

Some Recent Achievements of the Managers Network

Development of an advocacy tool, 'Community Issues to highlight issues for the region that was presented to all local, state and federal MPs.

Input into vital research that has been published including "To Market, To Market' Competitive Tendering & Purchase of Service in the Community Sector" (UWS, SC, WSCF)

Presentations on developing viable, sustainable organisations and funding the real cost of service delivery.

Input into methods, issues and needs related to professional development to inform future practice.

Developing a platform for collaborative planning and work practices at a local level.

Meetings are held at:
Campbelltown Catholic Club
20-22 Camden Road Campbelltown
9.30 -12 noon bi-monthly
check the website for dates

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Managers Network

Campbelltown, Camden, Wollondilly
and Wingecarribee

Aims of Manager Network

- To support, improve & sustain the community services sector in Macarthur and Wingecarribee through addressing managerial & strategic issues in a more collaborative way
- Uphold principles of social justice
- Improve the coordinated collaborative approach to service provision
- Effect change at policy level
- Engage with regional issues to influence planning
- Work collaboratively on joint projects
- Communicate regional information
- Provide a united voice for lobbying
- Improve and sustain the community services sector in Macarthur and Wingecarribee
- Research, discuss and consider new trends and initiatives and their impact on service delivery
- Utilize members skills to provide each other with support, knowledge and advice
- An experimental space to reflect on issues and ideas
- Identify and implement opportunities for professional development and training e.g. Business Training

Membership

Membership is open to individuals and organisations from the Macarthur and Wingecarribee regions that have managerial or strategic responsibilities in their work with community services and are in a senior decision making role.

Membership is primarily for non-government organisations.

Government agencies are welcome but priority will be given to non-government issues.

The Managers Network meets bi-monthly.

For the network to be effective members need to be committed to attend.

Questions to ask yourself:

Are you a manager or do you work strategically?

Would working collaboratively support the viability of your organisation?

Do you want a voice in important decisions?

Are you willing to look at joint projects & partnerships?

Would you like to utilize & input into discussions about issues with strategic long-term considerations for your organisation?

Would you like to meet with significant ministers, Government Department & NCOSS to discuss areas of concern?

Purpose of the Network

The Sector as a whole is in the throws of major change. Many of these changes have a significant impact on human services.

Examples of these changes include:

- Effective communication across the sector
- Stronger emphasis on the value for money & economic rationalism
- Impact of major population growth
- Change in demographic make up
- Inadequate provision of affordable housing, and transport, relevant education & skills development & health services
- Competitive tendering/purchaser provider funding models
- Funding/Tendering issues
- Move towards individual gain rather than collective action
- Globalization
- No current forum for managers (or workers that have a strategic focus)
- Peer Support
- Macarthur/Wingecarribee to have a voice
- More collaborative & cooperative approach to service provisions
- To provide a venue for political & philosophical discussion