



The Wollondilly Interagency

The Wollondilly Network of Community Service Agencies.

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Minutes of Wollondilly Interagency Meeting
8th April 2010, at Wollondilly Shire Council- Gallery Room,
62-64 Menangle St, Piston

Opened at 2.15 pm

PRESENT

Patricia Ceulen
Tina Britton
Deby Lloyd
Emma Curley
Danielle Bishop
Lisa Nelson

Sector Connect
Wollondilly Council
UnitingCare Burnside – Brighter Futures
MDTFC – Peer Support
The Benevolent Society First Five Years Program
Northcott Disability Services – Case Management

APOLOGIES

Emma Doukakis
Libby Williams
Carol Mackay
Susan Mayer
Geraldine Clarkson
Jaci Dayes
Fiona Devine
Judy Archer

Ideas NSW
City Christian Church / CAP
MDSi
Community Links Wollondilly
Uniting Church Picton
MDS
Wollondilly Shire Council – The Dilly Wanderer
Wedderburn Christian Camp

Guest Speaker

Dr Alaric Koh is from SSWAHS and is currently conducting a Health Needs Assessment about children from Wollondilly. Some questions that were discussed include:

- Identify health issues of concern
- Access to services – travelling out from area for treatment.
- Long waiting lists for Community Health treatment e.g. Speech, Physiotherapy or Dental Services
- High rates of children not being immunized
- Young mums need assistance about health of children
- High rates of Asthma
- Difficulties accessing services for Autism or Aspergers – intensive early intervention services needed
- Difficulties to access In Home respite care for children with disabilities.
- Difficulties to travel by public transport for treatment within the Shire.

The Health Needs Assessment and introductory letter will be sent as an attachment with the minutes. Please distribute this to families from across Wollondilly.

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Discussion re availability of emergency material aid / relief for people in Wollondilly.

Please see separate document which is in draft format.

Notes about changes requested –

- Cover page
- Note for who to contact for updates
- Index page and list organisations by category – Food, Bills, Emergency Accommodation –respite care, Crisis Intervention – DV number, Police – Camden & Picton, SES, Early and ongoing intervention services.

Patricia will add last up date and send to Tina where Administration Assistant will kindly complete format into alphabetical order and provide an index.

Planning for 2010

From the attendees two main areas of concern are housing and health. Patricia to find any information that was collated from last year's Homelessness Forum, also check with Leanne and Susan about this.

The ideas discussed were to map what services are in Wollondilly by understanding what issues impact on their service provision. If each service was to present to the Interagency with the theme "A day in the life of ..." that each services experiences in a day's work. If we try to capture this experience over a year. We will look to develop a proforma for services to report in so it is a consistent style.

It may be necessary to hold an extra meeting in June to commence this approach. Patricia will send out an advanced notice email of the meeting to gauge if people are available to attend the meeting.

- Need to identify speakers from various agencies
- Identify what is to be discussed.
- Explore as an Interagency topics and guest speakers.

Information Share

Wollondilly Shire Council – The Dilly Wanderer

Fiona Devine Phone: 4677 8211, 0408 219 393 Fax: 4677 8203

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- The Dilly Wanderer is free mobile community information and children's activity service which visits nine different locations throughout the Wollondilly Shire every month. The Dilly Wanderer operates year round, including school holidays.
- The Dilly wanderer aims to bring information and socialisation opportunities to isolated families.
- Local family oriented services can recommend clients visit The Dilly Wanderer for free, local activities (information and interaction with other families)
- Guest speakers are welcome and encouraged to come along and utilise this as an opportunity to make contact with families in the Wollondilly community.

- Local services can have their flyers/information/details circulated amongst the Wollondilly community via The Dilly Wanderer.
- The Dilly Wanderer supplies free community information and children's activities at various (limited) community events.

Wedderburn Christian Camp – Judy

At Wedderburn Christian Campsite, we aim to provide the perfect 'getaway' venue for your next school or retreat camp. We believe you will be impacted by the beauty, quietness and adventure presented at our site.

Our property is situated on 136 acres of natural bushland encompassing large grassy areas all just 10 minutes south of Campbelltown and 90 minutes from Sydney CBD. Take time to relax by the pool or explore the surrounding bushland. Then try something more adventurous - Natural Cliff Abseiling, Rockwall climbing, Mountain or BMX biking are available to name a few. Accommodation for 120 is available in recently refurbished Cabin style rooms, most with ensuites. A large meeting hall/dining room is serviced by our commercial kitchen. At Wedderburn Christian Campsite we are able to provide for your groups every need with catering, fully programmed school camps, Day camps, Educational and Team building programs. Wedderburn Christian Campsite is a ministry in partnership with the Christian Reformed Church of Australia. To arrange for a site visit or a quote for your needs, please contact the office on (02) 4634 1265. More information is on our website: www.wedderburn.org.au An open day will be held 24th April.

MDS – Jaci

Currently completing and updating the HACC disabilities Services Directory. Please see MDS website to download a copy.

The Benevolent Society – First Five Years Program Danielle, is based in Campbelltown though outreach to all of Macarthur. Currently Volunteers are completing forty hours of training to be able to assist families in their homes. The Volunteers are able to provide one to two hours per week in the home for social or practical help for mum, where the volunteer may sit and read / play with children while mum can do her activities (could be spending time with other siblings for reading or speech lessons) in the home. Families are assessed by Manager of the Service. No complex needs involving domestic violence or drug and alcohol case. If you know families that would benefit from this service please contact Danielle.

Northcott Disability Service – Case Management Lisa has recently commenced in this position and covers Wollondilly, Camden and Campbelltown area. Currently there are fifteen people on the waiting list. The service provides:

- Help to access services
- Advocacy
- Small amount for brokerage service
- Play Links playgroup where children with a disability are encouraged to attend.

MEETING DATES FOR 2010:

Thursday 3rd June- [Macarthur Interagency – Sector Connect](#)

Meeting Closed: 4.40 pm.

Next meeting

Thursday 13th May, 2010