

## DALBY INTERAGENCY MEETING

Held at the **MYALL YOUTH AND COMMUNITY NETWORK CENTRE**  
15<sup>th</sup> June 2010.

Meeting Chaired and opened by Carolyn Tillman at 12.05pm

Attendance: Marie Burton (St. Vincent de Paul); Lyn Clancy (MYCNC); Le-anne Callaghan (DISCO); Ann Holden (Centrelink); Annette Jasinski (Lifeline); Linda Maurer (Gambling help & Financial Counselling); Stewart Mulligan (Waminda Services); Nancy Nixon (Learning Network Qld); Penny Parker (Qld Health); Jayne Swift (Ozcare); Carolyn Tillman (WDRC); Tracey Wehrman (Centrelink);

Apologies: Wendy Ambrose (ADFQ) John Forrest (Centacare); Annie Johnston (QPS); Betty Noble (Ozcare); Kim Raine (TASC); Leisa Rees (MYCNC); Norman Wotherspoon (Centrelink); Fran Hardy (ADFQ); Damien Plackett (Dept of Communities Disability Services); Leigh Plummer (Dept of Communities); Kim Raine (TASC); Hilary Weedon (Centrelink); Judy Chapman (Waminda Services)

Maree Burton – St. Vincent de Paul is still endeavouring to help people in need of housing, household goods and clothing. The retail store in Archibald Street Dalby is open Monday to Friday from 10am to 4pm and welfare assistance is available Monday to Friday from 9.30 until 12 noon and Saturday 9.30am until 11am. For further information phone 4662 3497.

Funding has been received to provide around 12 more units for age pensioners out the back of Ningana.

Lyn Clancy - MYCNC reminds all that the MYCNC website is available for all to publicise meeting dates and anything else of importance to your agency. Please consult the meetings calendar prior to making a meeting date – this will help help to prevent double ups therefore higher attendance at meetings.

Le-anne Callaghan – DISCO spoke of the success of the current Youth Connections and Get Set for Work programs now winding up - 12 Dalby youth have attended. This program will finalise at the end of this school term with a trip to Dreamworld. There are 14 new enrolments for the new semester. She also gave a very favourable report of the attendance of 2 of the DISCO participants at the Youth Insearch Camp at Bundaberg in May. This Camp is an Australia wide organization with limited numbers.

Ann Holden – Centrelink - Ann circulates in the community making sure that everyone has access to services eg interpreters. Ann was a first time visitor at a very important time for the Dalby Service providers who had recently heard and had discussions regarding the possibility of a Detention Centre being placed in Dalby.

Ann stressed to the group that these immigrants are not 'illegal immigrants' - as people are allowed to move out of their home country if they feel they are unsafe and move to a country where they consider they are safe – it is at this point that those immigrants must be assessed by the host country for asylum. Should they be unsuccessful in their application they are deported. Should they be successful they will be given a visa for residency. Australia accepts 13,750 refugees or special humanitarian program people per year –

there are 11.4 Million refugees worldwide but only roughly 1% will be resettled.

Ann spoke of a number of other Centrelink initiatives and has since forwarded those notes through to us – full details of those notes are attached as we are sure you will find them informative.

Annette Jasinski – Lifeline Dalby noted that the two programs running through schools, Tree of Life and Parents Under Pressure are doing very well. Parents Under Pressure is able to accept self referrals. Tree of Life is for children in Years 1 to 3 – Lifeline counselling is available by appointment and referrals or self referrals are welcome.

Linda Maurer – Gambling Help and Financial Counselling is a community education and counseling service for people with gambling or financial issues - has been travelling out west visiting pubs and clubs with poker machines. Will help with face to face or phone consultations. Referrals from service providers are welcome as are self referrals.

Stewart Mulligan – Waminda Services is continuing to progress with its Child Care initiative – building is currently waiting for approval - ASD looking for a mobile unit funding – Waminda is working on an arrangement with USQ to use USQ post graduate students in the facility - and all their other services are also progressing well.

Nancy Nixon – LNQ announced that the Dalby office is 1 of the 6 establishments being closed by Learning Network Queensland. LNQ is looking to run mobile lap top labs with a minimum of 8 to 10 students in order to service more clients by taking the service out to the people who may be unable to access the service in town. Nancy has been invited to run Basic Book keeping and Quickbooks on Line - we will be kept up to date if this project begins. The Dalby Interagency group thanks Nancy and LNQ for their contribution to the area.

Penny Parker – Social Worker Qld Health is now again working full time from the Dalby Health facility and visiting Wandoan and Miles each fortnight and Taroom when required at that time – does not carry out general social work; the issues must have a significant impact on health be it emotional or physical; open to all ages ranging from birth to death; does not help with filling in of forms.

Jayne Swift – Ozcare Dalby Supported Accommodation Services is now back at work after her working time in Austria where she worked with refugees from a wide ranging area. Jayne mentioned how surprisingly easy it was to work with people without speaking the language and the gratitude of the people to have someone who would spend even a short amount of time with them.

Ozcare is still awaiting their additional two houses (waiting 2 years this July) for emergency accommodation. They are having a reasonably quiet time at the refuge which is currently vacant.

Carolyn Tillman – Western Downs Regional Council brought the group up to date with the status of the MYCNC at Nicholson Street. She was also able to answer a few questions relating to the possible Detention Centre and also reassure the group that the whole idea was very sudden to the Councillors as well - also said that the Mayor was having discussions in Canberra that day.

Tracey Wehrman – Centrelink – The Education Entry (\$950 component) Package will be ceasing at the end of June – been busy ensuring all relevant clients are able to meet obligations.

There being no more to discuss the meeting was closed at 1.45pm.

**Next meeting at MYCNC on the 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2010 at noon.**

Meeting closed at

***Next meeting will be held at MYCNC on Tuesday July 2010 at noon.***

Attach – Members Contact Details

Parliamentary Note and notes from Ann

