

## Meeting minutes

### Meeting details:

<b>Title:</b>	Wide Bay Burnett Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Human Services Network
<b>Date:</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> February 2009
<b>Start time:</b>	10:25am
<b>Venue:</b>	Youth justice – Beach Rd Hervey Bay
<b>Chairperson:</b>	Clowry Kennell
<b>Minute taker:</b>	Shelly Howden

### Attendees:

Name	Department/Organisation
Manny Hegarty	Department of Communities, ATSIP
Clowry Kennell	Department of Communities, ATSIP
Shelly Howden	Department of Communities, ATSIP
Reg Jia	Department of Communities, ATSIP
Brenda Williams	Centrelink
Patrina Birchall	Department of Communities, Youth Justice
Jenny Springham	Q Health
Patrick Martin	Q Health
Diana Healey	DEEWR
Ara Harathunian	IWC
Cheri Yava-Kama-Harathunian	Nullo Yumba, CQU
Kym Harrison	Wandinny
Matt Kau Kau	Wandinny
Delphine Howden	Kalang Elders Respite Care Centre

### Apologies:

Name	Department/Organisation
Gary Nelson	
Sue Domic	Department of Communities
Julie Gee	DEIR
Shane Nelson	Kahwun Wooga
Cindy Singho	Wide Bate Tafe

### Review and accept previous minutes:

Discussion	Outcome
Previous minutes distributed to the group	

### Discussion items:

Item/item number	Discussion and conclusions	Action item	Person responsible
1	Introduction by Clowry Kennell as Chairperson and around the table introductions. Request by Chair for any additional agenda items. Cheri advised that she would like to add to the agenda Regional Sorry day. Manny Hegarty advised that he will only be able to attend the meeting for approx. 30minutes due to other business commitments today.	Introductions  Regional Sorry Day added to agenda	All  Cheri
2	A/Regional Executive Director – Department of		Manny Hegarty

	<p>Communities and Regional Director of ATSIP, Manny Hegarty provided an overview of the past year and future plans.</p> <p>Last year we saw the importance of this group with the resurrection and interaction between the WBBHSN.</p> <p>The week Manny had meetings with police in Hervey Bay &amp; Cherbourg.</p> <p>This group can play a role in advising police, Community Justice Groups, RMCN and RPAC. We need to ensure we have Indigenous representation on these boards and community forums so our voices are heard.</p> <p>Alcohol Reforms in Cherbourg commencing 12<sup>th</sup> march 2009. The limit per vehicle is 30 cans of light or mid beer. We need to ensure we spread the word to our people as there are fines up to \$37 000. This will have an impact on our region and I will be seeking feedback from this group.</p> <p>We currently have staff on standby for community recovery as areas in the North have been declared disaster areas. Reg Jia is currently on standby.</p>	<p>Shelly to re send profiles</p> <p>Shelly to email Alcohol Reforms for Cherbourg</p>	
3	<p>Open discussion</p> <p>Jenny Springham asked if the group has developed Terms of Reference. Manny advised this has been done and Terms of Reference were passed to all at the table.</p> <p>Cheri: Does this group have capacity to apply for funding as a whole community approach on behalf of other organisations?</p> <p>Manny: Not at this stage as we are not incorporated, we did consider in the past however we would need a structure and there would be many legal issues.</p> <p>Reg: We come from different communities, with issues like who would control the money, office bearers etc..This is where we ran into problems in the past.</p> <p>After much discussion from many people in the group, considered that the best we could do in this situation is to provide letters of support to organisations that were seeking funding</p>	<p>In addition TOR to be emailed to all members</p>	
**	<p>Manny Hegarty left the meeting at 11am. Delphine Howden arrived at the same time.</p>		
4	<p>General discussions:</p> <p>Jenny advised that she went to the last Interagency meeting in Bundaberg and they did not know about us (WBBATSIHSN) We need to try and engage with our mob. Suggestion to have the next meeting in Bundaberg so that community can attend.</p>	<p>Shelly to send out our TOR to networks within the region and invitations for the</p>	

		next meeting to be held in Bundaberg	
5	General discussion: Secretarial support for the group as previously was provided by Pam from Department of Communities. Shelly advised that probably this support is now the role of ATSIP and it is included as ATSIP role in TOR.		
6	Representatives for RPAC & RMCN. Discussions – preferably male & female and a roster system to avoid burn out. Currently we have ARA on RPAC. Clowry advised that he will attend the next RMCN on 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2009 at USQ Hervey Bay. Kym Harrison also to attend as female representative.  Ara advised that he couldn't attend the last RPAC on 27 <sup>th</sup> November due to other work commitments however he will attend the next RPAC on 5 <sup>th</sup> March. Ara had received all minutes/plans from RPAC and he will email to Shelly so that she can distribute to the group.	Clowry and Kym to attend next RMCN  Profile on RMCN, RPAC and community networks distributed to the group. Shelly will also email this again.	Clowry Kennell Kym Harrison
7	Website and Membership list Please be advised that we have a portal on the Wide Bay Burnett Human Services Network. For further information see: <a href="http://www.wbbhsn.org.au">www.wbbhsn.org.au</a> You will see under working groups our information, including strategic plan, minutes and membership list.		
8	Welcomes to Country Templates were sent as per request from last meeting. These templates will be sent again for those that did not receive them.	Shelly to re send Welcome to country templates	Shelly
9	Senior Week funding maybe this will be a good opportunity to do a regional workshop on community protocols, including Welcome to Country? To access funding please see attachment to this email.	Shelly to send out Senior Week funding info	Shelly
10	Discussion: Cheri advised that her family clan group have written up protocols and practices including a sample of Welcome to Country. This information has been passed down from Elders and historical writings. This activity is sacred to our people and we need to impart the importance of this.  Reg has advised that he has a protocol documents and he will send this to Shelly to be distributed.  Delphine advised that she would be interested in doing something with Bundaberg Elders and Kalang Elders during Seniors Week in regards to community protocols.  Reg also advised that he is doing up a register of Traditional Owners.  We will set time aside next meeting to further discuss community protocols.	Reg to email protocol documents to Shelly for wider distribution	ALL

