



Youth Services Forum Minutes

**Tuesday 31 July 2018
10am to 11:30am
Woollahra Council**

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Youth Services Forum

held on

Tuesday 31 July at 10:00am
Woollahra Municipal Council Chambers
536 New South Head Road
Woollahra NSW 2028

1. PRESENT & APOLOGIES

Present:	Nick Maxwell	Woollahra Councillor, Chair
	Megan McEwen	Woollahra Councillor
	Andi Smith	Kids Giving Back
	Julie Kearney	Woollahra Libraries
	Paul Kelly	Beaches Outreach Project
	Michael Bridbedde	Caretakers Cottage
	Monique Phipps	Jewish House
	Rosana Collier	Jewish House
	Elan Slater	Jewish House
	Jae Lalor	WAYS
	Michal Shoham Polonsky	WAYS
	Tania Krasinski	Randwick Council
	Jesse Wynhausen	Centre 360 Youth and Family Service
	Suzi Parker	Jewish Care
	Kira Brandt	Jewish Care
	Mo Bloomfield	Centennial Park School
	Julie MacColl	Ascham School
	Michael Doran	St Vincent de Paul
	Celeste McCarthy	St Vincent de Paul/NDIS
	Andi Smith	Robbie Meldrum

Staff: Leah Ferry Community Development Officer

Danielle Mowszowski (Anglicare), Liesl Homes (headspace Bondi Junction), Judith Schulz (Circles of Learning).

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

None.

3. GUEST SPEAKER – Robbie Meldrum (NDIS Local Area Coordinator).

What is the NDIS? (National Disability Insurance Scheme)

- Support for Australians under the age of 65 who have a permanent and significant disability
- Currently servicing 460,000 Australians this year. This is expected to grow to 500,000 by 2019.
- Help people with disability to achieve their goals: greater independence, community involvement, employment and improved wellbeing.
- Provide information and referrals to other existing support services in the community

Can I access NDIS? Criteria:

- Have a permanent disability that significantly affects their ability to take part in everyday activities;
- Be 65yrs or under
- Be an Australian citizen or hold a permanent visa
- Live in an NDIS area
- Fill out an access request form – usual turnaround is 28 days for a decision to be made

Evidence of Disability – supporting information required in relation to:

- Mobility
- Communication
- Social interaction
- Learning
- Self-care
- Self-management

Early Intervention

- Can reduce the level of support needed now and in the future
- Available for children and adults
- Must have an impairment that is likely to be permanent
- Objectives of early intervention: Increase functional capacity, reduce the impact of disability, help maintain independence, increase opportunity for community participation, utilise evidence based interventions

NSW Transitional ECEI Approach

- Information, guidance and connection to community services
- Initial early childhood interventions and strategies
- Help accessing individual support under NDIS plan

What if I am not accepted into the NDIS?

- Information, Linkages and Capacity (ILC). Provides a link between ineligible applicants and other services available to them i.e. Ability Links NSW.
1. Personal Capacity Building – provide information about community services or other government organisations that can assist
 2. Building Community Inclusion – helping services be more inclusive for people with disability.

Local Area Coordination

- Call a participant to book a First Plan Meeting

- Meet to collect information to send to NDIA
- NDIA then builds and approves a plan
- Once plan approved, LAC provides support to help and understand the plan

Reasonable and Necessary Criteria

- Funded plans must:
 - Assist participant to pursue the goals and aspirations
 - social and economic participation
 - value for money
 - effective and beneficial
 - reasonable to expect families and carers to provide

NDIS and the Health System

- NDIS will fund supports which helps the participant manage impairment from their disability.
- Health system is responsible for medical treatment of the disability

NDIS and Education System

- NDIS will fund support to enable participant to attend school i.e. self care at school or transport to school
- Education system is responsible for assisting students with attaining their education

Options for Managing Funds

- Agency Managed – NDIA
- Plan Manager – Chosen provider
- Self-Managed – Participant (this can be more admin heavy)

Employment pathways for school leavers

- NDIS employment support
- Community employment programs
- Disability Employment Service
- Independent Pathways

School Leavers Employment Support (SLES)

- Focused on improving employment opportunities for school leavers who are unlikely to be able to access Disability Employment.
- Helps participants get “work ready”, build skills and confidence and plan an employment pathway.

