

## **MinutesWide Bay Burnett Youth Sector Meeting**

**Location: Biggenden Catholic Church**

### **Present:**

Pearl North(HBCC) Sonja Van Bruggen(Dept Communities)  
Debra Moore(MCC) Paula Bodmer(Maryborough Neighbourhood Centre)  
Annette Coyne (Fraser Coast Centrecare) Henry VandenBerg(Centre care)  
Teresa Keleher(Youth Justice Conferencing) Erin Stocknell (Salvation Army)  
Colleen Campbell(Fraser Coast Youth Mentoring Prog)Steve Mead(Triple S)  
Judy Harvey(Comm Employment Options)Andrea Wheeler  
(Fraser Coast TESS)Chez Hughes(Community Connect)  
Jodie Wilmott(Reconnect)Anne McAlister(Bundaberg Comm Dev)  
Abbie Grant Tatlor(FCHCSIA)Katina Leeoie (CTC Youth Services)  
Kay Lyons (CTC Youth Services).

**Chair and Minute** taker: Pearl North

### **Apologies**

Sarah Arnold, Steve Beer.

**10am** Morning Tea

**10.30am** Brief Introduction of Members and what they do

### **Previous Minutes of Sept 2007**

- WBB Youth Sector Strategic Plan Reviewed  
Mission discussed- to be updated and forwarded on to Sector prior to next meeting when it will be ratified.

### **Agenda Items**

**Youth Week** 5<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> April 2008

- Maryborough is matching up groups of youth with community agencies. Each group will undertake a short term project. The best group to be presented with a trophy

### **Hervey Bay**

- Open art comp through schools, agencies and the community. Artworks to be displayed Youth Week. Cash and other prizes to be presented at the end of Youth Week
- Writing Comp to be organised through schools then all entries to be included in a book which is then distributed to youth,
- Battle of the Bands- Joint Project with PCYC to be held at PCYC Hervey Bay on 12<sup>th</sup> April.

## **Bundaberg**

- Battle of Bands. No further info available.
- Art Show 2 to 11pm at Anglican Parish Hall
- Some discussion re: late announcements re: Youth Week funding Sonja Van Bruggen will investigate.

### ***A reminder to access Generate website re Youth Week competitions.***

- **Youth Survey**
- A survey being undertaken with youth in Hervey Bay has indicated that many young people are worried about being bashed (46% of those surveyed so far)
- Lifeline has submitted for funds to address this issue.
- **Celebration Funding** closes mid April
- **Neighbour Day** 30/3/2008.
- **Hervey Bay** is organising a comp to nominate best neighbour. Presentations will be made at a neighbourhood BBQ on 20<sup>th</sup>. April to be held in the Botanic Gardens at Hervey Bay.

## **Other Business**

- Australia Youth 20 20 conference (Abbie Grant Taylor) This is about young people getting together. For further info access [www.Australia2020](http://www.Australia2020)
- Headspace (Noela McKinnon) A youth specific service early intervention for young people who are likely to experience mental health problems. A centre will be opening in Maryborough in June and Hervey Bay later this year.
- Mental Health First Aid course to be promoted in regions first one to be run in Kingaroy.
- Wide Bay Burnett Regional Plan Discussion this might be a statutory document if so will need youth input. Sonja Van Bruggen to investigate.
- Youth Engagement Grants closing 10/3. Results to be announced Youth Week.
- Accommodation problems for youth in rural areas not being addressed.
- National forum on homelessness will follow a green paper which should be available soon.
- 2006 Census info due out soon.
- 2007 Youth Homeless report due out soon.

- Regional Communities Forum recently held a sharing of idea workshop-recommendations due out soon.

### **State Penalties Enforcement Registry**

**Guest Speaker:** Demetri Theochari

Explained process of fine collection

- Pay at any courthouse or post office
- Payment Plans- Fines over \$200 voluntary instalment plan after first \$60 paid.
- Flexible options are available for disadvantaged people in the community. Can contact SPER through Call Centre. 1300 365 635
- Can do unpaid community service (value \$15 per hour)
- Very rarely in extreme cases ie mental health or drug issues no pay or community service.

**Next Meeting set for Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>. September 10am at Biggenden Catholic Church.**

**Meeting closed at 1215 hours.**