

## **MINUTES OF MANNING VALLEY INTERAGENCY MEETING**

<b>Date: 4th August 2015</b>		<b>At: Manning Uniting Church, Taree</b>	
<b>Present:</b> Caron Watkins (MVNS), Kirsten Olsen (Richmond PRA), Pilar McGechan (Bayami Ganya Youth Refuge), David Gray (Community Corrections Taree), Ellen Carter (St Vincent de Paul), Pauline Smith (MNCFCS), Claudine Small (Samaritans Foundation), Eloise Neylon (Interrelate), Zara Gilkison (Taree Womens & Children's Refuge), Sharon Ryan (FACS – Housing Taree), Bree Katsamangos (Richmond PRA), Rob Harrington (About Inclusion), Anna Graham (Manning Pregnancy Support), Linda Lee (HNE Health), Jamil Ahmad (Breakthru People Solutions), Suzanne Kelly (Breakthru People Solutions), Ruth Brunner (NCCP Counsellor), Linda Gardnir (Salvation Army), Louise Beamish (Salvation Army), Sue McGuigan (Salvation Army), Jenny Millen (FACS – Housing Services), Robyn Morrison (YMCA – Community Development Officer), Alina Ljumanovic (Brighter Futures Catholic Care), Jane Titterington (Community Legal Centre), Narelle Penman (Uniting Church Taree), Kate Hopkins (MVNS)			
<b>Apologies:</b> Natalie Dury (FACS), Cyndi Ulstrup (DHS Centrelink), Donna Ballard (About Inclusion), Heather Hands (Tursa Employment & Training)			
<b>Time Commenced:</b> 1.05pm		<b>Time Finished:</b> 2.33 pm	
<b>Chairperson:</b> Caron Watkins		<b>Minute Taker:</b> Kate Hopkins	
<b><u>TOPIC</u></b>	<b><u>DISCUSSION</u></b>	<b><u>ACTION</u></b>	<b><u>ACTION BY</u></b>
<b><u>BUSINESS ARISING</u></b>			
<b><u>Standard Agenda Items</u></b>	<b><u>Interagency Service Reports</u></b>		
<b>Richmond PRA Kirsten Olsen</b>	HASI Support in Homes, enabling people with mental illness to live independently in the community. Be Active Program – Identifying goals and connecting with the community. Partners in Recovery Women's Group: Tuesday's with Tanya Brushes with life: First Thursday of the month Exhibition in October for Mental Health Awareness month - Cundletown Church 10am-2pm		
<b>MVNS Caron Watkins</b>	Ice Info Sessions: Massive response, had to increase capacity from 50-100 and had 30 people wait listed. Around 20 people did not show up, please let people know if you are unable to attend event so the people on the waiting list can have the opportunity to come. Myths dispelled and highlighted the need for more rehabilitation services in order to divert people away from the justice system.  Limited ER due to reduced funding and no dedicted ER worker any more. Second Bite- Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays		
<b>Bayami Ganya Youth Refuge 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 at risk of homelessness. Self Refer. Ph: 65516996 Fax: 65510400 Home base Website not updated for awhile.		

