

Port Stephens Community Interagency Meeting

Minutes of Zoom meeting held on Tuesday 9 June, 9:30am

Chair: Carolyn Fisher Minute Taker: Dominique Northam

Present:

Marisa Wilson

Jennifer Underwood

Jaz Williams

Gail Easton

Ann Fletcher

Amber Herrmann

Heidi Beyer

Kathryn Puckeridge

Petra Offen

Jessica Marceau

Chloe Hope

Maxine Battye

Carolyn Fisher

Dominique Northam

Ave Chadwick

Michele Whitbourne

John Deridder

Janine Curtis

Tony Ross

Michele Hancock Steve Own

Gina Ascott Evans

Mike Heckrotte

Clare Saunders

Heidi Beyer

Jessica Marceau

Path 2 Change

PSC

Hume Housing

Alcohol and Drug Foundation

PSFANS

PSC

Uniting Care

Uni for You

Yacaaba Centre

The Smith Family

Disability Advocacy

PSFANS

PSC

PSC

Childrens Uni

Hume Housing

COPSY

Samaritans

Hunter Volunteers Centre

St Vincent de Paul

Ability Options

Thou Walla Centre

Link Community Services

Tomaree Neighbourhood Centre

Uniting Care

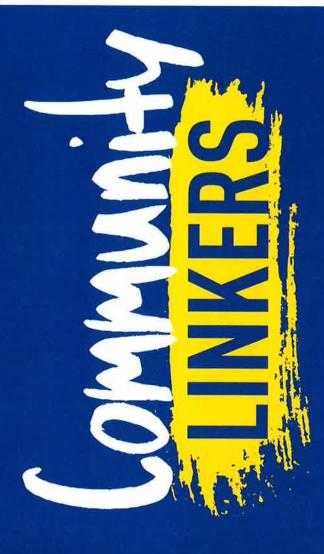
The Smith Family

Item	Details / Decision/Action Summary	Resp.
1,,,	Welcome	Carolyn Fisher
2.	Amber Herrmann – Restart Port Stephens	
	 Council's response to COVID recovery Realigning our grants program to reflect current situation. Grants will be 	
	available to local services and not for profits. We'll provide an update at our July meeting.	
	Please complete survey to help us better understand community needs	
	https://haveyoursay.portstephens.nsw.gov.au/restart-port-stephens	
3.	Michele Hancock – Community Linker with Vinnies	
	Funded to work with people who fall outside the scope of services	
	 Referral pathway is easy, people can self-refer. Contact made within 3 days of referral. 	
	See attached brochure	
4.	Information share & service updates – see also attached meeting chat	All
	 Kathryn from Uni4You is looking for second hand devices. Will start taking registrations for next year in September. Focus is on change management, critical thinking skills and offering a support network to help people learn and study. 	
	 Heidi Beyer from Uniting Care runs day program of a Monday in Salamander Bay. Currently doing things differently, group phone calls, activity packs – noted most clients do not have access to a smart phone or other device. 	
	Next meeting 7 July 9:30am	

chat

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09:43:18
                From Carolyn Fisher: No worries Chloe:)
09:44:30
                 From Gail: Hi Avenell I would love to speak with you some
more about your program.
                         might you share your contact details please
09:45:26
                 From Avenell Chadwick: Hi Gail - yes that would be fantastic!
my email is ave.chadwick@newcastle.edu.au or mobile 0447 619 516
09:45:36
                From Amber Herrmann - PS Council: Yes please. Curious to hear
about the Koala Hospital work.... Council is building a brand new Koala hospital
in Anna Bay,,,
09:46:13
                From Avenell Chadwick: How exciting Amber - I've included
Port Stephens Koalas in an activity we are doing for Science Week
09:47:23
                From Amber Herrmann - PS Council : sounds great :)
09:55:04
                From Kathryn Uni4You : Ave it'd be great to connect with you
and see how we can work together on activities!
                From Carolyn Fisher:
https://haveyoursay.portstephens.nsw.gov.au/restart-port-stephens/survey tools/r
estart-port-stephens
10:04:31
                From Amber Herrmann - PS Council: Nice to see all you faces.
I have to run to another meeting/ Apologies
10:06:43
                From Avenell Chadwick: Thank you - great to hear more about
every one's role. Have another meeting soon Ave
10:07:03
                From Carolyn Fisher: bye Ave
10:17:09
                From Michele Whitbourne : I have another meeting - thanks
everyone.
10:19:42
                From hbeyer: Thank you:-)
10:19:57
                From Gina Ascott-Evans : thanks
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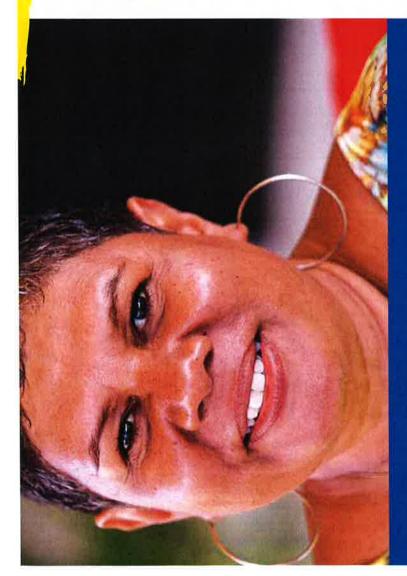
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LINKERS CAN ASSIST YOU TO:

- Look at ways you can be involved in your local community
- Explore ways to meet new people and make friends
- · Build your confidence and skills to achieve your goals
- Set goals for the life you want
- Provide you with information about inclusive community activities and services

DO YOU WANT TO CONNECT

Linkers work alongside people to make connections. Everyone comes with different goals. Whether you are wanting to meet others, learn a new skill, participate in sport, start studying or start your own business we can work with you.

You remain at the centre of all decision making about how you want to lead your life. If you need access to services and support we can also link you with others.

Linkers provide short term support to help you to build confidence to gain the information, skills and/or confidence to make the links you want in community.

There are no formal assessments, you can come back as many times as you like and it is **FREE**.

Linkers have strong local knowledge and work alongside businesses and community groups to support them to be welcoming and inclusive.