11	<p>Making New Tracks Program – Wandinny This is a youth engagement project funded by Department of Communities for 12-25 yr olds to have their say. We are starting with youth violence but that is not the only issue it is just the starting point. There will be 6 youth forums this year in Hervey Bay that will be facilitated by Kym and Matt Kau Kau. Kym will send these fliers to Shelly to be distributed through the network. Young people will be utilised from existing programs, high schools and the Indigenous community networks.</p>	Kym to email fliers to Shelly for wider distribution	Kym & Matt
12	<p>Discussion: Cherie discussed youth forums in Bundaberg and how young people do not have the capacity to imagine and dream. We were taught to problem solve but our young people are stuck and don't know how to get through a problem. It is important in these forums to encourage young people to imagine &amp; dream. Put back into them problem solving skills.  Group discussion based on issues of young people, problem solving, positive role models.  Jenny: Suggested Regional Indigenous Youth forum as we need to strengthen our young people to be a voice for the future. Reps going to next RMCN should take this matter forward and see if we can have a Regional Indigenous Youth Forum.</p>	Kym & Clowry to discuss Regional Indigenous Youth Forums at next RMCN	
13	<p>Regional Sorry Day – Cheri Since the apology there are Aboriginal people in our community that now say that we should get over it. This issue has been brought to the table to make a commitment and not to forget. We should look at having an event/s across the region e.g. lighting a candle. This could then ripple across the region in different communities.  Group discussed further but thought smaller working group would best be suited to further progress.</p>	Cheri, Jenny & Patrick to form a working group to investigate further and look at the possibility of having the 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2010 as a Regional Sorry Day.	Cheri
14	<p>Naidoc Week Funding Naidoc Week funding can be sought through the Department of Communities and ICC. Department of communities does have limited Naidoc Funding with only \$6000 across the region for last year. Discussed the possibility of having a Regional Naidoc Activity e.g. Naidoc Ball. Jenny advised that the Bundaberg Women's Group has also suggested this but possibly only for Bundaberg. Shelly to discuss with Women's Group to see if Ball is only for Bundaberg and would they be interested in hosting a regional Ball.</p>	Shelly to f/up with Bundaberg Women's Group	Shelly
15	<p>Information Sharing  Jenny: The Bundaberg Base hospital is looking for a men's business health worker. Job will be advertised in this Saturday's paper also Koori Mail. For further information please contact Jenny ph: 41502577</p>		

	<p>Pat: Recently an Indigenous Health nurse was recruited in Bundaberg and works very closely with Jenny.</p> <p>Brenda: Economic Incentives of \$950 for every child for eligible recipients has not been passed through the Senate as yet. CDEP is also finishing 30<sup>th</sup> June 2009, except Cherbourg.</p> <p>Di: Gympie Education Space finalising to complete outstanding milestones. New program to work with parents and the community to engage them in the school system. Group also requested Di to provide information at our next meeting re: all new changes. Di also suggested that she would like to invite Gary to the next meeting to further discuss this.</p> <p>Additional request was also to invite Kirsti Kee to the next meeting to discuss Education changes.</p> <p>Ara: IWC going well, recently James Speedy has been employed in the North Burnett as an Indigenous male alcohol and drugs worker.</p> <p>The Indigenous childhood worker is also been working in the North Burnett for several weeks. However the office has not yet been built.</p> <p>Maryborough is going well and Kylie has made inroads into the schools. She will also be moving into the community for Maryborough and Hervey Bay.</p> <p>Cherie: USQ is currently in a stage of recruitment for high school leavers and mature aged students. There is a 12mth program for mature aged to prepare for uni by exploring different fields of study. For further information please contact Cheri ph: 41507091.</p> <p>Del: Kalang is looking for permanent residence as current residence is not suitable under Council's regulations. (too much traffic in residential zone) This is one of Kalang's priorities for the year.</p> <p>Shelly: Bundaberg Negotiation Table will be on the 25<sup>th</sup> March. Possible venue Gidarjil, Reg is following up on suitable venue. Invitations will be sent in the near future.</p> <p>Clowry: Reminder Cherbourg Alcohol restrictions come into effect 12<sup>th</sup> March 2009.</p> <p>Meeting close: 1:30pm</p>		
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**General business:**

<b>Agenda items for next meeting:</b>	TBA
<b>Next meeting:</b>	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2009 at IWC Bundaberg