

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

Date: 5 August 2009

At: Department of Community Services, Taree 2430

Present: Kayla Thompson (TAFE Student/Mental Health Worker), Lynne Mansell (House with No Steps), Pauline Smith (The Salvation Army – M Colleen McGowan (MVNS: RMW), Derek North (LINC), Peter Stace (FSS), Roz Britton (Samaritans), Patricia Fredrickson (Salvation Army), Diane [Place), Keith Martin (Family Support Services), Kerry McDean (Community Housing Ltd), Trudi Gatehouse (Community Housing Ltd), Sandy Bro MH), Cathy Braiding (Centrelink), Barbara Lawrence (Manning Valley Respite Care Services, Bernadette Sexton (MVNS), Rene Davis (C4C), N (C4C), Ellen Carter (St Vincent De Paul)

Apologies: Caron Watkins, Jenny Hadfield

Time Commenced: 1:10pm

Time Finished: 2.10pm

Chairperson: Colleen McGowan

Minute Taker: Bernadette Sexton

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>DISCUSSION</u>	<u>ACTION</u>	<u>ACTION BY</u>
<u>Minutes Meeting</u>	Minutes to the last meeting and agenda handed out. No correction to minutes.		Minutes Accepted
<u>Business Arising</u>	Community Service Expo 11/9/09: Colleen McGowan (MVNS) informed community agencies that registrations for Community Services Expo have closed. 42 services currently registered to participate at the MIRVAC complex (paved area) in Taree		
<u>Standard Agenda Items</u> I	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Transport Sub Committee – update carried forward to next meeting 2. Emergency Relief – update carried forward to next meeting 3. CDAT – Next meeting Thursday 6/8/09 at Taree Library commencing 10.30am 		

<u>New Business</u>	Nil		
<u>Correspondence In</u>	Nil		
<u>Correspondence Out</u>	Nil		
<u>Guest Speaker</u>	<p>Nicole Rowe Nicole came to talk about the Communities 4 Children (C4C) program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - C4C program currently available to Taree LGA area only - Program refunded for next 3 years – an expansion of the Federal Family Support Program - Target 0-12 year olds working with families with complex needs similar to Brighter Futures - Vision: work with family support program to work with and support families and nurture children - Aim: Work with families and children via more intensive management/collaboration with other providers rather than direct case management - Targets indigenous, migrant, socially isolated, fathers, young mum & dads, families of disabled children. - C4C hope to advertise the service through attendance at community meetings and possibly hold an expo - For further information contact Nicole Rowe Mission Australia Ph: 65500785 Email: rowen@missionaustralia.com.au 		
			Comment:

<u>SERVICE REPORTS</u>			
MVNS Regional Migrant Worker: Colleen McGowan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RMW covers 4 LGA's – Gloucester, Forster, Port Macquarie, Taree • Services provided include casework, referrals to mainstream services, client advocacy, information on local services etc to assist newly arrived migrants to settle in Australia 		
Salvation Army – Patricia Fredrickson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Client numbers continues to be hit • ER available includes EPEA, Telstra, food/fuel 		
Salvation Army: Moneycare – Pauline Smith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very busy seeing clients • Presently 3 week waiting list 		
LINC (Love In the Name of Christ) – Derek North	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service been experiencing a busy time • Have 3 volunteers for Forster area, requires a minimum of 10 volunteers to start service at Forster • Provides services including housekeeping, shopping, assistance getting to appointments, as well as providing purely social participation opportunities including taking clients out to concerts, etc or just providing companionship if required • 		
Lyn's Place – Diane Deak	<p>Increase in families staying longer with the service (approx. 6 weeks) Worker from Lyn's Place commenced working from Bushland Cottage Wednesday afternoons 2 - 4pm</p>	*	
Centrelink – Cathy Braiding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Client numbers and enquiries continue to be high • 		
M.V.R.C.S. (Manning Valley Respite Carer Service) –	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service provides respite for families with members who have either intellectual or physical disability 		

Barbara Lawrence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need more volunteers. • 		
HNE AHS Mental Health – Sandy Brooks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aboriginal mental health worker position with HNEH at Forster to be advertised shortly • Vacancies still available fro bereavement workshop 4 September at Church of Christ (opp. Taree Hospital) • Registration from 9am • 		
POOP's (Pets Of Older Persons) – Sandy Brooks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covers Manning and Great Lakes • Recent focus directed toward landlords/real estates re. rental accommodation that allows pets. • To enquire about the service Ph: 0428 746 836. • 		
Community Housing Ltd – Kerry McDean Trudi Gatehouse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experiencing large volume of clients • Long waiting list for properties 		
FSS(Family Support Services) – Peter Stace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 on 1 family work and group work • Groups are mainly around parenting and include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Women's group - Young Mum's Group - Supported Playgroup - Healthy Living Group - 		
FSS (Family Support Services) – Keith Martin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Worker • Available Wednesday , Thursday • Not long waiting list • Contact: 65515660 • 		
Samaritans – Roz Britton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blue Cross ER service Wednesday 11am-2pm at the Anglican Church Taree. • Referrals and donations welcome • Three group home with vacancies available in day program 		

