

Sunshine Coast Youth Service Provider Meeting

MINUTES – 27 November 2019

Attendees:

Lisa Harrison – Act for Kids
Shane Fixter – Teachers Australia
Jaqueline Murray – United Synergies
Dana Caddell – Busy at Work
Jackie McMahon - QLD Sport & Recreation
Kate Carruthers – IFYS
Leah McFetridge – IFYS
Tony Andrews – Kairos Community College
Mick Hughes – PCYC Sunshine Coast
Maryke Palumbo – The Smith Family
Quinn Witika – Your Employment Solutions
Pav Cosmatos – TAFE East Coast
Nicola Stanfield – Fusion Sunshine Coast
Louise Pemble – Thompson Institute
Jared Widdison – EPIC Assist
Natalie Hart – Department of Education
Veronica West – Back 2 Work
Simone Stillman – Headspace
Tom Murphy – Sunshine Coast Council

Traditional acknowledgement

Tom Murphy opened the meeting at 10:15 am and on behalf of the Sunshine Coast Council acknowledged the traditional custodians of the lands from which we meet and paid respect to their elders past, present and emerging.

1.0. Sunshine Coast Recreation Centre

The Youth Connect toured the recreation centre and observed the facilities. The centre is keen to engage with local Youth organisations to activate the space and is able to individualise any programming. For further information visit the [website](#) or email: SunshineCoastRec@qld.gov.au

2.0. Sunshine Coast Council Connect

2.1. Community Strategy

Sunshine Coast Council adopted the Sunshine Coast Community Strategy 2019-2041 at its Ordinary Meeting on 14 November 2019. The Community Strategy provides a long-term framework for how council and our community will work together to advance our shared goal of a strong community through to 2041.

In the early 2020 Youth Connect network meetings it is intended to facilitate workshops to progress the Youth specific actions from the strategy. For further information please visit the [website](#) or contact the Sunshine Coast Council Community Development officer:

YOUTH@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au

2.2. Queensland Youth week funding

There is currently [QLD Government Youth week grants](#) opportunities available for Youth week 2020, 1 - 9 April. If any organisations are keen to collaborate on projects please contact Sunshine Coast Council Community Development officer: YOUTH@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au

2.3. SCC Grants program

Sunshine Coast Council has confirmed the first half of Community grants program for 2020 and those dates are as follows:

- Community Grants Program – Major round – Opens Monday 3 February 2020, closes Monday 16 March 2020.
- Community Grants Program – Minor round – Opens Wednesday 1 April 2020, closes Monday 5 May 2020.

For further information please visit the [website](#)

3.0. Youth Services Connect

3.1. Kairos Community College – Tony Andrews

After 5 years of successful operation in Deception Bay Kairos is opening a new site in Caloundra.

Kairos Community College is a Special Assistance School that caters for disengaged youth who still wish to obtain their QCE. We will be opening in 2020 with year 10 only, and building from there. Kairos will only ever increase to around 50 students as our model dictates we stay small.

We cater for students who have disengaged for a variety of reasons from anxiety, depression, ASD, PTSD, bullying and generally finding the work too hard. We are there for those who want to learn but can't do it in a mainstream setting. There are no fees and we are all about empowering the young person to start taking control of their future and giving them the tools to succeed.

We are now taking referrals for next year and have very limited spaces available so the faster you can get the referral in the better. (Please see referral form attached).

For further information contact:

Tony Andrews, Principal 07 3050 1978

tony@kairosc.org.au

www.kairosc.org.au

3.2. Teachers Australia – Shane Fixter

Teachers Australia provide Primary & Secondary teachers to community support programs for kids in care and indigenous students. Our teachers will travel to your location, Australia wide.

Shane from Teachers Australia will also come to your community support program to do a short presentation on how case coordinators/kids in care can utilise our platform if you require.

