



**Seniors Collaborative  
Action Project**

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**Minutes of the Consumer Engagement Working Group Meeting  
Held Tuesday March 17, 2015 at The Barossa Council, Nuriootpa**

1. **PRESENT:** Courtney, Deb, Denise, Lorinda, Lucy, Lynette, Marilyn, Sarah,  
**APOLOGIES:** Carolyn, Fay, Tracy

2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**  
OK

3. **BUSINESS ARISING**

3.1 **Gawler Expo**

- This Friday March 20, 10:00am – 2:00pm
- 76 stall holders registered
- Posters and flyers have been distributed
- New town banners
- 10 x corflute posters on rubbish bins in Gawler main street
- Media release prepared for the Bunyip who will do a story this week

3.2 **Freeling Expo**

- Registration forms have gone out and 16 have been returned so far
- Posters and flyer designs are ready
- Town banners and pull up banners should be delivered to Freeling office by the end of the week
- Passive Minds would like to play but have no PLI. Lorinda agreed she would register the 3 players as volunteers as well as the unincorporated craft groups who are doing demonstrations on the day.
- Deb to prepare media release for the Leader and Herald (will include the fact that it is an “Award winning Event”)

3.3 **Advance Care Directives & Transition to CHSP**

- Deb and Tracy met to discuss.  
Deb prepared A4 poster and flyers for ACD. Tracy will distribute to GPs and medical centres. Have had lots of registrations from care workers not general community as yet. Need to promote broadly. SCAP Exec has approved extra expenditure from ACD kit to be sold on to residents. Will make available in Libraries across the region. Income from sales can then be used to purchase replacement kits.
- Seniors Info Service has agreed to run sessions on Transition from HACC to Commonwealth Home Support Program and Understanding Aged Care Costs in the region for a small fee of about \$250 per session. Medicare Local and SCAP will cover costs. Waiting for confirmation from SIS.

4. **ELDER ABUSE**

(Welcome back Lucy!) Lucy will be attending the NEAP meeting next week and will report back at the next meeting.

Trying to get all service providers to have a policy and process in place to enable them to respond appropriately when elder abuse is suspected. Also to get all organisations to complete the ARAS “Responder Training” so there is an appropriately qualified person to implement the policy.

## **5. AGED CARE REFORMS**

- Briefing by DSS – “Aged Care Changes” - being held in Adelaide on Thursday March 26, 9:00am – 5:00pm. Venue Playford Hotel. Will cover all aspects of reforms.
- Following documents have been released for consultation
  - Programme Manual
  - National Fees Policy
  - Good Practice Guide for Restorative Care

CPO Network will be distributing a questionnaire to gather a state-wide response to the documents. SCAP will develop a regional response at the next SCAP forum on April 9 (at which DSS will be attending).

- RAS to be announced in April  
Transport, Home Modifications and Home Maintenance will be referred directly to service provider
- Community Passenger Network services will need to be charged at CHSP rates. Jo Parker at Barossa Council has contacted all CPNS.

## **6. OTHER BUSINESS**

Mallala Community Hospital will be closing April 1. No longer financially viable. 35 residents in residential care will need to be re-located. Buyer interested in purchasing the building and the licenses (25 Commonwealth) will be allocated elsewhere in SA. Has caused lots of community angst.

## **7. NEXT MEETING**

1:30- 3:00pm, Tuesday April 21, 2015 (third Tuesday of each month)

## **8. CLOSE**

Meeting closed at 3:10pm