Advisory Group

Minutes - 10/02/2022



Location: Maxine Brushe Community Meeting Place- Halls 1 & 2, Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct

Meeting Chair: Captain Christopher Ford

Minutes: Michele Battisson Secretariat: Emily Costello

Participants:

Lee Griffiths, Manager Engagement & Partnerships, Gladstone Regional Council

Shakira Raymond, Project Support Officer/Administration, Communities for Children

Cr Desley O'Grady

Captain Chris Ford, The Salvation Army

Kate Dufty

Cr Natalia Muszkat

Wendy Morris, Executive Officer, GAPDL Communities for Children

Christine Ward

Kylie Lee, General Manager Community Development & Events, Gladstone Regional Council

Cecelia Eggmolesse

Supria Singh

Apologies:

None

Advisory Committee Principals of Working Together

PHILIPSTREET

- Valuing diversity exploring each other's motivations, values, and underlying interests to build understanding and appreciation of the added value that comes from diversity
- Building equity sharing equal rights to be at the table and valuing all contributions
- Being open respecting and trusting each other and handling information with care and respect
- Ensuring mutual benefits decision to be made with integrity and transparency and in the best interests of the partnership and its overarching goals
- Being courageous being bold to tackle the many unknowns in relation to complex issues to achieve breakthrough results.

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	COMMUNITY PRECINCT	
Time	Topic	Action
12noon – 12.05pm	Meeting open 12:18pm - Acknowledgement of Country - Chris - Welcome	For Noting
12.05pm - 12.10pm	Check In - How will you live the Advisory Committee Principals of Working Together at today's meeting? - Cr O'Grady – being present - Christine Ward – being present - Shakira Raymond - valuing diversity - Chris Ford - communicating and listening - Kate - valuing diversity - Cecelia Eggmolesse – respect - Cr Muszkat – expressing opinion - Kylie Lee – being open	For Noting
12.10pm – 12.25pm	 Key Collaborators – What do we do? This information will be reflected on the Advisory Committee Portal GAPDL's Communities for Children Wendy – explained what each team of GAPDL does – Tourism and C4C – going on to explain in depth the Role Titles and responsibilities of the C4C Team. Advising of their focus on accessibility; facilitating partner model; importance of 'soft entry' – attendance statistics given; and sector planning - Wendy exited the meeting at 1:02pm. The Salvation Army Chris – went through his responsibilities and the Philip Street Salvation Army Team responsibilities and programs offered. Advised of comparisons between Salvation Army services and other services around town providing similar services. Gladstone Regional Council Lee – went through the Engagement and Partnership Team responsibilities and programs offered. 	For Information
12.25pm - 12.30pm	- Minutes & Conflicts of Interest Previous Minutes Accepted by Committee Moved: Christine Seconded: Supria	For Noting

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	Advisory Group Ordinary Members Reports	
	Advisory Group Ordinary Members	
12.40pm – 1pm	- Christine Ward, Senior Community Representative No report presented Christine advised she is tendering her resignation due to family commitments, giving thanks for the opportunity to be a part of the Advisory Committee, wishing the group success in the future. Chair then thanked Christine for her participation in the Committee and wished her the very best for the future Kate Dufty - Disability Community Representative Kate spoke in relation to the disability counter at the Ngallil front reception desk, advising that it's design is lacking, it is in a wrong/awkward position within the room as it is tucked over to the far end against the wall providing poor accessibility. She also noted that the lost property box was kept in front of this counter and that the counter housed a volume of brochures and information which she suggested is sending the wrong message. Kate advised she did not wish to formalize her advices. Lee assured Kate that the matter of brochures being on the counter and the lost property box being in front of the counter would be rectified immediately after this meeting. This matter in turn brought Kate to request if there could be opportunity and/or capacity for training regarding governance type matters for the Committee members themselves. She advised that Emily & herself had attended training recently could similar training be arranged for the Committee. Kylie advised this is possible. Action – training schedule by Kylie for Advisory Committee members. - Supria Singh, Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Community Representative No report presented.	For Information and Discussion

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1pm – 1.30pm	Council & Appointed Members - Captain Chris Ford, Philip Street Manager Salvation Army The Salvos started the year off with a Back to School drive that saw about 100 families interact with the Connect Service. A stall was set up out front of the Gumar Building where parents collected items such as school bags, drink bottles, exercise books, folders, pencil packs etc. Funded through The Salvation Army Church and Goods 360. Moneycare Program — has been exceptionally busy with people struggling after Christmas and the pressures of kids returning to school. This is not unusual. NILS loans are still strong with 5-8 being written most weeks. The program is full, supporting 20 community members over the three days they operate. The need for financial counsellors is growing but the referrals options are limited. The Case Worker is actively engaged with 6 community members. He is also working closely with Moneycare and Relationships Australia, with a number of community members. His working week is Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. He has also connected well through the Interagency. Tammy Cantwell, our Collective Change Facilitator has moved onto a new role in The Salvation Army and is no longer working from the Precinct. We are working with the partners and operations group to work through a solution. Overall, we are seeing an increase in homelessness which has led us to work with C4C and GRC and to commence our Kingdom Chat room. We are currently working through the risk assessments and hope to have this program started in a few week's time. The program will be providing catering, connection and referrals into the Precinct. We are encouraging all partners and services on site to walk through the area and connect with the community. In the past Kingdom Chat Room has had a positive outcome for community members suffering extreme isolation and poverty. It also had a flow on effect for the business in the Valley Centre which is very positive. No recommendation. Shakira Raymond, Project Support Officer Communities 4 C	For Information and Discussion

