), Dylan Hart (TAFE NSW), Fleur Wilson (Probation & Parole), Kevan Millican ( ), Pru Hampton (Aboriginal Ability Links Booroongen Djugun), Ash Rivers (Masters Taree), Deanne Ungaro (Masters Taree), Heather Hands (Tursa Employment & Training), Tracy Jackson (Samaritans Newcastle), Alison Gleeson (St Vincent de Paul Taree), Narelle Penman (MUC Taree), Anne Maxwell (Renal Social Worker, Manning Rural Referral Hospital), Bernadette Sexton (MVNS).

**Apologies:** Alina Ljumanovic (Catholic Care Brighter Futures), Pauline Smith (MNCFCFS),

**Time Commenced:** 1.05pm

**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>
<b><u>BUSINESS ARISING</u></b>			
<b>Standard Agenda Items</b>	<b>Interagency Service Reports</b>		
<b>Family Referral Service Taree Susan Livermore</b>	Short-term, early intervention information and referral service Ph: 1800758589 Susan: 0409 858 149 Annette: 0409138965 109 Victoria St Taree Referrals can come from an agency or from individuals. Reduction in staff next 5 weeks		
<b>MVNS Caron Watkins</b>	<b>Bushland Social Enterprise</b> Hospitality course to be run at Bushland July 2015 Looking for outreach services at Bushland  <b>MVNS ER services very limited</b> Caron suggested review of terms of reference for MVN Interagency at next meeting. Review will enable discussion regarding business who approach Interagency to promote their services	<b>Caron</b>	<b>Caron</b>
<b>Bayami Ganya Youth Homelessness Services Pilar McGechan</b>	Specialist Youth Homelessness Service Taree, Forster and Gloucester. Service includes: residential crisis accommodation for 16-18 year olds; transitional accommodation and support; outreach support. Target group 16-24 years old. Ph: 65516996 Fax: 65510400		
<b>Breakthru Family Mental Health Support Services Taree Maureen Nicholls Jamil Ahmad</b>	Family Mental Health Support Service (FMHSS) provides free early intervention support to vulnerable families with children and young people who are showing early signs of, or are at risk of developing mental illness. Short Term assistance (up to 6 sessions) Long term assistance (up to 12 months) <b>Contact details:</b> Taree Office		

	86-88 Albert St Taree 2430 Ph: 65501896 Fax: 65525063 <a href="http://www.breathru.org">www.breathru.org</a>		
<b>GTCC Sarah Wilkinson Community Engagement Officer</b>	GTCC running Grant Writing workshops Cooperook – 25.6.15 Taree – 26.6.15 Bookings essential. RSVP to 02 65925399 or email <a href="mailto:community@gtcc.nsw.gov.au">community@gtcc.nsw.gov.au</a> by Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2015 For more information contact website <a href="http://www.gtcc.nsw.gov.au">www.gtcc.nsw.gov.au</a>		
<b>Department of Family &amp; Community Services/ Community &amp; Reform Senior Project Officer Jo Hamilton</b>	Discussion of Thought Leadership Forum. Held in Taree March 23 2015 Outcome: Family & Community Services future actions in the following sectors of community:  1. Children & young people 2. Drug and Alcohol 3. Housing 4. Family & Domestic Violence (FDV) 5. People with a disability 6. Transport 7. Access to services  For further info contact Jo Hamilton <a href="mailto:joanne.hamilton@facs.nsw.gov.au">joanne.hamilton@facs.nsw.gov.au</a>		
<b>Manning Valley Neighbourhood Service Emergency Relief Service Bernadette Sexton</b>	Limited Emergency Relief assistance available. Service operates Monday & Tuesday Booking appointments phone 65535121  MVNS registered WDO service. To make enquiries/appointments call 65535121.		
<b>Community Justice Centre Kevin Millican</b>	Community Justice Centre assists with resolving disputes quickly and for free using mediation. Initially telephone intake service Covers all NSW Types of mediation: Neighbours, Families, Communities or associations, Schools, Workplace, Business, Monday matters, and more PH: 1800990777 Email: <a href="mailto:cjc_info@agd.nsw.gov.au">cjc_info@agd.nsw.gov.au</a> <a href="http://www.cjc.nsw.gov.au">www.cjc.nsw.gov.au</a>		
<b>Human Services Community Engagement Officer (CEO) Cindi Ulstrup</b>	Client service for people who are homelessness or at risk of homelessness Contact details: Ph: 02 65866622 Fax: 02 65883050 Interested in running workshops regarding digital services DHS provides To provided feedback regarding these workshop Email: <a href="mailto:cindi.ulstrup@humanservices.gov.au">cindi.ulstrup@humanservices.gov.au</a>		
<b>Tursa Employment &amp; Training Work for the Dole Co-ordinator Heather Hands</b>	Tursa core business activity is all about work: finding work for people who need work, addressing the issues faced by individuals in achieving paid work, finding workers for businesses that need workers, and preparing and training job seekers for work through its status as a Registered Training Organisation. Email: <a href="mailto:healthier.hands@tursa.com.au">healthier.hands@tursa.com.au</a> Ph; 0428944179		
<b>Medicare Local Casey Wisemantel</b>	Medicare local is a not-for-profit health care organisation that aims to improve the health of		

	<p>the community by:</p> <p>Identifying and assessing health care needs, addressing Service Gaps, improving the co-ordination of services. Making it easier for individuals, carers and service providers to navigate their local health system and supporting providers to improve their quality of care.</p> <p>Medicare Local ceases to exist at the end of June 2015. In their place a primary health network to be established.</p> <p>Taree Office contact Casey 0409 148 062</p>		
<b>St Vincent de Paul Taree Ellen Carter</b>	<p>Assistance by appointment only. Written referrals include phone contact &amp; address to if client has no phone</p> <p><b>Days of Operation:</b> Mon, Wed ONLY</p> <p><b>Taree Office:</b> 9 Albert Lane <b>Opening hrs:</b> 10 – 12pm</p>		
<b><u>NEXT MEETING</u></b>	<p><b>Next meeting will be 5 August 2015, 1pm-2.30pm</b></p> <p><b>Venue: Uniting Church, Albert St Taree</b></p> <p>Enquiries: Manning Valley Neighbourhood Services Inc. PH: 6553 5121, Email <a href="mailto:mvns@mvns.org.au">mvns@mvns.org.au</a></p> <p>Interagency minutes can also be downloaded from MVNS Website: <a href="http://www.mvns.org.au">www.mvns.org.au</a></p>		