

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

**Date:** 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2009

**At:** DOCS Conference Room, Victoria St., Taree 2430

**Present:** Caron Watkins (MVNS), Lynne English (MVNS), Sonja Pope (Community Options), Patricia Fredrickson (Salvation Army), Sandy Brooks (HNEH MH), Ellen Carter (St Vincent De Paul), Barbara Lawrence (Manning Valley Respite Care), Pauline Smith (Salvation Army), Bree Dennis (GTCC), Derrick North (LINC), Cathy Braiding (Centrelink), Peter Glencross (C4C), Jennifer Croaker (Guide Dogs NSW/ ACT), Mark Norris (Taree Council Mentoring Program), Henriette Evans (Community Options), Peter Stace (FSS), Linda Lee (HNE Health), Hannah Kif (Community Options), Narelle Coates (PRA), Janice Paulson (M.D.E.A), Steve Edman (Mission Aust. MC Gambling Counselling Service), Catherine Vaara (Lifeline Mid Coast), Nicole Weber (MNC Regional Council for Social Development), Amy Hogan (No Interest Loan Scheme), Colleen McGowan (MVNS).

**Apologies:** Ian Reece, Bob Cooke

**Time Commenced:** 1:10

**Time Finished:** 2.45pm

**Chairperson:** Lynne English

**Minute Taker:** Caron Watkins

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>DISCUSSION</u>	<u>ACTION</u>	<u>ACTION BY</u>
<b><u>Minutes Meeting</u></b>			Minutes Accepted
<b><u>Business Arising</u></b>	<p>1. CDAT - Lynne attended a training session in Hunter yesterday.            - Local committee meeting tomorrow at 10.30am at Ghinni Ghinni.</p> <p>2. Link GTCC – you can update your own information and new services, fliers etc.</p> <p>3. Sandy - Mental Health Reps interagency not able to attend due to leaving their service            - Apologies for Body of Lies which was not a very appropriate movie for this event.            - POOPS – service is free other than for badly behaved animals requiring kennelling</p>		

<p><b><u>Standard Agenda Items</u></b></p>	<p>1. IPW - Awareness b/w service of available services. 2009 - MH Forum Planning meeting within next few weeks.</p> <p>Information share day - all services invited to provide overview of service. Video to become a training tool.</p> <p>Street Expo - community - Mid May.</p> <p>2. Formalising interagency - Caron to keep investigating.</p> <p>3. Transport Sub Committee - Meeting last week with transport service providers and other community members. - To meet quarterly. - Interagency members invited to attend future meetings - No rep from Youth Services . - Send out a request for information on transport/vehicles which may be available to share?.</p> <p>HNEAHS - - write to General Manager Hospital re criteria, availability etc of the patient transport.</p>	<p><b>Send out to Interagency members</b></p>	<p><b>Caron</b></p> <p><b>Caron</b></p>
<p><b><u>New Business</u></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training calendar 2009 - Please provide information for us to put out about any training you may be offering/aware of.</li> <li>MDEA - Training around Elder abuse.</li> <li>MNCRCSD - DOC's money available. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Complete training needs survey and they will also follow though on training - <a href="http://www.mncrcsd.org.au">www.mncrcsd.org.au</a> .</li> </ul> </li> <li>• ER Interagency meetings to be held after Interagency Meeting every 3 months. If you are an ER service provider in any way shape or form, please attempt to attend</li> <li>• Venue - DOC's Conference Room.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Put together Calendar for 3 months in advance</b></p>	<p><b>Lynne</b></p>

