

Minutes

14th June, 2011

Bundaberg & District Youth Forum

IMPACT Make Your Mark

Commencing: 9.30am

Subject	Bundaberg & District Youth Forum
Where	IMPACT Make Your Mark 106-108 Bargara Road Bundaberg
When	Tuesday 14 th June 2011
Attendees	
Apologies	Janet Lindsay – QPS Sue Tasker – IMPACT Make Your Mark Lynet Paterson - IMPACT Make Your Mark Barry – Burnett Youth Learning Centre Danielle Loftus - QPS
Chair	Andrea Bax
Minute Taker	Amie Joseph – Foundations Child and Family Support
Next Meeting	Tuesday 11 th October, 2011

(1) **Present**

- As per above list

(2) **Apologies**

- As per above list

(3) **Previous Minutes**

- Accepted

(4) **Introduction/Welcome**

(5) **Additional Agenda Items**

Events and Special Day Calendar

- Discussion around the collation of the calendar circulated by Andrea Bax earlier in the year seen services awareness of local, national and international awareness days being utilised.

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- The dates have been collaborated and a calendar has been developed for up until December 2011.
- The calendar will become an Agenda Item for the December Youth Forum Meeting.

After the Disaster

- An after the disaster report has been compiled and sent to the Disaster Management Team; addressed to Mal Churchill.
- The sector was asked to review this report and provide feedback to Bundaberg Regional Council.
- Andrea Bax distributed a catchment area map that has been sourced from the Bureau of Meteorology – please see attached.
- With discussion, it was identified that Bundaberg as a whole handled a difficult situation to the best of its ability with the QPS and Bundaberg Floods Facebook site being recognised as an effective communication method. Also, local radio stations were also seen as affective.
- The flood report was published last week.
- Another communication method that was discussed was local text messaging to alert residents of flood concerns (or other natural disasters); Bundaberg Regional Council has identified this as an effective method although needs to consider costings etc.
- Panic buying was identified as an issue throughout the floods – although there is no known answer for controlling or monitoring this.
- Resources available for children and Young People can be accessed through the Red Cross; these include:
 - 2 x colouring in books aimed at educating children

http://www.redcross.org.au/files/Emergency_services_Get_Ready_Childrens_activity_book_20110609.pdf

- MP3 for teens
 - This can be ordered through a link on the Red Cross Website

ACTION: Andrea to enquire into who is responsible for local back burning (as we are coming into Cyclone and Bushfire season)

Webpage

- www.bundaberg.qld.gov.au/residence/youth
 - Youth Forum – dates, scheduled minute takers and previous minutes are available to the community via this website.
 - The service report template will be available to download at the services convenience.
 - Also available is the Wide Bay Burnett Youth Sector Meeting dates.

(6) Guest Speakers

Christina Ongely (Editor) – Bundaberg News Mail

- *At the last Youth Forum Meeting, Sara advised that up in Mackay an agency/org has a contractual agreement with the media that with all info published positive/negative, which the media will include information on the supporting agencies available in the area for the community to access for support etc. Sara reported back that she had gained mixed feedback regarding the actual documentation of the agreement but believed the aims of it were to:*
 - *Bring awareness to the community that there is action being taken.*
 - *Even when negative news articles are portrayed that there are interventions put in place*
 - *Highlighting local organisations*
 - *List of approved speaker to highlight youth events and activities.*
- *The forum also identified that on many occasions, good news stories are being sent to the News Mail, and either not followed up or printed incorrectly, therefore not capturing the intended meaning of the article.*
- *Christina was invited to attend the August Meeting with hope of the Forum gaining answers and clarification on the processes involved in gaining positive press around youth in our community.*
- *Christina informed the group that a lot of the youth related stories were sought by tapping into online media and identifying any trends, events or issues current in the area. Also, she said that by not having 'young people' on staff often makes it difficult to tap into on the ground, 'right now' information. If a story is submitted or identified, then it is the responsibility of the reporter to contact further sources to try validating stories and information.*
- *In order to get the best chance at having a story published in the News Mail, Christina outlined the best practise. This is as follows:*
 - *The deputy editor and Chief of Staff (Clint) are the central point of contact. By contacting them directly, you are targeting the main person responsible for identifying 'news worthy' material.*
 - *Rather than writing you own story, it is best to contact an editor or the above mentioned person's to ensure that the story is written in the best manner and that nothing is missed or misquoted by the reporters having to reshuffle the layout or wording.*
 - *Anonymity is possible; usually only if the person giving the information would be at risk of harm or is required to remain anonymous due to other contributing circumstances.*

"Confidentiality will be upheld if requested..."
- *Think about what the News Mail may want:*
 - *Are they going to need a photo – and can you provide the time to do this?*
 - *Is it newsworthy?*
- *The Australian Press Council has had a change in guidelines. Suicide issues and stories can now be published but must be dealt with responsibly and at the discretion of the paper.*
- *The complaints process – if you have a complaint, it can be sent to the APC and if the story is deemed inappropriate, the paper must respond in writing and rectify the issue in the paper.*

(7) New Network/Project Opportunities

- Hinkler – have now decided that they will be taking a hard-line approach with their youth protocol, putting a stop to the planned youth activities on the top car park. To date, it is understood that there will be no flexibility around rules and regulations of the centre. New management has been employed at Hinkler Central.

ACTIONS:

- **Nat from QPS to seek new rules and regulations from Hinkler Management and send them through to Andrea to discuss at next meeting.**
- **Forum to invite Alicia from Hinkler to discuss new policy**
- **Potentially look at and discuss a youth night /mini youth festival as an alternative for Late Night.**

(8) Professional Development Opportunities

n/a

(9) Reports from the Wide Bay Burnett Youth Network

n/a

(10) Current Projects

Love Bites Update

- First project will be rolled out at Gin Gin State High School for Grade 11 students. This will be facilitated in two groups of 50 students.

Mental Health Week – Calling all young artists Project.

- Registration forms and posters have been completed and distributed throughout the network.
- Looking for all young people under the age of 25 to express **“What does mental illness mean to you?”**
- Submission and artworks can be dropped or sent to
 - **Youth Development, PO Box 3130, Bundaberg QLD 4670**
 - **Civic Arcade, 157 Bourbong Street**
 - **Or call Andrea on 4131 4175**

(11) Service Updates

(12) General Business

n/a

(13) Meeting Closed

12.05pm

(14) Next Meeting

Tuesday, 11th October – 9.30am