



# NORTH COAST FUN CLUB

## Biala Support Services Inc

**Meeting Minutes 14<sup>th</sup> May 2011**

**Venue:** Macadamia Castle – informally held a meeting while having lunch on the NCFC outing with the majority of regular clients being present.

**Present:** Rhonda Morrow, Leonie Scott, Angela Green, David Adams, Chris Foster, Leon Weston, Kel Harvey, Florence Craig, Mike Smith, Robert Patch, Melissa Peters, Carmen Zerk, Alistair Watts, Max Hughes, June Bentley, Julie Shepherd, Wendy Lynch, Phil Raisch, AnneMarie Higgins, Diana Evans, Cathy Andrews, Tracy Parker, Gary Serone, Andrew Playford, Rachael Armitage, Chloe Armitage, Rhonda Prior (Also present were staff from other agencies and non NCFC clients)

**Apologies:** Renee Lewin, Lachlan Smith

### **Election of Consumer Consultation Committee (CCC) members:**

#### **Client Representatives:**

- Renee Lewin – nominated by Rhonda Prior – voted in unanimously. NOTE: Renee had informed that she would accept if nominated
- Melissa Peters – nominated by Rachael Armitage – accepted - voted in by majority present
- Cathy Andrews – nominated by Rhonda – Cathy declined the nomination stating that she has been a representative on the CCC for long enough and wants others to have the opportunity
- Diana Evans – nominated by Cathy Andrews – accepted - voted in by majority present
- Carmen Zerk – nominated by David Adams – accepted - voted in by majority present
- Rhonda Morrow asked to be nominated - voted in by majority present – Rhonda asked the Coordinator to contact her mother to discuss transporting her and whether her mother can be the Carer Representative (has since been contacted and accepted)

#### **Staff Representative:**

- Gary Serone – nominated by Leon Weston – accepted - voted in by majority present (if unavailable for a meeting another staff member will be organised to attend)

#### **Board of Management Representative:**

- Cheryl Lewin – nominated by Rhonda – voted in by majority present. NOTE: Cheryl had informed that she would accept if nominated

#### **Carer Representative:**

- Denise Morrow – organised by the NCFC Coordinator and Manager of Biala Support Services Inc.

#### **Management Representative**

- Wendylee Playford – Manager Biala Support Services Inc. - Minute Taker

#### **NCFC Organisation Representative**

- Rhonda Prior – NCFC Coordinator - Chairperson

**Plan for next CCC Meeting:** Will be attended by the current representatives and the newly elected representatives so the current reps can be thanked and farewelled for a great contribution on the committee with helping to ensure continuous quality improvement and OH&S for Fun Club during their time on the committee.

**Next CCC Meeting:** Will be Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2011 at 5.30pm (old and new representatives have been notified of the date)

#### **Feedback re NCFC operation:**

- Majority of clients commented that they are happy with how NCFC is run
- Outings once per month are good – many clients socialise amongst themselves
- Majority of clients are happy with the types of outings organised – the NCFC Coordinator reminded people that the outings organised are appropriate outings from what people have suggested or requested at previous NCFC outing meetings
- Clients were looking forward to the next outing on 4<sup>th</sup> June to the Ballina Bowling & Recreation Club (although some clients said they will be attending Danielle's birthday party there the same night)
- The Coordinator explained that there will not be an outing in April 2012 as she will be on leave for the whole month, but additional outings will be held throughout the year
- The Coordinator was asked what has been organised for the Christmas Party for 2011. The Rhonda informed that it will be dinner at a Chinese restaurant then dancing at the Ballina Bowling & Recreation Club – everyone got excited about this.

**Outing suggestions for 2012:**

Cathy – Wet N’ Wild, Alistair – Ballina Bowling & Recreation Club, Florence – Overnight camp at Yamba, Chris – Seaworld, Rhonda Morrow – Goonellabah Sports & Aquatic Centre, David – Ten Pin Bowling in Lismore, Mike – more dances, Melissa – Karaoke & drama group, Leonie – dancing, Leon – Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary, June - Goonellabah Sports & Aquatic Centre, Julie – Gold Coast, Angela – Speedway, Max – Dances, Gary – Victoria Park, Andrew – Ballina High School Marine Exhibit

**General outing suggestions:** Summerland House With No Steps for the 2012 Christmas Party – the Coordinator reminded everyone that many of the NCFC clients actually work at SHWNS and they may not want to go there and this was confirmed by those staff, Byron Bay Lighthouse, Wardell wharf for fishing, Amaze N’ Place, Broken Head picnic area, Linneus Estate (Lennox Head), Emigrant Creek, Miniature Horse at Crystal Creek, Iluka, Yamba, Angourie, Coraki

**General discussion:** Clients talked about the benefits of being able to get together to socialise and have fun. Clients also like the time travelling on the bus and singing and joking around.

Rhonda (Coordinator) apologised for not being able to talk with people as much as she would like due to the coordination, supervision and support that is required of her and which keeps her busy. Rhonda said she tries to share her time around with all clients to catch up with how they are going and listen to their adventures outside of Fun Club.

Staff expressed how much they enjoy working with Fun Club and socialising with clients within a work context and the reward they feel in being able to assist people who are so genuinely lovely and fun!

Staff from other agencies spoke of how it is good that they are able to attend Fun Club outings with their clients (some from group homes) so the clients can socialise and continue to integrate into the community with people and friends who have similar interests and said their clients feel safe in the welcoming environment that Fun Club offers.

Rhonda (Coordinator) thanked everyone for the contribution they all make as individuals in making Fun Club the special social group that it is. Rhonda thanked the Fun Club Support Staff and also thanked the Support Staff from other agencies for chipping in and assisting on outings. Rhonda understands that their main duty is to the care of their client/s that they are supporting while with Fun Club.

**Next NCFC Outing Meeting:** Will be in 2012 – the date will be advised.

Warm regards

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