

MACUNITY

MINUTES.

Tuesday 16th August 2011.

Attendance:

Kate Anglewood Youth Solutions

Fiona Devine Camden Council

Sharynne Freeman Argyle Housing

Jonathan Christley Campbelltown TAFE

Leo Dynevor Muru Nanga Mai

Karen Chisnall Sector Connect

Pam McCorriston Sector Connect

Apologies:

Jane Mclvor

Fidelma Rogers

MacUnity aims to adopt the use of the Aboriginal process as best we can when conducting meetings. The minutes hope to reflect this process.

Acknowledgement to Country:

Acknowledgement to country was given by Leo Dynevor.

This was followed with an open chat on Centrelink celebration day for NADIOC week and the outcome of the canvas that was done with the hand prints.

Business Arising:

Leo – Ask that the members attending try and encourage more people to come to MacUnity. Networking is important.

There are a lot of Youth Programs around but there is a need to connect more than is currently happening.

Suggestion: That each person send out an invite to ten (10) others asking to come along and join the meeting.

It was also stated that people are very enthusiastic at beginning of year and then drop of as time goes on.

Constant networking needed – maybe this could be addressed by the Managers Network?

Muru Nanga Mai attending Picton on the 24th August 2011

Suggestion: Can the meeting date for MacUnity be made clearer on the website? Karen to follow up on this.

Presentation by Leo - Aboriginal Engagement with the Aboriginal Elder Structure.

A copy of Leo's presentation will be attached to these minutes for everyone's information.

This is all about Community Spiritual Pathway – the program is about giving power to the Aboriginal people again – then the Elders/Families.

There will be an Elders System – this will comprise of;

3 X Elderly Aboriginal Men

3 X Elderly Aboriginal Women

3 X Aboriginal working men

3 X Aboriginal working women.

If Leo can get this model to work he would like to take it across the region. Muru Nanga Mai can't work in one area – need to work across the nation.

This model is being run on a 2 year funding.

Service providers need to talk to Elders etc. re programs they are running to see where they fit.

Suggestion: Look at the success of the Saturday School – Work on the 1960's model of this German school which is still operating very successfully.

Question: What about other areas with this program – Leo explained that the funding is for one specific area only.

Sharynne Freeman:

Sharynne advised that Brian Doyle (Campbelltown MP) had started 5 local groups. These groups cover areas such as Community Health/Mental Health, Policing and Law Enforcement/Traffic enforcement etc.

Leo would like to know more about these groups and why MacUnity/Muru Nanga Mai did not know they were operating.

Sharynne to speak to Brian Doyle re Leo's model – use for other areas.

TAFE – Jonathan Christley.

Still looking for an Aboriginal Teacher – close of date is Friday 19th August 2011.

If anyone knows of a person who may be interested please ask them to apply. Leo suggested Jonathan chase up Aboriginal Unit (Dave).

Leo & Sharynne took application forms for position to pass on.

When a suitable applicant is placed Jonathan would like to see them involved with MacUnity.

Leo:

Still awaiting council decision on the Youth Centre – we are to hear after the meeting 23rd August 2011.

Suggestion was made that as many as possible should attend the council meeting on the Tuesday night.

Fiona Devine – Camden Council.

Fiona advise on a new Aboriginal Residents Group (leaflets handed out). This is called Mygunyah Camden Aboriginal Residents Group – Make It 'Our Business' – next meeting to be held 25th August 2011 at 2pm, The Benevolent Society Cottage, 23 John Street, Camden.

The ideas for this group are;

- To raise the profile of Aboriginal people in Camden
- To discuss local issues that impact on local Aboriginal people
- To help organise local Aboriginal events & activities

The meeting on the 25th August will include a visit to the Camden Town Farm and Community Garden.

Any queries please contact Fiona on 4645 5084.

NAIDOC Week is getting bigger in Camden each year and also Campbelltown was reported as a really good one. Good photo of Uncle Ivan and the flags.

Mother Hubert's Cupboard:

This is run by the Baptist Church in Camden – contact is Val Stewart.

They have household goods available to assist people in need they can even assist with removalists.

Kate Anglewood – Youth Solutions:

Social Media presentation on 26th September 2011.

'Facebook Page'

Helping services to get a Facebook page or on to 'Twitter'.

Discussions will be held about policy etc.

Corinna to discuss at next MYSN meeting,

Karen Chisnall – Families NSW:

Training available on 31st August 2011 – Results Based Accountability. This training is free and registration is now open.

There will also be follow up to this.

Macarthur Child & Family interagency running quite well.

Will be developing a work plan – ‘Culture’, ‘Positive Peering’ etc.

Reflective Practice Training Sessions Workshop – In planning stage.

Wollondilly Interagency 12th October 2011

Leo Dynevor:

Would like to do a plan – ‘Plan for Year’ rather than months.

Plan for the outcome – Need a consistence flow through from courses to jobs.

There is a need for help with housing – how to fill out forms and get 100 point identification.

Education – There is a mentoring programme but it is based in Redfern.

Suggestion was made about a Language Course. Need more people to learn their own language – again refer to success of German School.

Suggestion: Can we mix Education with Traditional Indigenous Games

0 – 12 years Games & Speech?

Next meeting: 18th October 2011

Venue: Eaglevale Leisure Centre

Cnr. Feldspar Rd & Emerald Drive, Eaglevale. NSW

Time : 10am – 1pm