

MACUNITY

MINUTES

TUESDAY 10TH MAY 2011

Attendance:

Caroline Fielden	On Fire
Karen Chisnall	Sector Connect
Kate Angelucci	Youth Solutions
Corin Boughton	Youth Solutions
Weis Schuiringa	The Benevolent Society
Mathew Ferguson	Dept. of Premier & Cabinet
Greg Squibb	Centrelink Indigenous Services
Leo Dynevor	Muru Nanga Mai
Maria Matriano	Sector Connect – Volunteer
Pam McCorriston	Sector Connect – Volunteer

Apologies:

Ross Wortham

Jane Mclvor (overseas)

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

Leo also paid tribute to Lionel Rose.

This was followed by an open chat on what MacUnity was and how it came about.

Business Arising:

Collaboration: A Collaboration Workshop was held in Ambarvale last week. Gregg Squibb and Mathew Ferguson attended and both said it had been a very good workshop with people coming in and participating – a real focus on what they were doing.

Mathew – Good that it was attended by front line workers – representatives from Police, Schools (had a school principle attend), & Educational Sports staff.

Greg: Was a bit skeptical at first meeting but this one was different – felt that everyone was ready to start working together – feel very confident that good things will come out of this workshop. Found the workshop to be extremely beneficial.

Greg had someone visit from Bankstown and this person could not believe the size of the area out here.

Need to take issues out to the broader community – Suggestion made to bring this to MacUnity.

RACI

Greg would like to see this in Claymore, Macquarie Fields, and Glenfield etc.

Question: Could RACI website be linked to S.C. website

Leo suggested maybe an interagency worker?

Wies: Staff needs to have the skills & knowledge to work & build together. Too many interagencies to attend all meetings. What interagency they are going to attend – is it just to have an update or to give a commitment. We need people behind to really drive these agencies. Housing NSW Reg have been good drivers.

Leo: Need better planning to have 'flow on' effect more could be done.

Karen: To contact Ross or Rodrigo re: outcomes of the collaboration workshop to report back to MacUnity.

Aboriginal Rep to support co-facilitation: (MacUnity)

The following have put themselves forward to be reps;

Greg Squibb

Leo Dynevor

Mandy Edwards

This group will need to sit 2-3 weeks prior to MacUnity meeting to discuss previous meeting and outcomes.

Sector Connect Website:

If you are having any dramas can you please email Jeanne and let her know or provide feedback at meeting.

Maybe we need to look at a Training Day at Sector Connect.

Muru Nanga Mai:

TAFE Project by MNM – Training July & September.

2 Day Aboriginal Engagement Workshop – ‘How & Why’.

1 at Tahmoor

1 at Sector Connect

20 places only available so book early. On website.

Other Business:

General Information:

Mathew – Macarthur Community Cabinet (next week) 16/5/11

Barry O'Farrell (Minister for West) plus various other ministers attending, this is an opportunity to see/hear what is going on.

Aboriginal Community Assistance Day: (Mathew)

One held in December 2010 which was very successful now there is to be one held in Katoomba and again on the 25/5/2011 in Liverpool at the Whitlam Centre. People attending will be able to obtain free copies of birth, death & marriage certificates. Looking at holding one in Bowral in June and later Picton/Wollondilly.

Good to go along and have a look and see what they are doing. Government stalls will be there i.e. Fire & Rescue (free fire alarm), R.T.A. 9swap your helmet), State Revenue (looking at your infringement notices and ways to pay).

NGO's welcome also information tables.

Greg said that Centrelink will be there and that it's a great thing for our community even though it's held in Liverpool.

KTS Workshops Campbelltown & Fairfield. (Mathew)

Working on all documents re consolidation with Aboriginal families, currently have close to 100 documents re Aboriginal Engagement.

Local Connections to work (Greg)

This is about local services coming together in Centrelink offices.

Muru Nanga Mai sits at Centrelink on Thursday & Friday

This is an opportunity for clients to see all services on the one day in the one place – appointments are needed.

Would like to see an Aboriginal specific day.

The two (2) Centrelink workers that have been especially selected have a real passion to help.

Federal/State/NGO's:

Would be good to put up on website who's who and dates.

It appears there are 29 services already set up.

Reconciliation Week (Greg):

27/5/2011 to 3/6/2011 is Reconciliation Week.

3/6/2011 Reconciliation Event – MABO Day

Would like each service to have a coloured hand to put on canvas.

This is an opportunity to showcase 'Local Connections to Work'.

Parramatta and Campbelltown are the 2 big events – want as many services as possible to get involved.

Will be held at Campbelltown Centrelink office.

ON FIRE – Fun .Friendship. Flourishing. (Caroline)

This is a new service in the area working with young carers – like to call them 'Young People with mental Health Issues'.

A program for 8 – 17 year olds, who are members of families that are affected by mental health issues. We run camps and fun days and want to work with the Aboriginal Community and offer these services to their people.

Need volunteers both Aboriginal and mainstream – Bankstown to Bowral (whole of South West).

We run activities on a Sunday - our next Fun Day will be an outing to The Sydney Aquarium & The Chinese Gardens on the 22nd May 2011 – Cost: Free.

We are located in Dumaresq Street Campbelltown.

Our long term outlook would be to have someone in Southern Highlands/Liverpool etc. At present we are funded by NBI.

We are open to all advice and suggestions and you can contact us on

Caroline.fielden@sfnswh.org.au

Suggestion made that this info should be put into 'Youth' area.

Karen Chisnall:

Karen updated on the following

22/5/11 Family Fun Day – Camden. Families/children any age group welcome.

30/5/11 Keep Them Safe training

16/6/11 Early Years Learning training

29/6/11 Mental Health training ½ day workshop (full)

Important to build (close the gaps) communications between agencies and services. Karen spoke on how the last MacUnity meeting had changes her specifications on how to deal with things.

Kate – Youth Solutions:

Kate advised on following;

- Marshall Arts Scholarship 2011 – Macarthur region only (not Wingecarribee)
- Funded to run a Film Project – Awards night \$250 prize. (About 'Risky Drinking') entry by 3/6/2011.
- Saturday 30/7/11 – Charity night – 'A Night of Burlesque'.

Setting up two (2) directory's for Wingecarribee & Macarthur covering Mental Health/Drugs etc.

Sector Connect doing a service/resource directory with all details of hiring etc. and costs.

Benevolent Society:

Art Exhibition to be held at Campbelltown Arts Centre on 16/5/11 for 2 weeks 'See me Hear Me' – this is the 3rd year

Leaflet/local paper adverts – People living with mental illness - areas included Campbelltown/Camden/Wollondilly & Wingecarribee.

Next meeting Tuesday 5 July 2011 (MacUnity NAIDOC Day Event)

Change of venue: Campbelltown Library

Hurley Street, Campbelltown NSW 2560.