



NOTES

FROM THE

**Aboriginal Consultation Forum
Safety in our Community – Part II**

HELD ON

Monday 27 May 2013

COMMENCING AT 9am

Lotteries House, South Hedland



**Discussion of Minutes and Actions (from Mon 25 Feb 2013)**

Action	Who	Update
Link in with Community Safety & Crime Prevention Committee http://www.hedlandsafetynetwork.com.au/	All.	
Raise 'Graffiti Removal Program' with CSCP.	Lisa Lock.	
To raise illegal selling of alcohol and 'Dirty Water' with Alcohol Accord.	Veronica Clarke.	
Wirraka Maya – possibility of 'graffiti wall' as competition. Programs to target safe sex, alcohol issues, etc.	Helen Brahim.	
Look at school attendance / children at shopping centre in school hours.	Vanessa Renning. Sue Beath. Marion Baumgarten.	
Look into consequences for offenders – financial cuts, passing responsibility onto their parents/guardians, etc. Raise with Kelly Howlett.	Sue Beath.	
Target families with intervention methods e.g. Basics card.	Centrelink. DCP.	
Promotion of 'alcohol free housing' scheme.	Department of Housing.	
Look at Money Bags as community program to assist with budgeting / saving.	Julia Storrs	
Incentive programs for children to attend school e.g. Matt Dann tickets, Wave Rider vouchers. Look into issues as to why children not attending – numeracy/literacy, home issues?	Vanessa Renning	
Promotion of KidSport and after school programs.	Veronica Clarke	
Urban art programs – JD Hardie, library, and piece for PortBound – including promotion of healthy messages. Work with FIFO worker.	Veronica Clarke	
Potential of Safehouse for children.	All.	
Promotion of Sunday service at 3pm Lotteries House – provision of food, open to all.	Christ Generation	
Promotion of services provision of water, food, shelter, clothing for those at SUC.	Sobering Up Centre	
Look into school bus route with pick up/drop off at JDH Centre.	Veronica Clarke	
Encouraging parents to attend programs with children. Involve them too.	All.	
Reporting of badly lit streets, broken lights etc.	All	
Reinstate aerosol can lock up.	CSCP	
Letter to Coles for funding and support for catering for The Hood.	Adrian Bon. Gemma Nicholas.	





Five things we would like to achieve out of this session

Ideas from groups:

- Reduction in Alcohol Consumption.
- Educating Public on keeping homes and cars locked.
- Better Street lighting (contact Horizon Power with issues– local directory for timeframe).
- Events/Community Celebration i.e. Neighbour Day, Save the Night.
 - Community can email their events through for inclusion in the Event Brochure.
- More People involved in ‘Eyes on the street’ Join Neighbourhood Watch and safety groups.
- Reduction in kids and YP walking streets at night – Provide safe place for young people to go.
- Fewer stray dogs roaming the streets.

- Mingle Mob funding – service is currently 3 nights a week, needs to be provided 24/7.
 - Currently operate Thursday – Saturday, 6 – 10pm.
- Young People off the streets – Review Northbridge Curfew Model.
- Police initiative in place to collect children off streets and take them home.
 - Jibson House (at 5 Jisbon Place) – facility where children can be taken if no one is home. Long term facility for children in care (aged up to 14 years).
 - YIC also provides accommodation for those 15-25 years old.
 - Call Mingle Mob to get children/youth off the street. Call the police if involves criminal activity.

- Holistic Community Youth Initiative to develop a strategic plan.
- All agencies reporting VSU (Volatile Substance Use) – community approach.

- Affordable housing – Overcrowding etc.
- Increased Awareness of Community programs/initiatives (partnerships)
- Stronger Health awareness.
- Kids’ education – promoting importance of children at school.
 - Program at Cassia – Kids using Ipad/Ipods and involving parents. Parents then teach children how to use them in the school environment.
 - Principles do meet 2/3 times a term to discuss Town-wide issues.
 - Transport and continuity of teachers is important issue for children.
- Ongoing and continued support of YIC and Youth Services
- Alcohol Management – Promotion and effective management
 - If restrict alcohol will increase availability of ‘dirty water’. Need to address consumption and safe drinking.
- Cultural Security (employment)

- Social Issues – Parental discipline
- Make parents accountable
- Education – Learn at schools about property and respect of property, address begging





- Shopping Centre – stop begging
- Improved signage – No public drinking
- By-Laws

- Greater awareness of what other agencies do
- Safety Plan
- Bullying/Facebook and other social media
- Social Issues including begging

- More ‘sharing of information’ and share responsibility
- All children of school age going to school
- Our children to be safe – Child to be able to walk to school safely, no dogs, glass, poor drivers, drunk individuals, More DCP parent support workers
- Need people to supervise access
- Alternative programs available - Late at night (JD), farming, building, practical

- DCP – call goes through to Crisis Care in Perth if DCP cannot respond.

Top 5 discussion points: SOLUTIONS, STRATEGIES, ACTIONS

1. Information and Knowledge Sharing.
2. Family Support and Responsibility.
3. Housing (inc. overcrowding).
4. Alcohol.
5. Kids – Safety.

