

# Minutes

## Campbelltown Interagency

**Date:** 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2011

**Time:** 2pm – 4pm

**Venue:** Campbelltown Library – Hurley Street, Campbelltown

### Attendees

- Mark Kiril – DFFWK
- Kalev Pank – Centrelink
- Wayne Briggs – Campbelltown Family Support Service
- Angela Lonergan – Campbelltown City Council
- Annie Lee – TAFE
- Horatio O’Shea – Best Buddies Australia
- Carmel Dengage – ACSN
- Leonie Evans – Macarthur NILS
- Tim Hawkins – Ted Noffs Foundation
- Sally Warwick – Ted Noffs Foundation
- Karen Chisnall – Sector Connect
- Jeanne Duffy – Sector Connect
- Amy Williams - WSCF

### Apologies

- Alana O’Sullivan – Forum Sentencing

### Guest Speaker

#### Sector Connect: Website Information Session – Jeanne Duffy

The new Sector Connect website ([www.sectorconnect.org.au](http://www.sectorconnect.org.au)) provides people working in Macarthur & Wingecarribee with the opportunity to receive and distribute information more systematically; as well as book professional development opportunities online and gain access to a number of resources that could help you in your jobs and in writing funding submissions. Currently Sector Connect has approximately 400 people registered on the website.

The aim of this presentation is to show you how to use the Sector Connect website more effectively to get the most out of this resource.

#### How to register your preferences:

On the bottom right hand corner of the home page click on “register your preferences” and follow the prompts. You will be asked to put in a password which is 6 characters long. If you forget this at any stage please contact Jeanne. **If you would like to receive information about the Campbelltown Interagency you need to make sure you select “Campbelltown Interagency” as a category.** However, you can select multiple categories that may interest you/ be relevant to your work.

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If at any stage you want to update your preferences you can contact Jeanne to help you update your information. It is important to register your preferences on the website as this is how you will receive information from Sector Connect from now on.

## **Submitting an item for the website:**

On the bottom right hand corner of the home page click on “submit an item for the website” and select from the four options. The most common options used will be to submit a news item or submit an event for the website. Once you select an option you will need to complete a short form which allows you to fill in the information you would like sent out across the network. It is important to think about your heading when submitting an item for the website as this is what will grab people’s attention. Once you fill out this information you will need to select categories of the people you would like the information sent out to.

You are also able to add attachments to your item and will be asked when filling in your information if you would like to add an attachment. Once you click the submit button and if you selected yes to adding an attachment a link will be available for you to email your attachment. It is important that you do not change the subject line in this email as it is already coded to match with your other website submission.

## **Registering for Training Courses:**

Furthermore, Sector Connect offers training and you can now register for any training/events Sector Connect is offering online. On the Sector Connect website homepage on the bottom left hand corner you can click on “book your training.” You then can select the training course/event you want to attend and add the number of places you would like for the training to your basket. You then fill out your details for the training and continue to the checkout similar to any other online payment system.

## **Resources:**

Another exciting feature of the Sector Connect website is the resource library. This library contains information specific to each category. For example the “Child & Family” section of the resource library contains information about Keep Them Safe, research information that could be useful for funding submissions and DVDs/videos that could be used for internal training and are FREE to borrow and access at any time. However, there are a number of other resources that are available to access through the Sector Connect resource section.

If you have any questions about the Sector Connect website please contact Jeanne Duffy on [info@sectorconnect.org.au](mailto:info@sectorconnect.org.au) or 4648 5933

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## WSCF: Transport Information Session – Amy Williams

Western Sydney Community Forum Transport Project is aimed at highlighting transport opportunities within the Macarthur region. The project is linked to social inclusion issues such as the fact that job seekers can't get to work because they can't get there. Other issues around transport in Macarthur include:

- Travelling between suburbs is hard
- Macarthur is a large geographical area so it takes a long time to get from place to place
- A large proportion of people are accessing employment outside of Campbelltown

MyZone is a new ticketing system which encompasses four different ticketing systems which include:

- MyTrain
- MyBus
- MyFerry
- MyMulti

Within this new ticketing scheme it is also important to note that no one should be paying more than \$57 a week for travel on public transport in Sydney.

Berrima and Picton Bus lines can use a MyMulti 3 ticket if connecting to rail stations.

A MyBus 10 travel ticket equates to 10 bus trips and allows you to get a 20% discount.

131 500 is a transport information service that you can access to obtain additional information about the ticketing system.

The free shuttle service available in Campbelltown is currently on a 12 month trial; in an effort to make this service available after the trial it is important that this service is promoted to your clients to use.

A Family Fun Day ticket is available on a Sunday for \$2.50. All you need is to have a child with you to be eligible for this travel concession.

Amy is available to come along to your service to train clients about the ways to utilize public transport and learn about the different ticketing systems available. This training can be developed to meet your client's needs.

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## Best Buddies Program – Horatio

Best Buddies is a new program that has been operating since November 2010. The client group for this program is individuals with intellectual disabilities. The purpose of the program is to develop a 1 to 1 friendship between a client and volunteer in an effort to increase active inclusion for the client. The friendship is matched with respect to the client and volunteers living area, gender and interests. Within this program the volunteer is expected to contact their buddy once a week and meet with their buddy once a fortnight.

## Interagency Reports

- Claymore Interagency recently held a planning day for the network.
- The Wollondilly Interagency is holding the Wollondilly Expo and Family Fun day on the 14<sup>th</sup> July 2011. Expressions of Interest for services interested in being involved in the day are now being taken.

## Funding Opportunities in Macarthur & Wingecarribee

- Volunteer Grants are currently open. This funding can cover the costs of conducting police checks for volunteers, reimbursing travel for volunteers and other resources that volunteers may require within their roles.

## Guest Speaker Suggestions

- Housing NSW
- Centrelink's Grandparent Carer Program

## Information Share

The group shared information about services and upcoming events verbally. This information was not recorded in the minutes.

## Next Meeting

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2011

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