<b>Correspondence In</b>	Nil		
<b>Correspondence Out</b>	Nil		
<b>Service Reports Derek North – LINC</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blue Gum Cottage program -Men only club for elderly men.</li> <li>• Weekly meeting - Wednesday morning 10am-12noon.</li> <li>• Referrals through Mary Lou McGrath for assessment.</li> <li>• Need to have enough registered volunteers.</li> </ul>		
<b>Janice Paulson - MDEA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refuge full currently</li> <li>• Police partnership is finished after 5 years.</li> <li>• Port looking at providing an outreach worker.</li> </ul>		
<b>Steve Edman - Mission Australia - North Coast Gambling Counselling Service</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Face to face counselling for free for people with gambling issues.</li> <li>• Responsible gambling awareness week in May.</li> <li>• G Line - Gambling Help Line 1800 858 858.</li> <li>• Steve - direct 0407 062 760.</li> </ul>		
<b>Catherine Vaara - Lifeline</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Catherine is CEO base in Port Macquarie.</li> <li>• Focus over next 12 months is to network, link in and identify gaps and develop a program.</li> <li>• 24 hour counselling.</li> <li>• Suicide intervention training.</li> <li>• Safe talk and suicide talk.</li> <li>• Support after Suicide Group at Port.</li> <li>• Internal support group in Taree for suicide - Christine Knight 65929315.</li> </ul>		
<b>Nicole Weber - MNCRCSD</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nicole is the new Information Officer.</li> <li>• White paper on homelessness (available on website).</li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Infrastructure focus.</li> <li>• Programs around housing and housing support.</li> <li>• Lobbying - mapping existing services and delivery.</li> <li>• Localised planning.</li> <li>• Other LGA's - local housing support networks.</li> <li>• ACOSS - Australian Community Sector Survey 2007/2008 information pre economic downturn. Important information for comparison.</li> <li>• CSGP - under review.</li> <li>• If anyone wants to provide input for a submission please send to Julie.</li> <li>• Cert IV in Indigenous leadership - applicants must be active in indigenous affairs - Dubbo/Townsville. Maybe they could lobby to run one locally if the numbers are sufficient</li> <li>• Training needs survey on website.</li> </ul>		
<b>Pauline Smith - Salvation Army - Moneycare</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wesley running a Financial Management Course.</li> </ul>		
<b>Patricia Frederickson - CSW</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Officer - Lt Colonel Lynette Green.</li> <li>• Limited Telstra left.</li> <li>• Increase in need for furniture.</li> <li>• Increase in client numbers.</li> </ul>		
<b>Sandy Brooks - TCHC - Mental Health</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> Aid Course is full (March).</li> <li>• Next 3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 10<sup>th</sup> August.</li> <li>• Looking at a 1day training program for Carers.</li> <li>• 16 February Volunteer Exp.</li> <li>• POOPS enquiries - 0428 746836.</li> </ul>		
<b>Mark Norris - GTCC Mentoring Program</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mentoring Program.</li> <li>• 6 - 12 year old boys.</li> <li>• Investigating possibilities.</li> <li>• Recruit mentors.</li> <li>• Program within next 6 months.</li> </ul>		

<b>Narelle Coates - PRA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Having success with clients moving through the programs.</li> <li>• Still full but referrals still taken.</li> </ul>		
<b>Sonja Pope, Henriette Evans, Hannah Kif - Community Options</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Case Management short term.</li> <li>• Going through referrals quickly.</li> </ul>		
<b>Peter Stace - FSS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Short a male worker at the moment.</li> <li>• Long waiting list.</li> </ul>		
<b>Jennifer Croaker - Guide Dogs NSW/ACT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jennifer Croaker 65527424.</li> <li>• Orientation and mobility instructor.</li> <li>• All services and equipment is free.</li> <li>• Based in Coffs Harbour - covers Manning area.</li> <li>• Anyone can make a referral if you have clients consent.</li> </ul>		
<b>Barbara Lawrence – Manning Valley Respite Care</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0 - 65 year olds target group</li> <li>• Disability respite.</li> <li>• Social support.</li> <li>• Holiday respite.</li> </ul>		
<b>Colleen McGowan – Regional Migrant Worker</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop a mentoring program.</li> <li>• Newsletter - please feel free to contribute.</li> </ul>		
<b>Peter Glencross - C4C – Engaging Fathers project</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One day forum 19<sup>th</sup> February "Working with Men to Stop Family Violence".</li> <li>• Presenting to stakeholders a way to work with all family members.</li> </ul>		
<b>Caron Watkins - Manning Valley Neighbourhood Services Inc.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently recruiting for a Community Services Support Worker – job package on our website – <a href="http://www.mvns.org.au">www.mvns.org.au</a></li> <li>• ER - EAPA available, TBAC not available.</li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Self Esteem Courses currently set for Wingham and Taree.</li> <li>• Separated parents workshop also to be run in April</li> </ul>		
<b>Linda Lee - Consumer Consultative Committee – Mental Health</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New rehab co-ordinator based around recovery.</li> <li>• CCC Committee - 11 attended this morning.</li> </ul>		
<b>Amy Hogan – No Interest Loans Scheme</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loans available for Household medical appliances \$100 - \$1000.</li> <li>• GTCC, Great Lakes and Gloucester - need to have been living in the area for 6 months.</li> <li>• Waiting list due to the closure of the service.</li> </ul>		
<b><u>NEXT MEETING</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1pm, Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at DOCS</li> <li>• Enquiries: Manning Valley Neighbourhood Services Inc. PH: 6553 5121, Email <a href="mailto:mvns@mvns.org.au">mvns@mvns.org.au</a> Web: <a href="http://www.mvns.org.au">www.mvns.org.au</a></li> </ul>		