

Minutes

MYSN Meeting		
Date: 1 st June 2011	Time: 10am-12pm	Venue: Wollondilly Shire Library – Menangle Street, Picton
Attendees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cath Brennan – Sector Connect/Connect Consulting ▪ Deb Tougher – MTC Work Solutions ▪ Luke Roki – Community Links Wollondilly ▪ Michelle Williams – Wingecarribee Shire Council ▪ Jenny Buenell – Community Links Wollondilly ▪ Alana O’Sullivan – Forum Sentencing ▪ Danny Satiu – MTC Work Solutions ▪ Kate Angelucci – Youth Solutions ▪ Corin Boughten – Youth Solutions ▪ Jade Tedeschi – Claymore Youth Centre ▪ Chris Sciberras – Reconnect – Burnside ▪ Danijela Prahovic – Macarthur Reconnect – Burnside ▪ Veronica Macdonald – UnitingCare Burnside ▪ Rachelle Barber – Wollondilly Shire Council ▪ Jeanne Duffy – Sector Connect 	
Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Karen Chisnall - Sector Connect ▪ Kate Dixon – Campbelltown Council ▪ Chye Toole – Campbelltown Council ▪ Erin Hoffman – MDSI ▪ Sylvia – MDS ▪ Sue – MDS ▪ Jodie Grundy – Camden Council ▪ John Den Tandt – Claymore Youth Centre ▪ Brian Milford – MTC ▪ Deborah Hulks – UnitingCare Burnside ▪ Mal Fruean – Campbelltown Arts Centre 	
Confirmation of Previous Minutes		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Moved: Michelle Williams – Wingecarribee Shire Council ▪ Seconded: Rachelle Barber – Wollondilly Shire Council 		
Presentation – Jeanne Duffy		
Sector Connect Website		
<p>Aim of this presentation is to show you how to use the Sector Connect website more effectively.</p> <p>How to register your preferences: On the bottom right hand corner of the home page click on “register your preferences” and follow the prompts. You will be asked to put in a password which is 6 characters long. If you forget this at any stage please contact Jeanne. If you would like to receive information about MYSN you need to make sure you select “youth” as a category. However, you can select multiple categories that may interest you/ be relevant to your work. If at any stage you want to update your preferences you can contact Jeanne to help you update your information. It is important to register your preferences on the website as this is how you will receive information from Sector Connect from now on.</p>		

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Submitting an item for the website:

On the bottom right hand corner of the home page click on “submit an item for the website” and select from the four options. The most common options used will be to submit a news item or submit an event for the website. Once you select an option you will need to complete a short form which allows you to fill in the information you would like sent out across the network. It is important to think about your heading when submitting an item for the website as this is what will grab people’s attention. Once you fill out this information you will need to select categories of the people you would like the information sent out to. If your information is intended for MYSN you must select “youth” however you can select multiple categories. You are also able to add attachments to your item and will be asked when filling in your information if you would like to add an attachment. Once you click the submit button and if you selected yes to adding an attachment a link will be available for you to email your attachment. It is important that you do not change the subject line in this email as it is already coded to match with your other website submission.

Registering for Training Courses:

On the Sector Connect website homepage on the bottom left hand corner you can click on “book your training.” You then can select the training course you want to attend and add the number of places you would like for the training to your basket. You then fill out your details for the training and continue to the checkout similar to any other online payment system.

Other relevant information:

A MYSN Newsletter is sent out via the Sector Connect website weekly. This newsletter is received by over 180 people who are registered to receive information about the network. The special feature of this newsletter is that it only contains information that is relevant to people working with young people.

Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Feedback from MYSN Camp Proposal

Erin Hoffman from MDSI sent out an EOI form to the MYSN network regarding a camp proposal to be held in the July school holidays for 80 young people at Stanwell Tops. There were a couple of organisations interested in being involved however; there were not enough organisations interested to run the camp in the July school holidays. If you have resources available to help run this camp in July or September school holidays please contact Erin at MDSI; as financial support and time from a number of organisations will be needed to get this initiative off the ground.

Discussion was had around this initiative and it was identified that possibly due to time constraints July school holidays may not be appropriate for services to commit to being involved, however the general consensus was that organisations could possibly commit to being involved if the camp was scheduled for the September school holidays. This would enable everyone to more effectively work in collaboration if more time was given to organize this initiative. The MYSN Camp Proposal is to be carried over as an agenda item for the next meeting.

Positive Stories of Young People in Macarthur & Wingecarribee

- Advertiser coming out to Scooter Club to tell them how to use a newspaper.
- Macarthur Reconnect: Mother & Daughter mediation – the mother rang after mother’s day to say everything is going great and that the mediation has worked.
- Claymore Youth Centre: children who access the centre are joyful and MTC is doing a great job at engaging children.
- Robert Townsend and Eaglevale High 10 students from years 7 & 8 were involved in a program for kids not socialising well at school. Parent feedback has been received re: gratitude for the program as it has helped the children extremely.

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Transport Working Group Update

- Amy from Western Sydney Community Forum presented at the last MYSN meeting re: Transport Options in NSW
- 20 places were available for young people to get there license. The project was engaging professional drivers to assist with this. All places were filled. It was identified that the language used to advertise this project wasn't very youth friendly and age of consent/parental consent was sometimes a problem. This project was a one-off project.

Crime & Safety Working Group Update

- Midnight Basketball still needs more manager representatives from organisations to partner to keep the program running. Midnight basketball needs more input across the region not just in Campbelltown.
- More youth services need to be available Thursday, Friday and weekends.
- A band venue is up for tender. Could be worth looking at as a collaborative project. Council would like two running. Bands could be cross regional, possibly bimonthly. Youth Solutions are happy to take ideas on board.

Communication & Participation Working Group Update

- Resource collating will be happening before the end of June 2011 for the website.
- Youth reference groups will be meeting to discuss how to bring them together and how this will work.
- Urban Youth Council will be holding an interactive workshop on international youth day August 12th 2011. Keen for anyone to partner if they are interested.

Ethical Dilemma

- A youth service is bringing in a new dress code for all staff which is corporate attire. Do you think this is appropriate for people working with young people?
- Consensus among the group was that corporate attire would not be appropriate. As long as workers wear clothes that are respectful and have closed in shoes that would be appropriate.

3 Key Messages

- Read the MYSN News & Events Newsletter sent weekly via the Sector Connect website
- People working with young people should wear respectful and appropriate dress
- Great to hear so many "good news stories" across information share
- YAPA wants youth service directories

Meeting Date

29th June 2011

Time: 10am-12pm

Venue: Loseby Park Youth Centre – Park Road, Bowral

RSVP: 27th June 2011 as lunch will be provided