<b>Breakthru People Solutions Taree Jamil Ahmad Suzanne Kelly</b>	<p>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.</p> <p>Short Term assistance (up to 6 sessions), Long term assistance (up to 12 months)</p> <p>One off assistance, Self referral, Schools, GP</p> <p>Cannot work with individuals in home/state care unless they do not have an open case with FACS.</p> <p><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></p>		
<b>GTCC Sarah Wilkinson Community Engagement Officer</b>	<p>Community Connect Day, 29<sup>th</sup> October 10am-2pm at Taree PCYC – aims to connect people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.</p> <p>Ph: 02 65925399 or Email: <a href="mailto:community@gtcc.nsw.gov.au">community@gtcc.nsw.gov.au</a></p>		
<b>Community Corrections David Gray</b>	<p>Supervise adults on probation and parole.</p> <p>Looking at linking networks and supports for the offenders and their families</p>		
<b>MNC Financial Counselling Service Pauline Smith</b>	<p>Financial Counselling Mid North Coast assisting with debt, credit cards, finances.</p> <p>Received funding for the next three years.</p> <p>No direct calls, please call: 1300 662 540 to make appointments.</p> <p>Taree Monday, Tuesday &amp; Thursday</p> <p>Manning Valley N/C Wingham every second Tuesday afternoon</p>		
<b>Samaritans Foundation Claudine Small</b>	<p>Homeless services for women &amp; children</p> <p>Children 0-8 years with disabilities and early intervention</p> <p>Gambling counselor – Steve Edmund</p> <p>Have moved to old Housing NSW building.</p> <p>Open 9.30am-4pm, half day Wednesday. Call Diane or Kerry for referral. Ph: 6551 5873</p>		
<b>Interrelate Eloise Neylon</b>	<p>Family Relationship Centre</p> <p>Monday-Friday 9am-5pm. Ph: 6551 1200</p> <p>Family relationships counseling. Parenting courses for separated parents</p>		
<b>Taree Women's &amp; Children's Refuge Zara Gilkison</b>	<p>Crisis accommodation for women and their children.</p> <p>Refuge is full at the moment but can provide outreach support</p> <p>Ph: 6551 0011</p>		
<b>FACS- Housing Taree Sharron Ryan</b>	<p>Public Housing Taree, Forster, Gloucester</p> <p>Ph: 02 5594 2000 Fax: 02 6591 2199</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. Restricted home visiting.</p> <p><b>Days of Operation:</b> Mon, Wed ONLY <b>Taree Office:</b> 9 Albert Lane <b>Opening hrs:</b> 10 –12pm</p>		
<b>Richmond PRA Bree Katsamangos</b>	<p>Mental health recovery.</p> <p>Planning quarterly activities for people with limited knowledge and experience with mental illness.</p> <p>Plenty of volunteer opportunities.</p> <p>Places available call for criteria. Monday-Friday 8.30am-4.30pm Ph: 02 9393 9415</p>		

<b>About Inclusions Rob Harrington</b>	Respite & Disability Service Social Support, day programs & respite for people with a disability and their carers, teen time vacation and after school care and community participation. Ph: 6552 7374 Email: info@aboutinclusion.com.au		
<b>Manning Pregnancy Support Anna Graham</b>	Pregnancy and pregnancy loss support service for new parents and their families. Ph: 1300 792 798		
<b>Brighter Futures Catholic Care Alina Ljumanovic</b>	New Office in Gloucester: 27 King Street. Brighter Futures is at capacity Have hired a second counselor – at risk counselor PHAMS youth mental health worker 16-25years		
<b>Community Legal Centre Jane Titterington</b>	Free legal advice. Uniting Church Taree (Wednesday) & Manning Valley Neighbourhood Centre Wingham (Thursday). Traffic offenders program for those without legal representation.		
<b>YMCA – Community Development Officer Robyn Morrison</b>	Focus on health and fitness. Helping to engage people with other organizations. Brightside exercise for individuals at risk of mental illness. Hoping to expand to Wingham and Gloucester.		
<b>Uniting Church Narelle Penman</b>	ER Tuesdays & Fridays, please come with a centrelink statement. Open Table Fridays – fresh bread Work development orders – garden. Formal opening of Cundletown property: 19 <sup>th</sup> September. Family day and activities.		
<b>RECAP ER OPTIONS</b>	Uniting Church: Tuesdays & Fridays Salvation Army: Thursdays Anglican Church: Wednesdays MVNS: Tuesdays St Vincent de Paul Wingham: Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays		
<b>GUEST SPEAKER Doorways Resource Coordinator Sue McGuigan</b>	Funding is based on region: Mid North Coast Region There is a new model of the Salvation Army. Changed to a 1300 number for clients and ER interviews. Clients are assessed over the phone. If the client cannot drop into a family store then universal EFT cards can be posted to them. No alcohol and cigarettes are allowed to be purchased with these cards and the 'cash out' option is not available. If the client does not have access to a phone they are able to call from a family store. Can provide –Food, Fuel, Prescriptions/medications, Food parcels at the family store ER Assistance number: 1300 371 288		
<b><u>NEXT MEETING</u></b>	<b>Next meeting will be 7th October 2015, 1pm-2.30pm</b> <b>Venue: Uniting Church, Albert St Taree</b> Enquiries: Manning Valley Neighbourhood Services Inc. PH: 6553 5121, Email <a href="mailto:mvns@mvns.org.au">mvns@mvns.org.au</a> Interagency minutes can also be downloaded from MVNS Website: <a href="http://www.mvns.org.au">www.mvns.org.au</a>		