

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

Date: 3 rd February 2010	At: Community Services, Victoria Street, Taree 2430
Present: Caron Watkins (MVNS), Ellen Carter (SV), Narelle Penman (Uniting Church), Derek North (LINC), Linda Ross (LINC), Hannah Stanley, Lea Dawson (Wesley uniting Employment), Pauline Smith (Money Care), Peter Stace (FSS), Fiona Holmes (Gudie Dogs NSW/ACT), Roslynne Britton (Disability Advocacy), Kaye Wilson (Centrelink)	
Apologies: Sandy Brooks, Patricia Fredrickson, Sandy Bowden, Jenny Hadfield, Cathy Braiding, .	
Time Commenced: 1pm	Time Finished: 2.35pm
Chairperson: Caron Watkins	Minute Taker: Lyn Schneider

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>DISCUSSION</u>	<u>ACTION</u>	<u>ACTION BY</u>
<u>Minutes Meeting</u>			
<u>Business Arising</u>	<p>Samaritans Homelessness Project – discussion deferred again until someone from Samaritans present</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information to come on a forum <p>State Debt Recovery – work and development orders for community groups –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows people to work off fines • SDRO – not forthcoming with information regarding approved service providers • Manning Valley Neighbourhood Services has submitted an application to provide this service. Will advise if successful • Send something on behalf of interagency saying that resources 	Follow up	Caron

	in country areas don't allow for service providers to necessarily work alone on this. Therefore it would be advantageous for all if we could partner with other services in providing the hours and opportunities for clients	Draft Letter Cc Attorney Generals Dept	Caron/Pauline
<u>Standard Agenda Items</u>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Emergency Relief Sub Committee – to follow interagency today <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note that Jack Green have been taken over by Country Energy but the debts won't be taken over by CE • If anyone encounters any issues regarding this with clients – then please advise EWON (ombudsman for energy) 2. CDAT – Next meeting 4th March – 		
<u>New Business</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interagency Terms of Reference - need to be reviewed along with a review of databases etc. • Invite local members and ask if they want to be on email list – point out that topical issues are discussed and it would be good to have their input and support 	Send out questionnaire Contact and invite	Caron Caron
<u>Correspondence In</u>	Nil		
<u>Correspondence Out</u>	Nil		
<u>SERVICE REPORTS</u>			
<u>Guest Speaker</u>	Nil this month		
MVNS	<p>A Wills Day to be held by NSW Trustee and Guardian at Wingham Courthouse Community Centre on Weds 24th March</p> <p>Further information from 1300 364 103</p>		

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Salvation Army – Money Care	Currently a 3 week wait for appointments		
Family Support Services	<p>One on one and group work Running a variety of groups –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Womens Group • Young Parents Group • Parenting children with ADHD • Contact 6551 5660 for more information <p>Courses full this term but Andrew Harvey at Community Health is also providing Triple P training</p>		
St Vincent De Paul – (Taree) Ellen Carter	Seeing more clients with mortgages		
Guide Dogs	<p>Teaching people who need canes Provide advice, address mobility issues Please refer Website also provides information</p>		
Disability Advocacy	<p>Based @ Ormsby House Appointment based/sole worker NOT case management Problems with lack of services/linkages Any sort of disability Currently an enquiry into disabilities – submissions invite</p>		
Centrelink	<p>Kaye Wilson taking over Mangers role for a couple of months Extending and invitation to all service providers to speak to Centrelink workers about referral pathways and their services - 6592 4317 –</p>		

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Uniting Church	Lots of referrals occurring on Sunday mornings – people who fall outside the ‘usual’ criteria Providing food and medical assistance		
<u>LINC</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides housekeeping, shopping, gardening, visits etc • Have the time to spend with client and provide a social visit • Forster Tuncurry LINC now operational • Agency referrals preferred to self referral • Are holding a couple of fund raiser concerts in March • 		
<u>NEXT MEETING</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting will be 1pm • 7th April 2010 at Department of Community Services, Victoria Street, Taree • Enquiries: Manning Valley Neighbourhood Services Inc. PH: 6553 5121, Email mvns@mvns.org.au • Interagency minutes can also be downloaded from MVNS Website: www.mvns.org.au 		