

Interagency Meeting
Hosted by Bundaberg & District Neighbourhood Centre
Thursday 15 April 2010.

Representatives in Attendance: Lorraine McLoughlin – Bundaberg Neighbourhood Centre; Dawn Murdoch – Bundaberg Child & Family Centre; Carol Richards – Wide Bay TAFE; Garry Slik – Wide Bay Volunteers; Kate Prange – Relationships Aus; Margaret Wass – Bundaberg Regional Council; Bev Devlin – Family Relationship Centre; Nigel Rice – Commonwealth Respite & Carelink Centre; Ken Parker – STEPS; John Hansen – Lifeline; Verelle Cox – Edon Place; Bronwyn Quaile – Sarina Russo Group.
Apologies: Michelle Newton, Skilling Solutions Qld.

Bundaberg & District Neighbourhood Centre

operates as an information and referral hub for the community and other support organisations. We rent rooms to individuals and organisations for meetings, seminars, or ongoing tenancy at affordable rates. Ph. 41531614 for information.

A cost-free Literacy and Numeracy program operates Monday & Thursday mornings. The centre also houses other projects/services such as: CAMS (Community Action for a Multi-cultural Society), a Migrant Settlement & outreach service, Bundaberg Child & Family Centre, Australian Sports Commission, and ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder) support. Centre Manager – Lorraine McLoughlin coordinator@kenalwynbc.org.au

Bundaberg Child & Family Centre

is based at the Neighbourhood Centre and provides assistance and support to the six playgroups who meet at the Centre on week day mornings. The Centre's target group includes children 0 - 5, early childhood parents of all ages and cultural groups and parenting or child support groups.

Plans are well underway for the **CHILD & FAMILY COMMUNITY FUN DAY – EXPO** to be held at the PCYC, Maryborough Street on Friday 14th May from 9am to 1pm. This is a great opportunity for Community Service Providers to come together to showcase their service and provide a fun filled activity for our community. Sites are free, as is entry for the event and the activities at the Expo.

A Grief & Loss Workshop will be held at the Neighbourhood Centre on Friday 11th June from 10am to 12 facilitated by the Wide Bay Women's Health.

Engaging Communities Multicultural Program

Aims to engage the culturally & linguistically diverse community (CALD) in community programs, government consultation, planning development & decision opportunities as well as helping to identify issues & needs within the community.

- Community Consultation Session for the development of the *Queensland Plan for Multicultural Mental Health* will be held on Wed 5 May 1:30pm – 4:30pm. RSVP Rachel O'Connell 1800 188 189.

Mobile Women's Health Service

A network of specialist registered nurses and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioners who provide a free and confidential service for Queensland women. The service, provided by Queensland Health, aims to improve the health and well-being of women in rural and remote areas of Queensland. Providing a range of preventative health services for women, including pap smears, education, information, counselling and support on a range of women's health issues. Phone the Bundaberg & District Neighbourhood Centre on **4153 1614** for an **appointment** on the following days - 27.4.10; 1.06.10; 27.07.10; 31.08.10; 28.09.10; 26.10.10; 30.11.10

Literacy & Numeracy Program

run by the Bundaberg & District Neighbourhood Centre is for adults wishing to develop or improve their everyday skills. Training is provided by qualified volunteers. Outcomes from participation include preparation for further training, development of everyday number skills, confidence to fill out forms & paperwork, job seeking skills – communication & social skills through group activities. For more information contact Ann Wells annw@kenalwynbnc.org.au

Community Solutions Inc

offers free training (eligibility applies) for Employment Pathways & Productivity Placement Programs. Accredited Training and Job Preparation assistance and advice. Targeting EPP Unemployed Jobseeker/Parent & Carer/ Mature Aged (45 & over)/ Oz cit and PPP Unemployed Jobseeker/Over 15 years/ Australian Citizen. 2010 courses are

- **Cert III in Aged Care to commence 19.4.10**
(6 selected modules, First Aid & Police Check And 14 weeks paid work placement)
 - **Cert II in Retail (ongoing enrolment)**
 - **Cert II in Business (ongoing enrolment)**
(Cert III & Cert IV available to selected clients)
- Please contact Community Solution on 4151 6155.

Sarina Russo

Apprenticeship Services – administration for apprenticeships and traineeships. NEIS program – provision of face to face training and support for those commencing their own business. Sarina Russo Schools Australia – courses for April with vacancies:

- 60 hrs Intensive Activity – fortnightly rolling starts
- Introduction to Computers – fortnightly rolling starts
- Moving Forward – 3 days 27-29 April 2010-04-15

Sarina Russo Job Access – recruitment services to employers and jobseekers.

