

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

<b>Date:</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2009	<b>At:</b> The Bean Bar, Taree 2430
<b>Present:</b> Di Deak (MDEA), Lauren Handel (TAFE Student), Ellen Carter (St Vincent De Paul), Bernadette Sexton (MVNS), Shaniane Andrews (Samaritans), Barbra Lawrence (MV Respite) Kaye Wilson (Centrelink), Michael Porst (Centrelink), Carol Morton (Community Options), Amy Hogan (NILS- MSS), Wayne Gibson (Global Care), Barbara Felle (CRS), Narelle Penman (Manning Uniting Church), Patricia Fredrickson (Salvation Army),	
<b>Apologies:</b> Caron Watkins , Sandy Brooks	
<b>Time Commenced:</b> 3pm	<b>Time Finished:</b> 3.40pm
<b>Chairperson:</b> Amy Hogan	<b>Minute Taker:</b> Bernadette Sexton

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>DISCUSSION</u>	<u>ACTION</u>	<u>ACTION BY</u>
<b><u>Minutes Meeting</u></b>			
<b><u>Business Arising</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clinical Nurse Consultant at Hospital Emergency – Sandy informed meeting no mental health worker located in A&amp;E at hospital as of 3pm 2/12/09. Staff to work extended hours 8.30am – 10pm 7 days/week.</li> </ul>		
<b><u>Standard Agenda Items</u></b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Transport Sub Committee – carried forward to meeting 3/2/10</li> <li>2. Emergency Relief Sub Committee – carried forward to meeting 3/2/10</li> <li>3. CDAT – Next meeting Thursday 3/12/09 Greater Taree City Library 10.30am</li> </ol>		

<b><u>New Business</u></b>	No business arising		
<b><u>Correspondence In</u></b>	Nil		
<b><u>Correspondence Out</u></b>	Nil		
<b><u>SERVICE REPORTS</u></b>			
<b>MVNS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manning Valley Co-operative Living Program (MVLP) working effectively within the community. Foodbank service meeting needs within the community</li> <li>• Limited Telstra and EAPA assistance available</li> <li>• Service closed 24/12/09</li> <li>• Reopening 11/1/10</li> <li>• <a href="http://www.mvns.org.au">www.mvns.org.au</a></li> </ul>		
<b>St Vincent De Paul – (Taree) Ellen Carter</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gearing up for Xmas Hamper. Well over 100 clients requiring assistance. Need to cull families with children.</li> <li>• Large increase in new referrals to service</li> <li>• Service closed 19/12/01</li> <li>• Reopen 11/01/10</li> </ul>		
<b>MDEA – Di Deak</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building empty due to painting</li> <li>• Women’s program undertaking self sustaining garden. After school program for children &amp; gardening. Recycling via garden.</li> <li>• Holiday program to be developed – children referral welcome</li> <li>• Women’s group and Multicultural group running school time only</li> <li>• Children’s water safety group running over holidays</li> <li>• MDEA open 24hrs over Christmas period</li> <li>• PH: 65510011</li> </ul>		

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<b>Salvation Army – (Taree) Patricia</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No EAPA</li> <li>• No Telstra</li> <li>• Requested more for next quarter</li> <li>• Xmas assistance 100 food hampers – no more referrals</li> <li>• Large increase of new clients to service</li> <li>•</li> </ul>		
<b>NILS – Amy Hogan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Part-time service</li> <li>• Covers LGA's – Great Lakes, Taree, Forster</li> <li>• Eligibility – live in LGA's, over 18 years, receiving Centrelink payment/eligible for health care card</li> <li>• Waiting list – two weeks presently</li> <li>• Completed repayment to NILS, clients able to use as referral for future lending</li> <li>• Closed only public holidays</li> <li>• 18 months to repay loan (\$10 fortnight, \$100 - \$1000)</li> <li>• Can reapply 6 months after fully repaying loan</li> <li>•</li> </ul>		
<b>Manning Uniting Church (Taree) - Narelle Penman</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Xmas appeal in conjunction with Target- referrals still open</li> <li>• Communities for children's program currently running on church grounds. Includes computer facilities – referrals welcome</li> <li>• Saturday program – Dad's parenting/playgroup</li> <li>• Tuesday - Burnside group</li> <li>• Other groups running from Church include :</li> <li>• Art group</li> <li>• GROW group</li> <li>• Community groups</li> </ul>		

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<b>Michael Porst and Kaye Wilson - Centrelink</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closed only on public holidays between Xmas &amp; New Year</li> <li>• Have limited ER Coles vouchers available for distribution from MVNS during this period</li> <li>•</li> </ul>		
<b>Community Options Carol Morton</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Target group – frail and disabled</li> <li>• Short term case management</li> <li>• Currently recruiting new staff</li> <li>• Case loads are time limited</li> <li>•</li> </ul>		
<b>Global Care – Wayne Gibson</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Global Care able to help people in need and crisis</li> <li>• Xmas break hampers filling up</li> <li>• Phone contact over Xmas – ph: 65526422</li> <li>• Foodbank service at Bushland closed 16/12/09 reopen 13/1/10</li> <li>• Welcome referrals from other agencies</li> <li>•</li> </ul>		
<b>CRS – Barbara Fell</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vocational rehabilitation</li> <li>• Closed Xmas – New year period</li> <li>• Apologies for not always attending meeting</li> <li>•</li> </ul>		
<b>St Vincent de Paul (Taree) – Ellen Carter</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inundated with clients needing electricity payments due to increase in rates</li> <li>• Jack Green is proving to be very uncooperative when advocacy required</li> <li>•</li> </ul>		
<b>MV Respite Care – Barbra Lawrence</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0-65 year olds</li> <li>• Respite for carers with disability.</li> <li>• Referrals from individuals or agencies welcome</li> <li>• Unable to accept referrals from clients diagnosed with</li> </ul>		

	<p>ADHS/ODD due to funding restrictions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closed 24/12/09</li> <li>• Reopen 4/1/10</li> <li>• Social support program going well</li> <li>• Under 12 program to start in new year</li> <li>• Teenage program to run during Xmas holidays</li> <li>•</li> </ul>		
<b>Samaritans – Shaniane Andrews</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth and Brokerage service – individuals and families facing homelessness</li> <li>• Youth refuge open Xmas day</li> <li>• Organised in -house Xmas hampers – funds limited</li> <li>• Refuge full – busy Xmas</li> <li>• Shaniane organising Homeless project with people from Newcastle. Interested in establishing a forum/meeting to gather interested services and individuals. Homelessness Day held at Samaritans' Newcastle - involved collaboration of TAFE Students and services to provide information to community</li> <li>•</li> </ul>		
<b><u>NEXT MEETING</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Next meeting will be 1pm Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2010 at Department of Community Services, Victoria Street, Taree</b></li> <li>• Enquiries: Manning Valley Neighbourhood Services Inc. PH: 6553 5121, Email <a href="mailto:mvns@mvns.org.au">mvns@mvns.org.au</a></li> <li>• Interagency minutes can also be downloaded from MVNS Website: <a href="http://www.mvns.org.au">www.mvns.org.au</a></li> </ul>		