



Community  
interagency  
PORT STEPHENS

## Port Stephens Community Interagency Meeting

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

**Chair:** Carolyn Fisher

**Minute Taker:** Dominique Northam

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### **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.	<b>Welcome</b>	Carolyn Fisher
2.	<b>Amber Herrmann – Restart Port Stephens</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council's response to COVID recovery</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Please complete survey to help us better understand community needs  <a href="https://haveyoursay.portstephens.nsw.gov.au/restart-port-stephens">https://haveyoursay.portstephens.nsw.gov.au/restart-port-stephens</a> </li> </ul>	
3.	<b>Michele Hancock – Community Linker with Vinnies</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funded to work with people who fall outside the scope of services</li> <li>• Referral pathway is easy, people can self-refer. Contact made within 3 days of referral.</li> <li>• See attached brochure</li> </ul>	
4.	<b>Information share &amp; service updates – see also attached meeting chat</b>	All
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	
	<b>Next meeting 7 July 9:30am</b>	

chat

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!  
10:01:36 From Carolyn Fisher :  
[https://haveyoursay.portstephens.nsw.gov.au/restart-port-stephens/survey\\_tools/r  
estart-port-stephens](https://haveyoursay.portstephens.nsw.gov.au/restart-port-stephens/survey_tools/restart-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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# Community **LINKERS**

**SUPPORTING PEOPLE AND  
COMMUNITIES TO CONNECT**



## 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 *with your community?*

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.**