1. Information and Knowledge Sharing

- Parent and Child Centres – YMCA / SHPS, Model from UK, ‘Consent to Share’ form. **ACTION: Family Information Support & Help (FISH) – Nicola Weber - will look to action.**
- ‘Neighbourhood Watch’ BBQ – 5:30pm this Thursday, ‘Eyes on the Street’ etc. **ACTION: All to spread word, attend and join group.**
- Indigenous Community Links Officer – Simmy Knott, Relationships Australia. **ACTION: Distribute contact details. Circulated 11.06.13.**
- Events for inclusion in monthly brochure. **ACTION: All – submit all information for inclusion in events brochure at: http://www.porthedland.wa.gov.au/community/community_events/submit_event.html**
- Invite Beth Smith to Present at Forum. **ACTION: Julie to invite.**
- How do we get the information out? Community Notice and Display boards, Community Radio/Spirit, ToPH Events Calendar, Email, Use Local Language ads, Flyers etc. at local agencies/places, put on boards.
- Summary of what your organisation does. **ACTION: All - send through to Caroline for collation and circulation. Reminder sent 11.06.13.**
- Establish Group email list – collate contacts. **ACTION: Jean (YIC) to send to Caroline to distribute.**





- Potential for page on website for 'who to contact'. **ACTION: Penny Taylor and Veronica Clarke to investigate.**
- Join Neighbourhood Watch to receive weekly crime alert **ACTION: All – contact Ray Holt to join.**

2. Family Support and Responsibility

- Parent and Child Care Centre opening soon at SHPS (YMCA). **ACTION: Nicola Webber to get Carol English to send Information to Caroline for distribution, all to promote to clients etc. Emailed 11.03.13.**
- Food bank available at Pundy. **ACTION: All to Promote.**
- Fri 5th July – NAIDOC Open day. **ACTION: Veronica Clarke to provide info to Caroline to forward (from Helen Pianta). Emailed 11.06.13.**
- Family Info Support and Health – FISH now in town. **ACTION: All to promote.**
- Refer to number 1 re: how to get the message across.

3. Housing

- Get Response from Patrick (DOH) re: what is being done to address housing situation. **ACTION: Caroline to forward response.**
- **ACTION: Caroline to forward outcomes from Housing Forum (DCP, Bloodwood Tree Association) and send to all. Circulated 11.06.13**

4. Alcohol

- Signage installation regarding 'no drinking' in public places, written in English and local Indigenous language. **ACTION: Kelly Howlett to progress with ToPH Engineering.**
- Ring Police if public drinking is seen. **ACTION: All.**
- Current Alcohol restrictions in place.
- Public Awareness regarding Safe Drinking. **ACTION: Caroline to invite PPH and Wirraka Maya to next forum to give update.**
- Programs - Fetal Alcohol Syndrome group commenced promotion.
- Programs – POP and STIR (for drug issue), provide programs and counseling etc. (through magistrate Court), compliance affects sentence.
- Programs – Bloodwood Tree drug and alcohol program; drug and alcohol management plan; meeting on 5 June, promotion of 'Dry July'. **ACTION: BWT to forward information to Caroline and circulate to all.**
- Programs – Pilbara Mental Health (Chris Glitson – POP & STIR) **ACTION: Ayla to send Caroline information and Caroline to circulate to all.**
- Programs – PPH (Runga). **ACTION: Send information to Caroline for circulation.**
- Rehab Centre Soon to be opened (Yardinda).
- Police Standing Orders – up to 72 hours and depends on situation. **ACTION: Police to send information to Caroline to distribute.**





- Work on Awareness of addiction in community and look at respite for Carers. **ACTION: Organise meeting for Public in park - Harry, Lenny, Joanna and Annabel and MAD Adrian.**

5. Kids – Safety

- Curfew exists for kids in trouble.
- **ACTION: YIC to speak to Tim Turner regarding available budget for inclusion in strategy.**
- Need to educate parents – e.g. at shops in school hours **ACTION: All – Call Truancy Office (Vanessa) and can refer to YIC.**
- Strategies in place with Police, Shops, Truancy Office etc, to not serve kids during school hours.
- Feedback can be provided via forms available at K-Mart and Coles. **ACTION: All to complete and provide feedback.**
- Posters in town regarding ‘No serving kids’. **ACTION: Marion to check when they are going up.**
- Aboriginal Church now has outreach/Youth Worker available. **ACTION: All to promote.**
- Police – APLO works with kids to get them to school (if chronic non-attenders).
- School needs programs etc. to re-engage, as will be difficult if away for a while.
- Why don’t the kids want to go to school?
- Need to work with parents when enrolling etc. They don’t want to participate in their child’s education.
- Look at Outreach in Community in Park (2 per month) **ACTION: Adrian and ToPH.**
- Advertising Campaign for agencies/contact etc.
- Need families and Parents to take responsibility and need the community to be aware of their surroundings.
- How do we engage them? Working with Aboriginal people to establish solutions, as child rearing is different in Aboriginal and TSI Families. Need to work with Aboriginal leaders to create solutions.
- Work with Pregnant mums to communicate at a grass roots level.
- Establish Commission of Elders – been stopped. **ACTION: ToPH to ask when/why stopped.**
- Parents stating that they want a curfew, but who can impose it? YIC can’t. **ACTION: Harry and Police to investigate re-introduction.**
- Indigenous Leaders to mentor younger generation – people to recognize when they are leaders and can make a difference. It will then affect future generations and these younger generations know the other families, so they can help make that change.
- Have the courage to ‘step up’, encourage and be involved. Empower all cultures in a positive way.
- Give power back to the parents - faith in the system etc. Some parents now afraid to discipline their children.
- Ensure each program has an exit strategy so that you don’t have to go back to square one each time.
- Need to establish partnerships with Government and Traditional Owners – must be a model that exists to create these strategies. Need to lobby Government (not through





DIA, but through community). Has to come from the Indigenous groups. **ACTION: Lenny to raise with DIA.**

- Parents need to be empowered and educated. Elders in the community have knowledge and wisdom and need to demonstrate it to their kids so they can grow and learn.
- Can we look at investment in the kid's future through IBN?
- Encourage parents to come to school and be involved. **ACTION: All.**