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		Nhulundu Family Wellbeing Team has been out to visit the Nutchee building on 02/02/2022 to see the space and determine if it is appropriate for their family functioning programs.	
		Dr David Gillespie MP, Ken O'Dowd MP, Colin Boyce along with representatives from Gladstone Men's Shed, Gladstone Regional Council and GAPDL Communities for Children met on 21/01/2022. Minister Gillespie was doing a tour of Central Qld and connecting with the other LNP candidates sharing ideas, but he was keen to visit the Philip St Communities and Families Precinct as his region are looking at developing something similar. He is based in Taree in NSW.	
		New Features/Services	
		Nutchee Building 'Book Shop' – book stand with free books for the community to take home. Anyone is welcome to take a book. This came because of our huge clean up over the Christmas holiday period where we realised that many books that in the playroom weren't suitable for 'storytime' books.	
		Trends	
		None to report.	
	_	Kylie Lee, General Manager Community Development & Events, Gladstone Regional Council	
		Council is expecting formal handover of the Philip Street Communities & Families Precinct from contractors in February 2022.	
		Clear Perspex panels to cover the LCD screens have been ordered and are expected to arrive by March 2022. Engagement with Council's and Salvation Army consultation rooms is still low.	
		Operations Group have met to review the Program Logic and to progress the Evaluation Framework for the precinct's operations.	
		A Micro Library will be implemented in the foyer of the Ngallil Building	
		Recommend that the precinct partners and Advisory Committee participate in Cultural Awareness Training.	
		Moved – Christine Ward	
		Seconded – Cr Muszkat	
		Kylie Lee invited CRJ's to provide an update	
		Lee gave update and discussion had around where the Youth Advisory position is at.	

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	Change of tact advised regarding marketing – given 2 positions within the Advisory are now available, co advertising will be used. Lee provided an update on the Philip Street Facebook page advertising – will now be managed by the E&P Team PSO's. More discussion occurred around marketing of consult room availability at the Precinct – there is a strategic partnership between The Salvation Army Communications Team and GRC Communications Team – further update given by Emily and Chris. Emily - advised there is currently public access computer available in one of the consult rooms at the Ngallil Building – for free use by community members.				
1.30pm – 1.40 pm	Service MixOrganisations of	rtnerships – advised by Secretariat. on site d month forward booking summary			For Information and Discussion
	Recommendations from Operations Group to Advisory				
	Community Development Specialist				
1.40pm – 1.50pm	7/02/2022 For action	Recommendation from Operations Group to Advisory Group to move Advisory Group meetings to every two months. This will allow ample time for actions are recommendations to be outworked and progress can be reported back.	Operations Group to Advisory Committee	Advisory Group	For Discussion and Decision
	Cr O'Grady concerned about the time restraint – Kate Dufty in agreeance advising she felt the group is not ready to go to bimonthly, she is concerned that the meetings are currently not having as much discussion as necessary, so every 2 months will increase this inability for discussion.				
	Cr O'Grady made suggestion to review in 6 months.				
	Kylie Lee asked in relation to	o the length of each meeting, is the current tim	e appropriate?		

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	Discussion had around this with suggestions of condensing/changing the current flow using an outwork process for member reporting etc.				
	Secretariat advised on the outworking process and explained problems around this in relation to timelines.				
	Recommendation: to Operations Group to continue Advisory Group monthly meetings and review at End of Financial Year.				
	Move – Cr O'Grady				
	Seconded: Kate I	Dufty			
	Recommendation	ons to Council			
	Community Deve	elopment Specialist			
	- Recap of	- Recap of recommendations made during the meeting			
	For action	Develop a training schedule for the Advisory Group members to be tabled at the next meeting.			
1.50pm – 1.55pm			For Discussion		
1.30pm – 1.33pm	For action	Recommendation to Operations Group to continue Advisory Group monthly meetings and review at End of Financial Year.	and Decision		
	For action	Recommendation that Precinct Partners and Advisory Committee participate in Cultural Awareness Training			
	Check out and c	lose meeting			
	- Name or	 Name one great contribution made today by another Advisory Group member. 			
1.55pm – 2pm	Kate – Kylie to develop training schedule				
	Cr O'Grady – speak and it will be done				
	Chris – the insite that Kate brings Shakira – Kylie's recommendation for training for group				
	Christine – the representatives of the groups for overview of roles				
		avorite too – overview of roles			

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	Supria – Christine thank you for your time here with the group			
	Cecelia – overview of services			
	Cr Muszkat – thanked GRC staff for their efforts in everything we do			
Meeting Closed: 2:02pm				
Next Meeting	Next Meeting date: 10 March 2022 – 12pm to 2pm			
Meeting Chai	Meeting Chair: Shakira Raymond			
Location: Ma	Location: Maxine Brushe Community Meeting Place, Halls 1&2			