



# Youth Services Forum Minutes

**Tuesday 30 October 2018  
10am to 11:30am  
Woollahra Council**

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held on

**Tuesday 30 October at 10:00am**  
**Woollahra Municipal Council Chambers**  
**536 New South Head Road**  
**Woollahra NSW 2028**

## 1. PRESENT & APOLOGIES

Present:	Megan McEwin	Woollahra Councillor
	Isabelle Rosenthan	WAYS
	Cassandra Tilbrook	Surry Hills Neighbourhood Centre
	Paul Kelly	Beaches Outreach Project
	Kathryn Pacis	St Vincent de Paul/Ability Links
	Sally Menzies	St Vincent de Paul/Ability Links
	Danijela Saric	NSW Police
	Karen Hamilton	REELise Inc.
	Michal Shoham Polonsky	WAYS
	Kira Brandt	Jewish Care
	Julie MacColl	Ascham School
	Danielle Mowszowski	Anglicare

Staff: Leah Ferry Community Development Officer

Liesl Homes (headspace Bondi Junction), Andi Smith (Kids Giving back), Michael Doran (St Vincent de Paul), Rabbi Mendel Kastel (Jewish House), Dee Vine (Caretakers Cottage), Mo Bloomfield (Centennial Park School).

## 2. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

None.

## 3. GUEST SPEAKER – Paul Kelly (Beaches Outreach Project).

- BOP is a street based, youth outreach program that offers transport for young people and has been in operation for 40 years.
- The program is a transport service offering young people a lift home at night and taking them out of dangerous situations. More intensive outreach is then offered once the first connection is made with the young person by linking in with centre based services such as FACS, housing, police etc.
- BOPs “No More Bullying” Program, provides education and support to young people in the eastern suburbs impacted by bullying behaviour. The focus of the program is to identify and engage the perpetrators of bullying providing them with intensive counselling to target this growing social problem at its root cause.
- The perpetrators are identified during their time on the bus when a youth work witnesses bullying behaviour during drop offs. The youth worker engages with the perpetrator and interjects the bullying by offering the perpetrator an ethical dilemma that is relevant and personal to them. This dilemma is designed to create shame for the perpetrator that forces them to make a choice around their own behaviour.

- The youth worker then follows up with the perpetrator and offers ongoing, intensive counselling to the young person.
- When the project was piloted, counselling for the perpetrators identified that all three perpetrators were the victims of bullying themselves at home. This pilot, identified the need for early intervention in order to break the cycle of bullying and decrease the chances of “bullying behaviour” developing into criminal behaviour or other antisocial behaviour later in life.
- The project will run until April 2019 where it will be reviewed and evaluated.

#### 4. INFORMATON SHARE AND SERVICE UPDATES

Julie McColl (Ascham School)

- Wellbeing Program - connecting the girls directly with the wider community through volunteering
- As part of Ascham’s Year 10 activity we organise groups of girls to go out to community organisations for the day to ‘make a difference’. This year we are looking for organisations to support in the space. The girls are looking where they can be doing activities like packing care bags, food preparation and so on. The times would be 9-3pm on Thursday 22 November. They will be accompanied by a Teacher as well. The groups ideally would be 10-15 girls max.

Cassandra Tilbrook (Surry Hills Neighbourhood Centre)

- Work with youth in and around the Surry Hills area. Currently coordinating the Surry Hills festival which has programs aimed at young people.

Kathryn Pacis (Ability Links)

- For people with a disability and/or mental health issues aged 0 – 64 years *and* their families and carers. Service is free of charge.
- Currently releasing a community development resource package (see email attachment) which may hopefully support other organisations to increase inclusion in their community. Package outlines the process of engaging with community to develop a project idea, planning, managing and sustaining a project. It identifies guiding principles for this work; provides top tips and best practice case studies for working with particular population groups and types of organisations; and provides guidance on monitoring, evaluating and reflecting on project outcomes.

Karen Hamilton (REELise)

- REELise Film Festival was an idea conceived by NSW Police in order to prevent and manage cyber bullying in young people.
- The project aims to empower young people to step up and take a stance against bullying.
- Digital content 8-18yrs, all about sharing stories.
- Lots of work with at risk young people. Gives young victims closure and healing. Lots of kids don’t realise the impact of their bullying.

## Danijella Saric (NSW Police)

- Youth Liaison Officer for Eastern Suburbs. Business as usual
- NSW Police have an online safe partying website where community can register parties online to ensure safe measures are in place and police can ensure adequate patrols are in place if needed. The website is a useful tool for young people also to ensure their party is kept safe and outlines safety tips for hosting a party. Link:  
[https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0011/439364/party\\_registration\\_form.pdf](https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0011/439364/party_registration_form.pdf)

## Kira Brandt (Jewish Care)

- Youth social worker managing the big brother Big Sisters Program.
- Jewish Care will be hosting a parent seminar on the 13<sup>th</sup> December on Cyber bullying and gaming addiction. Kira to send through the flyer for distribution.

## Isabella Rosenthal and Michal Shoham Polonsky (WAYS)

- Run school holiday programs, Counselling and case management, wellness team, RTA training organisation and youth space. GP youth mental and sexual health bulk building doctor. Dental and acupuncture once a month.
- Running a diploma in community services for 15-25yrs registered training organisation in Maroubra and Bondi Junction.
- Parent group twice a year. OCT/NOV date.

## Danielle Mowszowski (Anglicare)

- Juvenile Justice in Surry Hills. Referrals from Eastern Suburbs and Sutherland.

## Megan McEwin

- Assisting Telco to review their guidelines on domestic and family violence and further assist survivors and victims. This includes:
  - Rules and regulations around not overselling their services to women who can't afford them. This includes educating staff and making them aware of what they are selling and making payment plans amenable, providing free phones to victims.
  - Providing education to the public on how to be protected online and safety precautions when using your phone online.
  - Telstra Safe Connections Program can be accessed: <https://wesnet.org.au/telstra/>

**5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**6. MEETING DATES 2019**

- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November