

## Community Inclusion and Wellbeing Reference Group

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| Date        | Friday 28 February 2020   | Time       | 9:30am        |
| Venue       | Gloucester Council Chambers   | Note-taker | Hannah Earley |
| Present     | Mave Richardson, Karen Fuller, Anna Burley, David Isbel, Cr Katheryn Smith, Paul De Szell, Felicity Carter, Hannah Earley & Mark Norris |            |               |
| Apologies   | Judy Hollingworth, Kylie Atkinson, Bree Katsamangos, John Price, Michelle Palmer & Jane Stevenson                                       |            |               |
| Not present | Cr David Keegan   |            |               |

### Meeting items

| Item | Key points/actions   |
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| 1    | <b>Acknowledgement of Country</b><br>Cr Katheryn Smith   |
| 2    | <b>Declaration of any conflicts of interests</b><br>Nil  |
| 3    | <b>Introductions</b><br>Brief introductions by all attendees   |
| 4    | <b>Action items update</b><br>The group reviewed progress on action items from their previous meeting. |
| 5    | <b>General discussion</b><br>The group had general discussion on relevant issues.                      |
| 6    | <b>Meeting review and Close</b>  |

### Next meeting





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### Action items update

| Item No | Description   | Date Raised | Action for | Due Date/ Timeframe | Status Update as at 27/09/19  |
|---------|---|-------------|------------|---------------------|---|
| 1       | Consult aboriginal community on aboriginal representation on the reference group.   | 29/3/19     | HE         | 27/8/19             | Ongoing.  |
| 2       | Arrange new provider representative on the CI&WRG following Charles Broadfoot's resignation.  | 31/5/19     | PDS        | 27/8/19             | Paul to seek Liz Green interest in Group  |
| 3       | Members were interested in viewing the minutes from the Bushfire Health and Wellbeing committee and the opportunity to offer a supporting partnership | 28/02/20    | PDS        |                     | Paul to investigate further   |
| 4       | Walk around community for disability  | 28/02/20    | HE         |                     | Hannah Earley to organise a new date based on recommendations from previous meeting |
| 5       | Invite new caretaker CEO of community transport to attend next meeting  | 28/02/20    | HE         |                     | Hannah Earley to invite new CEO to attend next meeting                              |
| 6       | Moree as example of transport – RMS Public transport model  | 28/02/20    | PDS        |                     | Paul to bring information to next meeting   |
| 7       | Cost of MLAK keys.  | 28/02/20    | PDS        |                     | Paul De Szell to check with Michael Cross   |

Key:

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|  | Not yet scheduled for commencement |  | Commenced and on schedule |  | Commenced and not on schedule or overdue |  | Complete | → | Deferred | W | Withdrawn |
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### Introductions/updates

- Felicity Carter:
  - Grant application for \$1.4 million completed and submitted end Feb
  - Expect to hear results from mid-April
  - Intend to build new 6 bed dwelling with 2 separate 2 bed room villas. Total accommodation up to 22 mothers and their children. (This is double our current capacity)
  - MCC has provided the land which will vest over 25 years so GLWS will own the facility
  - Average length of stay is around 3 months, 1 month above state average, partly because transitional housing is hard to come by and partly because it is a regional establishment.
  - GLWS is funded by a 4-way model: state, federal and philanthropic money from Women's Community Shelters in Sydney plus money from our local community. Council's Vibrant Spaces strategy was established to make town centres across LGA more inviting and inclusive to everyone

### Action items update

- Aboriginal representative:
  - Have had recommendations and self-nominated recommendations
  - Formal and long process around having new representatives, this could result in the process of new representatives conflicting with the council elections and therefore was suggested to hold over until after council elections.
  - Leading up to the elections we could engage those nominated by inviting them to attend meetings as observers then invite to become members pending the appointment by council
  - The observance is a way of engaging interest without the formal process while avoiding creating a situation that discourages the potential members
  - Discussion re making organisations aware of the importance of the reference group and allowing the staff nominated to take active involvement in the reference group
- Arrange new provider representative on the CI&WRG following Charles Broadfoot's resignation:
  - Suggested to seek Liz Green interest in the Reference Group – Paul to check

## General business

- Observers of meetings
  - It was raised and confirmed that non-members could attend the meetings as an observer from time to time. An observer would not be able to participate in discussions or make decisions.
  
- MidCoast Council update - Paul De Szell gave an update
  - Community services space: Jenny Tisdel, Community Strengthening Officer and Michelle Palmer have both resigned
  - Chris Jones (also Libraries manager) is the interim Community spaces manager
  - Jenny Tisdel's position has been advertised
  - Recent fires have created a flood of community development positions advertised – PDS is working with other organisations to reduce double-up within community development positions being created as fire response/recovery
  - The CI&WRG would like to pass on their thanks to Michelle for all her hard work and commitment she had given the reference group
  
- Bushfire and drought
  - MidCoast Council is working with numerous recovery groups and organisations
  - The committees responding to the fires and drought are; Building waste & planning committee, Bushfire Health and Wellbeing committee, Animal Agriculture committee and Economic and Tourism Committee.
  - Members were interested in viewing the minutes from the Bushfire Health and Wellbeing committee and the opportunity to offer a supporting partnership – Paul to investigate further
  - Members mentioned the response to drought at Gloucester has been minimal
  - MCC has been out in the community in a health and wellbeing space through community conversations and partnerships with other services.
  - There are 2 dedicated mental health hotlines through the hospital
  - MCC has been working with the Midcoast Renewal Committee.
  - The Midcoast renewal Committee runs interagency recovery meetings and open community meetings.
  - MCC has engaged Jay Allison to build resilience and recover from disaster in the community
  - Jay will facilitate resilience training (workshop on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March) and build a network through bi-monthly workshops.
  
- Walk around community for disability
  - Karen mentioned Ken Richardson would also like to be involved in the walk
  - Hannah Earley to organise a new date based on recommendations from previous meeting
  
- Transport
  - Suggested to invite new caretaker CEO of community transport to attend next meeting (June meeting) - Hannah Earley to invite new CEO to attend next meeting
  - NDIS has increased rate for transport which should allow community transport to come back on board after cancelling services due to previous reduction
  - Decided that the next meeting will be primarily focused on transport
  - Moree as example of transport – RMS Public transport model – Paul to bring information to next meeting

- MLAK Key
  - Issue raised around the cost of MLAK keys.
  - Paul De Szell to check with Michael Cross
  
- Focus for group:
  - Time to start discussing review of TOR and priorities
  - Current TOR was a learning exercise through the establishment
  - Suggested to promote disability and cultural awareness
  - Transport, housing, advocacy and accessible services were also raised
  - Include a snapshot of all plans in the TOR
  
- Next meeting – Hannah to follow up on meeting dates and venue for next meeting