

MACUNITY
Minutes
Tuesday 20 April 2010

Attendance

Jane McIvor	Sector Connect
Greg Squibb	Centrelink
Jo Kerr	Sydney ICC
Mary Mann	Uniting Care Burnside
Christine Sedgwick	Anglicare-SWSCRCC
Veronica McDonald	Uniting Care Burnside
Birgitte Lund	Sport & Rec
Tamara Casey	Youth Solutions
Leo Dynevor	Mura Nanga Mai
Robert Bell	SSWAHS
Breeanna Caldwell	Mura Nanga Mai

Apologies: Ivy Chaen (Anglicare), Annie Lee (TAFE), Paul Harkin (Benevolent Society), Regina Nagy (SSWAHS), Kelly Watson (AGA), Alana Moffitt (Benevolent Society), Denise Pritchard (Camden Council), Catherine Mellows (ICC)

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

Acknowledgment of Country

Business Arising

Further TAFE Feedback

Feedback from previous MacUnity meeting re what is needed from TAFE in relation to increasing services and participation for the Aboriginal community had previously been presented to TAFE across a number of departments. TAFE had responded previously showing a willingness to work on some of the issues raised. Further feedback received from the Community Welfare section of TAFE stating a willingness to attend a future MacUnity meeting to discuss further issues, provide relevant advice and discuss how the welfare course at Campbelltown could be more accessible to the Aboriginal community.

2011 State Election Campaign

Sector Connect is actively involved in the state election campaign along with other regional peaks under NCOSS. The aim of the campaign is to develop broad advocacy platforms through collective state action that can be built on at a local level. State election document can be found at the following link: <http://www.ncoss.org.au/content/view/3207/195> . There are a number of issues related to the Aboriginal community particularly relating to self determination. Members of MacUnity were asked if they would like to be engaged in the campaign at a local level.

Agreed Action: Everyone to read the NCOS document (see web link above) in preparation for further discussion at the June meeting.

ASU (Australian Services Union) currently fighting a fair wage case (minimum wage) and equal pay case in the federal court specifically for the SACS Award to align with Queensland victory of a 37% pay increase. Members of MacUnity were invited to sign the petition for this that will be forwarded to the ASU to support their case.

Koori Flow

There has been limited participation from young people so far by providing the activities out of school hours. Therefore the program will now work with Airds, Picton and Camden High Schools to provide a captive audience. Parallel to the in school program activities will also run at various Youth Centres across the region with an aim to encourage young Aboriginal people to attend the youth centres available to them. There was discussion on how and which schools were selected with members of the group identifying high needs in other areas. Koori Flow does have limited resources and so is unable to cover all high schools in Macarthur. The aim is to focus the project on one high school per LGA as pilots to get results that would then lead to further opportunities that would more adequately address the needs of the region.

TIG – Traditional Indigenous Games

Sport and Recreations are planning a course at Rosemeadow on 29/4/10. Train the trainer style of workshop teaching teachers, AE's, youth workers etc how to run the games so that they can go back to their workplaces and use them in their general work.

East Campbelltown Hawks Soccer Club

Discussion was held relating to the high proportion of members who are Aboriginal. The major factor for this is the President being Aboriginal. How do we find more Aboriginal parents/elders/volunteers to link into projects such as these?

Suggestions included:

- Talk with services that support the Aboriginal community e.g. TAC, WILMA, Mura Nanga Mai
- Get the support of workers who are in a position to know people

Koori Sporting Committee

The April meeting of MacUnity had raised the idea to have a coordinating committee for Aboriginal sporting activities with the large number identified existed. The main aim was to ensure a higher participation rate from young people with non competing events and improved promotion and increased volunteer support and transport if events are not clustered causing worker / volunteer overload.

Discussion: Most people seemed in favour. Birgitte from Sport and Recreation was hesitant. Are more committee's the way to go? No decision made on this issue.

Macarthur Youth Services Network (MYSN) Presentation – 3 March 2010

- Feedback on presentation: Further feedback in June.
- “Relationships & connections with the Aboriginal Community” workshop still to be conducted (requested by MYSN). Planned for June meeting of MYSN.
- Any outcome to improve services for aboriginal youth: Good response

Support Structure for Current & New Youth Projects

Possible Support Needs:

ISSUE / NEED / PROJECTS:	STRATEGIES TO SUPPORT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult Volunteers • Use of culturally appropriate Volunteers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advertise schools • Community consultations • Advertise through Men/Women network • Advertise CSS, AMS, Koori Interagency, AECG • Important to discuss support needs of clients in program planning stage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Childcare -Transport -Space
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport for activities urgently required (both out of hours and in hours) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drivers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Call for skilled LR Drivers through media - Men’s/Women’s groups - Find current Koori LR Drivers - CDSE opportunities • Volunteering Macarthur’s LR Driver project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - VM have completed an audit of community buses available for hire and trained 2 drivers through previous CDSE funding. 2010 CDSE application in for 2 more drivers as need more to advertise widely. System of booking through SC website also needs to be set up with limited staff resources to do this. - (MOU with SC) Centralised possible once project set up • Share worker to coordinate buses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Call through job network to pay for LR Drivers - Mentor & support to speed up training - Develop young people e.g. Drum
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inequity of resources and activities across region 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duplication of services and activities or held at the same time preventing young people doing both 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring Aboriginal community together • Koori Sporting Committee - Discuss further Ricky Lyons (Sport & Rec) • Committees to support different areas of need: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Health - Education - Employment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Partnerships In Employment but needs Aboriginal rep on steering committee with feed back / support from MacUnity ➤ Aboriginal Jobs Compact (DEEWR/DAA/FaHCSIA) ➤ LR drivers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of websites <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council/SC • Joint planning of activities to reduce duplication and support each more effectively.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Events working group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote/coordinate other events from committees.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Are you on the same page supporting your community?” (Motto)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of MacUnity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold forum to bring relevant stakeholders together to plan year of events e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Elders - Community - JJ - Workers - Youth Advisory Committee • Networking Partnerships • Ask for support for events / coordinate activities using coordinating committee (link to forum) • Does MacUnity have the right members? Discuss further to invite specifically • 6 monthly feedback prior/planning stage • Have right leaders at meeting • Hold forum in August with relevant stakeholders to set up an annual planning day in Feb each year which will plan activities and identify any gaps

Next meeting: Tuesday 15 June 2010

Discuss:

- Follow up actions suggested at April meeting (above)
- Evaluate progress of MacUnity
- Plan future focus / ideas

Venue: Eaglevale Leisure Centre (library)

Cnr. Feldspar Rod & Emerald Drive, Eaglevale

10.00am to 1.00pm