



**Seniors Collaborative
Action Project**

Barossa.Gawler.Light.Mallala

**Minutes of the Consumer Engagement Working Group Meeting
held Tuesday 13th September, 2016 at The Barossa Council, Nuriootpa**

PRESENT: Deb Anderson (SCAP); Brenton Chappell (SA Country PHN); Courtney Dswonitzky (Barossa Home Assist & Community Transport); Elspeth Morgan (Carers' Link); Sarah West (Gawler Home Assist)

APOLOGIES: Carolyn Redden (Tanunda Lutheran Home); Inara Beecher & Emma Young (SA Country PHN) Lorinda Bayley (Light Regional Council); Lucy McFadyen (Country Home Services) Tom Herring (Barossa Village) Lynette Seccafien (District Council Mallala)

1. OPEN

Elspeth offered to take minutes so Deb could chair.

Brenton introduced himself as the SAPHN Regional Manager for the South and East.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Accepted

3. BUSINESS ARISING

3.1 Other Community Information Forums

Deb has attempted to contact community groups in the region to arrange information sessions for consumers. Very challenging. Had a request from Two Wells Probus Club following Mallala Expo however has had no contact since initial email exchange.

Peter Smith from Gawler Community Homes may be interested in some info sessions being held at their hall at James Martin Village for residents in their independent living units.

3.2 Dementia Awareness Month

Carers' Link Dementia Friendly Communities dinner Monday 19th September at 6:00pm at the Vine Inn Display in Council library foyer at Nuri

Free Community Info Session – 'Memory & Ageing' in Barossa Council Chambers 21st September at 10:30am. Speaker is Morna Coats, Dementia Link worker for Alzheimers Australia

Pop-Up Expo Roadshow travelling from town-to town around the region on September 20th and 21st. Lots of interest from service providers to participate.

3.3 Mallala Expo

Good attendance for a small town. Nice venue, good atmosphere. Lovely Devonshire Tea.

4. BAROSSA EXPO

- Thursday 27th September, 10am-1pm
- Nuri Sports and Function Centre
- Also using Football Club to hold short talks. COTA resending 'Pills and Spills', Centrelink Tips and Traps, ARAS and Advanced Care Directives.
- Posters and flyers are available
- Registration forms will go out soon.
- Need more small tables for morning tea
- Order scones from Two Wells Bakery – great value and the best in the region!
- Courtney will arrange for banners to go up once date has been changed.

5. SCAP UPDATE

- 5.1 T&D – Supporting the Well Being of Family Carers – by the Better Practice Project – held Tuesday 30th August with good attendance and feedback. Looking at Resilience training by LEAO SA and Dementia Training by Alzheimers Australia for next year.
- 5.2 Regional Care that Matters- will be seeking funding for Cert3 in Community Care – Disability and Aged Care
- 5.3 MAC/RAS issues – Collaborative Projects will be passing on feedback from service providers to DoH. Regular system upgrades are addressing functionality issues for services providers and RAS providers but still not addressing key issues for consumers about understanding and accessing the system. CALD, people with dementia, ATSI, people with mental health issues, intellectual disability etc, Service providers need to contact MAC with any issues and include as much detail as possible

6. INFORMATION EXCHANGE

- 6.1 Gawler Home Assist – Sarah reported things were going well under new team leader. Increasing services for under 65's with disabilities and starting to think beyond 2018.
- 6.2 Carers' Link – Elspeth spoke about the AGM and announcement of new name and logo coming up soon. Official launch to be held November.
- 6.3 Barossa Home Assist – Courtney reported business as usual. Starting to think about post 2018 – looking for niche services such as window cleaning and gutter cleaning.
- 6.4 SAPHN – Brenton reported that at the next round of funding the PHN would be looking at supporting / promoting aged care. Working to Increase awareness in general practise. Funding 'Limestone Coast Services Directory'. MAC engagement with GPs improving. Health Care Homes to be trialled in both SA Country PHN and Adelaide PHN.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

- 7.1 Barossa Leisure Options – Debra advised that Barossa Council is transitioning out of direct disability service provision as it does not want to become a NDIS approved provider when it rolls out in the region for adults 1st July 2017. Council has a comprehensive communications plan in place for all stakeholders, however people are finding the NDIS confusing. Any enquiries need to be referred to Council to avoid further confusion and anxiety amongst clients and carers.
- 7.2 Lucy has left Country Home Services

8. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 15th November, 1:30pm-3:00pm.
(Will not have an October meeting as the Barossa Expo is the following week).

9. CLOSE

Meeting closed at 3:00pm