

# Minutes

<b>Wollondilly Interagency Meeting</b>	
<b>Date:</b> 14 <sup>th</sup> October 2010	<b>Time:</b> 2pm-4pm
<b>Venue:</b> Wollondilly Shire Council - Menangle Street, Picton	
<b>Attendees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Melinda Bishop – ADHC</li> <li>▪ Mary Creagan – ADHC</li> <li>▪ Fiona Devine – Wollondilly Shire Council</li> <li>▪ Phebe Betts – Community Links Wollondilly</li> <li>▪ Julie Longland – WSFSS</li> <li>▪ Tadesindeev Singh – Tafe</li> <li>▪ Tanya Smith – UnitingCare Burnside</li> <li>▪ Susan Mayer – Community Links Wollondilly</li> <li>▪ Karen Chisnall – Sector Connect</li> </ul>
<b>Apologies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Alana O’Sullivan – Forum Sentencing</li> <li>▪ Bob Lester – Wollondilly Shire Council</li> </ul>
<b>Confirmation of Previous Minutes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Fiona Devine – WSC</li> <li>▪ Julie Longland - WSFSS</li> </ul>
<b>Guest Speaker</b>	
	<b>Community Links Wollondilly – Susan Mayer</b>
<p>Community Links Wollondilly previously had an office at Wollondilly Shire Picton Community Resource Centre. But is now based at Tahmoor Community Centre which is managed by UnitingCare Burnside.</p> <p>Community Links Wollondilly was created in June 2006 through an amalgamation of the following organizations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Wollondilly Community Development Committee</li> <li>- Wollondilly Camden Family Support Service</li> <li>- Wollondilly Youth Services Network</li> </ul> <p>Community Links Wollondilly extends to Wingecarribee with the Haven Project.</p> <p>Community Links Wollondilly works with individuals, families and communities of the Wollondilly and Camden Local Government Areas to build a strong and viable infrastructure that will support vulnerable members of the community and provide them with the capacity to effectively manage their lives. Furthermore, provides young people, families and the general community of Wollondilly and Camden with support, information, activities and referrals.</p>	

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## Community Links Wollondilly Community Development Team

Aims to see what needs and gaps are present and try to facilitate projects to help. The Community Development Team provides:

- Information
- Referrals
- Advocacy
- Crisis Support

Services include:

- School holiday activities
- Parenting and behaviour management groups
- Support groups
- Family fun days
- Agent for Housing NSW

## Community Links Wollondilly Youth Team

Provides support and assistance to young people (11-24 years of age) through:

- Information
- Referral
- Advocacy
- Groups and activities
- Addressing needs
- Learning and skills development

Issues affecting young people in Wollondilly:

- Accommodation
- Family conflict and/or breakdown
- Legal and financial matters
- Employment/education
- Mental health
- Alcohol and other drugs
- Isolation

## Community Links Wollondilly Case Work Team

Works to help assist families in distress. Can meet with families at the Community Centre; in their homes; or in a public place, as well as provide support over the phone. The Case Work Team facilitates groups and activities that support families (such as parenting or youth groups). The Case Work Team takes referrals, and refers individuals and families from and to other organizations or agencies.

The addition of being a Housing NSW agent has increased the workload of Community Links Wollondilly.

Community Links Wollondilly has identified that transport is an issue within Wollondilly and can impact on service delivery.

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## 1. Wollondilly Shire Council Disaster Recovery Plan

- The Wollondilly Shire Council Disaster Recovery Plan was last updated in 2008.
- Updating this plan is on the agenda for Council.
- Wollondilly Interagency could advocate to Council for this plan to be updated and provide input into the updating process.
- Group to follow-up on the accessibility of the plan.

## 2. Items without Notice

Issues within the Wollondilly Local Government Area

- Isolation of both community members and services within the community
- Lack of transport is a large barrier to service provision
- A number of barriers impact on people's ability to attend the Wollondilly Interagency

Question was raised – how can we create a strong service network in Wollondilly?

## Discussion

The group discussed these issues and identified that a Wollondilly Service Expo could create an opportunity for services to come together and showcase and promote their services; while also providing an opportunity for services to connect with other services.

A working group has been formed to further organize this Expo and will meet outside of the Wollondilly Interagency meetings. This working group will report to the Wollondilly Interagency any developments regarding the Wollondilly Service Expo.

The expo will be held at Tahmoor Community Centre in 2011. Possible dates were discussed at the meeting however, the date will be confirmed at the February 2011 meeting.

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Information Share	
11:30am	<p>The group shared information about services and upcoming events verbally. This information was not recorded in the minutes, however completed information share forms are attached as follows</p>
	<p><b>Macarthur Diversity Services Initiative</b></p> <p>Community Partners Program (CPP) is funded by the Australian Government Department of Health and Aging. The core objective of the program is facilitating increased and sustained access by culturally and linguistically diverse communities with significant aged care needs to aged care support services.</p> <p>The Program has a dual role in working with both CALD communities and Aged Care Service Providers by providing information sessions and cultural briefings to Aged Care Services to assist them develop strategies for culturally appropriate care; and to assist CALD communities to have better access to aged care services.</p> <p>The communities the CPP project will focus on are: Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), Spanish, Pacific Islands (Samoan), Mauritian (French), Filipino (Tagalog), Vietnamese and Indian (Hindi and Urdu).</p> <p>Information for community groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ CACP, EACH, EACHD, Residential Aged care, Respite care, Positive aging, Aged care assessment team (ACAT), Rights and responsibilities, Palliative care, Dementia awareness and the safe use of medicine</li> </ul> <p>Information and cultural briefings for aged care service providers will include: Health, Food, taboos, religion, settlement, communication, leisure, Festivals regarding the above mentioned communities</p> <p>Dementia Bilingual Community Educators program, training community members about Dementia in Macarthur and Wingecarribee The BCEs will then deliver sessions for their own communities in community languages</p> <p>MULTICAN Cancer Support Group first meeting on Monday 18 at MDSI aged care facilities 32 Lithgow Street Campbelltown from 10:30-12:30. (Meetings on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month)</p>

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	<p><b>Tahmoor Community Centre</b></p> <p>The Tahmoor Community Centre, Youth Hub and Children’s Space is administered by UnitingCare Burnside Centre on behalf of Wollondilly Shire Council.</p> <p>The Community Centre is comprised of a Youth Hub (with a kitchen) , two community spaces (one with a kitchen), one playgroup room and three interview rooms, 2 bathrooms (for female, male and disabled) and office spaces allocated to service providers working within the Tahmoor community for UnitingCare Burnside’s Brighter Futures Program, Community Links Wollondilly and The Rainbow Playhouse.</p> <p>The Youth Hub, community spaces and interview rooms are available for use by Service Providers and community groups during business hours who are seeking to enhance local community participation by providing services or activities which engage and enrich the local community.</p> <p>Use of the facility is subject to guidelines and an application process and should be directed through the Administration Office at UnitingCare Burnside located at 6 Harper Close, Tahmoor</p>
<b>Next Meeting</b>	
Date: 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2011 Time: 2pm-4pm Venue: 6 Harper Close, Tahmoor	