4. INFORMATON SHARE AND SERVICE UPDATES

Paul Kelly, Beaches Outreach Project

- Street based, outreach program that offers transport for young people
- A harm minimisation program taking young people out of a dangerous situation and into a safe one. Work in conjunction with local police and will show up (in conjunction with police) at large gatherings.
- About to roll out a new anti-bullying project

Julie McColl (Ascham School)

- Wellbeing Program - connecting the girls directly with the wider community through volunteering
- Currently looking for new opportunities for the girls. If anyone has any projects please get in touch with Julie.

Michal Shoham Polonsky and Jae Halor (WAYS)

- Run a youth space, independent school, after school care and school holiday programs
- Offers clients access to a GP bulk billing doctor as well as a bulk billing dentist and acupuncture, Currently no waitlist for counselling service at the moment.

Jesse Wynhausen (Centre 360 Youth Services)

- Youth Services covering the eastern suburbs down to La Perouse. Currently taking referrals and about to launch a new project called The Drumming Project as well as the Circles of Learning project by the end of the year.

Michael Bridbedde (Options Youth)

- Provide housing for those aged 16-25 for periods of up to two years
- Strong focus on case work

Julie Kearney (Woollahra Library)

- Library offering extended opening hours for HSC trials 8am – 10pm
- Free HSC tutoring. 6th Aug free maths and 14th Aug English. Something similar in October.

Monique Phipps and Rosana Collier (Jewish House)

- Crisis accommodation and early intervention. Groups to support clients living skills and building resilience.

Tania Krasinski (Randwick Council)

- Youth and Multicultural Community Projects Officer
- Co-facilitates the Eastern Sydney Youth Services Network (ESYSN) with Waverley Council. Takes place bi-monthly on the second Thursday of the month. Next meeting is Thursday 9th August and the topic is “Co-morbidity: AOD & Mental Health”. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join this network. Please get in touch with Tania for more information: Tania.Krasinski@randwick.nsw.gov.au

Michael Doran (Ability Links)

- For people with a disability and/or mental health issues aged 0 – 64 years *and* their families and carers
- Free of charge.

Andy Smith (Kids Giving Back)

- Meaningful volunteer opportunities for school aged kids. Cook for Good Program where meals are cooked and young people deliver them to various orgs and individuals. Looking to open the program up to more individuals.
- Work a lot with schools. Opportunities range from working with Homelessness, refugees, abandoned animals.

Kira Brandt (Jewish Care)

- Youth social worker managing the big brother Big Sisters Program. Currently looking for volunteers who have a link in the Jewish community.
- Who's the Boss Talk - 8th Aug

Suzie Parker (Jewish Care),

- Support 150 people with a disability
- School Leaver Employment Program – clients do not need to be Jewish. Offer support with budgeting and finance
- Self-Manage workshop happening at Woollahra Library on 27th August.

Leah Ferry (Woollahra Council)

- Woollahra Council will partner with headspace Bondi Junction to run an RUOK? Day initiative on Sunday 16th September. Stall will be in conjunction with the Music Ensemble Program which is a youth festival being held at Rose Bay Secondary College. Promotional material to come. Please encourage young people to attend.
- Woollahra Council are in the planning phase of a new Youth Recreation Park to be built in Rushcutter's Bay Park. The park will include a series of skate and scooter elements designed for 8-14 year olds as well as a basketball practice area. We are seeking feedback on these plans from young people as well as people who work with young people. Please go online to fill out the short survey: <https://yoursay.woollahra.nsw.gov.au/youth-recreation-area-rushcutters-bay-park>

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

6. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 23rd October