

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

Date: 2 June 2010

At: Community Services, Victoria Street, Taree 2430

Present: Caron Watkins (MVNS), Barbara Lawrence (Manning Valley Respite Care Service), Shanyn McConnell (PRA), Bernadette Sexton (MVNS), Nathan Paff (Samaritans Foundation), Pilar McGechan (MDEA), Grant Sorenson (Community Services), Patricia Frederickson (HNE Health), Deborah Gates (C.C. Brighterfutures), Lea Dawson (Wesley Uniting Employment), Sandy Brooks (HNE Mental Health), Stuart Smyth (Community Options GLM), Frances Sargent (Mission Australia Youth Connections), Felicity Nicholson (PRA), Sara Ison (Cuppa Chat & Company), Helen Fielder-Gill (Samaritans Foundation), Sue Williams (Samaritans Foundation/Newcastle), Jenni McLeish (Salvation Army), Barbra Fell (CRS)

Apologies:

Fiona Holmes, Ros Britton, Peter Glencross, Hannah Stanley, Adrienne Greene

Time Commenced: 1.05pm

Time Finished: 2.40pm

Chairperson: Caron Watkins

Minute Taker: Bernadette Sexton

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>DISCUSSION</u>	<u>ACTION</u>	<u>ACTION BY</u>
<u>BUSINESS ARISING</u>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. State Debt Recovery Office – Work Development Order – MVNS received approval to undertake work development orders. Caron still reading paperwork/checking legalities. Pilot program for 12 months. Caron to update at next meeting 2. Interagency Terms of Reference and Questionnaire Work in progress - follow up next meeting 		<p>Caron</p> <p>Caron</p>

<u>Standard Agenda Items</u>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Emergency Relief Sub Committee – meeting today 2/6/10 after Interagency meeting. 2. CDAT – Meetings held 1st Thursday of every month at GTCC Library 10.30am Request for more members to attend CDAT meetings 		
<u>NEW BUSINESS</u>	<p>Celia Lashlie Workshops</p> <p>Tuesday 20 July 6.30pm-8.30pm The Waterfront Room, Exchange Hotel, Manning St Taree Cost: \$10 (must be paid prior to event) RSVP: 12 July 2010 – places are limited Bookings phone: 65535121</p> <p>Wednesday 21st July 9am -4pm The Winning Post, Bushland Racecourse CDAT members: \$25 Non members: \$55 Bookings phone: 65535121 Hypothetical case studies carried forward to next meeting</p>		
<u>Correspondence In</u>	Nil		
<u>Correspondence Out</u>	Nil		
<u>SERVICE REPORTS</u>			
Salvation Army Taree Jenni McLeish	New Community Worker ER provider Still finding fee. Lots of clients requiring electricity assistance. Many new clients approaching service		
Cuppa Chat &	Closer to first year anniversary of service		

Company Sara Ison	Meet 1 st and 3 rd Friday monthly at Amber House 144A Commerce St Taree 5.30pm – 7.30pm Contact: 65524445		
Great Lakes Community Options Stuart Smyth	HAC funded covers Manning Valley, Gloucester, Karuah to Johns River regions Waiting list down encourage referrals Community Options provides short term case management – 3 months		
Catholic Care Brighter Futures Deborah Gates	Presently in transitional phase – new management. Will update at later date		
Manning Valley Respite Service Barbara Lawrence	Provide individual support, respite and leisure services from 0- 65years for children and adults with intellectual/physical disability Always looking for volunteers		
Wesley Uniting Employment Lea Dawson	Service aims to assist clients to overcome barriers of long term unemployment		
MRRH Patricia Frederickson	Social Work Dpt at Manning Hospital busy Taree Rural Referral Hospital open to community referrals. Hours of work Mon- Fri 8.30am- 4.30pm		
CRS Australia Barbara Fell	CRS assist people with injuries and disabilities to get and keep jobs. CRS assist clients to manage barriers in getting work and works with employers to find candidates for positions vacant.		
Manning District Emergency Accommodation (Lyn's Place)	New Manager Gail Halloran commenced employment at MDEA MDEA provides short term (6 weeks) accommodation, Units stay 6 months. No vacancies at the moment		

Pilar McGechan	Groups currently run: Mum's & Bubs Wednesday 10.30am Tuesday/Wednesday after school program Holiday programs		
HNE Health – Mental Health Sandy Brooks	Mental Health 1 st Aid 23/30 August 2010 – target group NGO, volunteers. Only a few space available Many changes in mental heal re. mandatory education, staff positions, changes in transition. Access to services Mental Health Line - 1300369968 Third party can make referral, individual will be contacted by intake worker not mental health worker.		
PRA Shayn McConnell & Felicity Nicholson	Introduction of new worker Felicity Nicholson PRA non clinical voluntary program for clients diagnosed with a mental health illness. Client range from 16 – frail aged. PRA provides support for clients in home eg. cleaning, cooking – each program individualised includes TAFE support, employment and social programs.		
Samaritans Tenancy Support Nathan Paff	Overview of Homelessness Actions Plan. Samaritans focus on families with children who have tenancy but tenancy in jeopardy. Includes both public /private tenants Covers area from Great Lakes to Coffs Harbour Nathan Paff official co-ordiantor. Project aimed public/private rental tenants whose tenancy at risk. Brokerage service. Local services invited to make referrals and brokerage follow-up case plan 13 weeks. Aim to establish co-ordination group Taree/Forster/Gloucester LGA		

	<p>and hope to establish a meeting in the next 2/3/weeks.</p> <p>Samaritans to undertake a map to identify families in difficulty, real estate agents and workers who work with families. Can be an extension of existing work for workers</p> <p>Target 350 individuals (5/family = 100 families) Providing services with resources. Processors/guidelines for financial distribution being formulated Nathan to send invited to first group meeting shortly</p> <p>Individual service providers to be approached to undertake case plan funded by Samaritans. Ie. Wages via a brokered service co-ordinated by Samaritans. Case plan ongoing for up to 6 months with tenants</p> <p>Samaritans in process of inviting local community to participate in program</p>	Action Nathan	Nathan
<p><u>GUEST SPEAKERS</u> Youth Connections, Mission Australia Francis Sargent</p>	<p>Overview of service, target group, referral processes Over view of new program this year. Previously Youth Pathways</p> <p>Working in with young at risk not completing education from age 9yrs.</p> <p>Area from Kempsey to Bulahdelah, still taking referrals. 3 case workers employed in Taree LGA. Two at Taree, one at Forster, working closely with CAMS ??? refuge. Schools, agencies, self referral case management to ER -engage children back to education and address barriers to completing education. Re engage with schools eg. showing individuals how to break down assignments</p> <p>Difficulty D&A issues, truancy, mental health. Referral service forming partnerships in community</p> <p>Children struggling at school/Excellent outcomes children staying at school/Aiming to get kids back to school</p>		