Shane Fixter, Director 0410 450 281

shane@teachersaustralia.com.au www.teachersaustralia.com.au

3.3. Busy At Work, Transition to Work – Dana Caddell

Transition to Work is designed to help young people aged 15-21 who have had difficulty entering employment after school. In Transition to Work young people can get intensive pre-employment support to help them set and achieve their employment and education goals.

As of 1 January 2020, the Transition to Work program will be extended to 24 year olds. This is an exciting opportunity to broaden and better assist the local Sunshine Coast Youth.

Busy at Work welcome collaboration with other Youth organisations and are keen to meet and discuss partnerships.

For further information please contact;

Dana Caddell, Team Leader 0447 677 816

Dana.caddell@busyatwork.com.au <https://www.busyatwork.com.au>

3.4. Headspace Maroochydore – Simone Stillman

Headspace Maroochydore is facilitating Thursday afternoon activities from 3:30-5pm during the school term. Activities have included PS4, Art and Crafts, beat boxing and live music. The remaining dates for 2019 include the 05.12.2019 & 12.12.2019.

A free Youth Leadership program will be commencing mid-February 2020. The program will run 1 day per week for 8 weeks and includes two age cohorts - 17 and under from 3:30-5:30pm and 18 + from 10:30am-12:30pm. Some of the topics that will be covered include public speaking, overcoming barriers and active listening.

For further information please contact;

Simone Stillman, Community Awareness officer, 07 5409 4900

sstillman@unitedsynergies.com.au www.headspace.org.au

3.5. Sunshine Coast Thompson Institute, Louise Pemble

Cyberbullying findings – A Thompson Institute study into 32 people aged 18 to 25 who viewed 6 negative and 6 neutral posts from the Cyberbullying Picture Series whilst undergoing an MRI. It found greater blood oxygenation levels in those viewing cyberbullying images than those viewing neutral images. This was higher in females compared to males and in those with no prior experience to cyberbullying.

Three more papers are coming out soon that will give further insights into the effects of cyberbullying.

The Thompson Institute is currently recruiting for three studies involving Sunshine Coast youth:

CALM – Combatting Anxiousness for Learning Minds (9 to 11-year-olds)

Suicide Prevention in Australian high schools (16 to 18-year-olds in Years 11 or 12 at

LABS Longitudinal Adolescent Brain Study (12 to 17-year-olds tracked for five years)

For further information please refer to attachments or contact;

Louise Pemble, Engagement Officer, 07 5456 5780

lpemble@usc.edu.au

usc.edu.au/thompson-institute

4.0. Other business

4.1 Act for Kids – Lisa Harrison

The Sunshine Coast Local Level Alliance is currently seeking support from organisations to assist in collecting data on Youth Homelessness. This has come about due to feedback on the significant numbers of youth people who are experiencing homelessness on the Sunshine Coast, Noosa and Gympie areas. Can members please consider supporting this very worthwhile project and inform Lisa Harrison by 9th December if you are able to participate. Please see information attached.

The Family Support Collective Network meets on a fortnightly basis followed by a Complex Case Panel – all organisations/practitioners working with children, young people and families are welcome to attend or refer a family or young person to the Complex Case Panel. Please see information attached.

Family and Child Connect is a valuable service for young people and families and is able to provide information and support to assist families to link with services in the Sunshine Coast, Noosa and Gympie areas. Family and Child Connect is also available for practitioners who would like more information about services that are available for clients they are supporting. Please see information attached.

For further information please contact;

Lisa Harrison, Local Level Alliance Coordinator 13 34 36

Lisa.harrison@actforkids.com.au

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5.0. 2020 Youth Connect meeting dates

29 January	Headspace Maroochydore
27 May	PCYC Sunshine Coast
26 August	USC Thompson Institute
25 November	

6.0. Feedback form & Close

Feedback form is attached and commentary is sought to ensure the YCN meeting remains valuable and relevant. Meeting closed at 11:20 am.