Bundaberg Family Relationship Centre

supports parents in developing workable parenting arrangements. A Child Consultant gives the children a voice in the Family Dispute Resolution process and an Indigenous Family Support Officer is available to lend support to the Indigenous Community. FREE legal advice 15min sessions are available at the Centre on Wednesdays evenings. The Taylor St Community Legal Service also provides Information on Divorce Sessions. This month it will be Wednesday 21 April 10am to 12:30pm and Thursday 22 April 5:30pm to 8pm. FREE Family Law advice is available on a Thursday 1pm to 2pm weekly. All access to these programs is by appointment only – registration essential. **Ph 41307500** to book your place. We have available a FREE lending Library @ the Centre with books on separation, step families & relationships. PRESENTED @ the Bundaberg Family Relationship Centre.

Wide Bay Volunteers

Reminder about our free computers for not for profit and community groups – just phone us on **4151 6644** for more information. Also we are now training for Windows 7. Please see our website www.widebayvolunteers.org.au training tab for more information.

Relationships Australia

is rolling out our new program design & program leaders for mediation and the Parenting Orders Program. Groups for parents run for 4-8 weeks periodically. All welcome.

STEPS

Care for Carers program launched and funded through HACC. Multi-faceted support program offering carers individual counselling and support. Individual Pathway Plans may include:- face-to-face counselling; carer group meetings; information and resources; mentor initiatives; increased social inclusion. For further information telephone Chris McJannett **4150 1911 or 1300 078 377** email: bundaberg@steps.net.au

Lifeline

2 Financial counsellors available on Monday, Tuesday, Friday each week; included Wednesday at Gin Gin. Parenting course engaging adolescent 9 June 10.

Edon Place

Domestic Violence prevention month. Breakfast Wednesday 5th May 6:45am for 7:00am. Cost \$20. RSVP essential 20th April **Ph 4153 6820**

Bundaberg Regional Council – Community Development Unit

- Community Directory has now been printed for 2010. Copies are available at the office at School of Arts Building. All information is constantly updated on the Bundaberg Regional Council and Bundaberg Community Development websites.
- Disability Sector Network has initiated the start of the Disability Information Service.
- People with a Disability, their families and carers can access information on what is available in the community to assist them with the start of the DisAbility Information Service on Wednesday 24 March 2010.
- The DisAbility Information Service provides assistance to people with disabilities and their families through an information and/or referral service. The Service is located in the office of Bundaberg Family Relationship Centre, 5 Bingera Street, Bundaberg.
- The Service is available on Wednesdays by appointment only between 9am – 12 noon or call in anytime to make an appointment or to find out information. Please call 4130 7500 for more information.
- Seniors Network is organising a Health Seniors and Carers Forum titled “Don’t Wait Until Its Too Late” on 15 July, 2010 in the supper room at the Civic Centre. Great Guest Speakers. More information to come.
- Child Family & Healthy Babies Network and the Healthy Lifestyles Group are organising a Breakfast during Families Week on Wednesday 19 May at 6:45am for 7pm start. The theme is “How Health Smart is our Community”, some great speakers are being engaged. The focus is on children and young people in our community. This breakfast will lead into a Forum later in the year on developing strategies to combat obesity in our community. Interestingly our region has a higher than average prevalence of overweight and obesity (12% above the state average of 50.1%).
- Hello Babies directory is currently being updated also and will be reprinted shortly. Information is also constantly being updated on the websites.
- Continuing to engage with stakeholders in the Social Plan and Seniors and Ageing Plan to look at where we are and the progress that has been made.

Bundaberg Regional Council – Youth Development Officer

- Youth Week activities were well received with over 500 young people attending events over the week long celebration. Committee will review in the next few weeks and look at most successful events and what we do next year with a more regional focus to include Gin Gin and Childers.
- Andrea has asked the Youth Forum to think about Disaster Management and young people – what are the things young people need before, during and after a disaster occurs and what are the plans of services for their clients and participants. Do they have plans?

- Planning has started BundyBusk in October, so if you know a young person under 25yrs, get them to start practicing.
- Youth surveys being conducted in Childers (with 196 completed to date) till the end of May, Gin Gin for 6 weeks from start of May, then Bundaberg for 6 weeks. This information will be the starting process in developing a youth development plan for communities and the region. Any assistance services are able to provide in getting surveys completed by those young people not attending schools, would be greatly appreciated. Surveys are for those under 25 years.

Next Interagency meeting will be hosted by:
Bundaberg & District Neighbourhood Centre
111 Targo Street, Bundaberg
Thursday 20 May 2010
12.30-2.00PM