# **Philip Street Communities and Families**

## Advisory Group – Meeting Minutes – 19/9/2024



Time: 12noon - 2PM

Location: Salvation Army Smart Room, Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct

Meeting Chair: Shakira Campbell

#### **Apologies:**

Debbie Meier-Cuddy - Department of Treaty, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Communities and the Arts Kylie Lee – Gladstone Regional Council Cr. Leanne Patrick Cr. Mellissa Holzheimer Christopher Ford - The Salvation Army Cecelia Eggmolesse – Indigenous Community Representative

#### **Participants:**

Maxine Brushe - Senior Community Representative Desley O'Grady – Senior Community Representative Charmaine Bennett – Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Community Representative Anitha Christopher – Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Community Representative Kate Dufty – Disability Community Representative Carmen Jen – Disability Community Representative Shakira Campbell – Communities for Children (GAPDL) Scott Green - Department of Treaty, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Communities and the Arts (proxy for Debbie Meier-Cuddy) Brianna Janson - Gladstone Regional Council (proxy for Kylie Lee) Mim Armstrong – The Salvation Army (proxy for Chris Ford) Jaclyn Iwasaka – Gladstone Regional Council (Secretariat) Geraldine – Strong Communities (guest speaker)

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## Advisory Committee Principals of Working Together

- 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.

Торіс	Action
Meeting open: 12:03	
Acknowledgement of Country – Kate	
Guest Speaker – Gerry from Strong Communities	
Introduced The Multicultural Hub and Flavours of Harmony Dinners (30-60ppl normally).	
Dinners occur each month in the Maxine Brushe Community Hall. For upcoming event details, please keep an eye out on Facebook.	
Significant waitlist for parenting programs:	For Noting
- Baby NaN (new parents)	For Noting
- Circle of Security (relationship-based early intervention program)	
For registrations for these services, please contact the Strong Communities reception.	
Check In – What do you love talking about?	
Minutes & Conflicts of Interest	
Previous minutes accepted by committee.	For Noting
Moved – Kate	FOI NOUIN
Seconded – Maxine	



Торіс	Action
Conflicts of Interest declared - NIL	
Update of recommendations and actions	
Update of outcomes and progress of recommendations and actions from previous meetings - Community Development Specialist	
For Action: Investigate street signage placement to assist visitors to PSP. David Burns Street sign should be before the turn to avoid people getting lost or missing the turn off.	
No new updates.	
For Action: Forward information about the Gladstone First Nations Community Honouring Excellence Awards to the RAP Committee for	
discussion.	
No new updates. Awaiting a response from RAP reference group.	
	For Noting
For Action: Investigate seating for outside of the Maxine Brushe building.	
No new updates.	
For Action: Review content on TV screens across the Precinct	
Action has been completed.	
For Action: Review hiring form to add information about dimensions for stage hire and option for marketing on the PSP social media channel.	
Action has been completed – Jaclyn to check process for venue hire to communicate social media request to PSO team.	



Topic	Action
For Action: Create a calendar of awareness days/events to celebrate at the Precinct to allow for proactive conversations.	
The Precinct is looking to create a Calendar of Awareness days/events that can be celebrated at the Philip St Precinct. GAPDL have a calendar that is based around the C4C portfolio. A copy of this calendar can be found in the Collaboration space.	
The Salvation Army has something similar; that will be shared in the Collaboration space.	
A review of this topic is to be done at the next scheduled meeting – If you are aware of any days that are missing, please bring this to the next meeting for discussion. Once established, it is suggested a review/update of this calendar be done every 6 months by the committee.	
For Action: Reach out to Roseberry to discuss Youth Community Representative.	
Headspace have proposed their First Nations trainee and Manager Kerri Myers from Roseberry to fill the Youth Community Representative role on the committee. They will be attending the next meeting in November. Action marked as complete.	
Theory of Change Workshop – Feedback	
Carmen Jen – The workshop was well explained and easier to understand in comparison to other Theory of Change workshops.	
Kate Dufty - Continuous refreshers each year would be best to allow for constant learning and changes.	
Advisory Committee Members Updates/Reports	
Advisory Committee Members	
Disability Community Representative - Kate Dufty	
There is no lip up to the footpath in front of the Salvation Army building for disability access.	
There has been an increase in mosquitoes around the precinct – possibly at night, groups are having trouble attending in the evening due to this issue. It's recommended that social posts on Facebook are released with education and awareness on mosquitoes.	
Disability Action Week is the last week of November and collaboration is being made with Councils Community Development team for a Therapy Baby Animal Zoo at Lions Park in celebration of Disability Action week and the Disability Community Network's second birthday.	



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Disability Community Representative – Carmen Jen	
QDN meeting with local representatives around facts and statistics.	
December 10 <sup>th</sup> is Human Rights Day – QLD Community Alliance will organise a stakeholder meeting to discuss a portable Changing Places room.	
The word is being spread to Community groups and services who would benefit from having a portable Changing place at their events.	
The Gladstone Hospital is opening a Bulk-billed Walk-in Nurse-led Clinic in mid-Oct. Opening hours are 8am to 10pm, 7 days a week offering Clinical and Practitioner nurses. An opening date will be announced soon.	
Senior Community Representative – Maxine Brushe	
There is a new Aged Care Facility opening in Boyne/Tannum – expressions of interest will be taken soon.	
Senior Community Representative – Desley O'Grady	
Door signage for the Maxine Brushe Automatic doors – are there any plans for this?	
Requesting to revisit the issue of signage at the Precinct for users/visitors of the Maxine Brushe Hall.	
Culturally and Linguistically Diverse – Charmaine	
The Flourish Multicultural Festival will be in November. The event date is still being finalised.	
Advertising will be released within the next few weeks.	
Culturally and Linguistically Diverse - Anitha Christopher	
There are currently more than 80 Tamil families in Gladstone.	
Cultural groups without insurance or licensing have raised issues around the struggle to rent and use spaces within the community.	
Cultural events can be supported by Integreat QLD – certain events will fall under their license where possible; this is dependent on size with no specific cutoff figure for event numbers.	



Торіс	Action
Integreat is looking to introduce workshops to help groups who would like to get licenses and insurance.	
It's been identified that additional help has been sought out recently from the community in regard to filling in forms and general support.	
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION –	
Calendar of Awareness days – Make an agenda item for the next meeting.	
Bri to follow up with Councils Environmental team around mosquitoes fogging.	
Door signage – Maxine Brushe flutter flagging near auto doors and concrete signage.	
Advisory Committee Members Updates/Reports	
Councilors	
No updates.	
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION – NIL Council & Appointed Members Update/Report	
Appointed Members	
Gladstone Regional Council – Brianna Janson	
The stairs outside of Maxine Brushe are now assessable and certified.	
A Precinct user group meeting was held on Sept 10 <sup>th</sup> with attendance tracking low for this meeting.	
The question was asked how Precinct members/users could impact community wellbeing. It was identified by the group that an increase in Precinct awareness and advertising needed to be made for general users and external parties. This will be worked on moving forward.	
Trends -	
Community Neighbourhood Centre:	
<ul> <li>Social connection amongst older residents</li> <li>Domestic and Family Violence</li> </ul>	



Торіс	Action
- Emergency Housing Relief	
GRT have identified:	
- Housing affordability and availability	
<ul> <li>Skills shortages</li> <li>Childcare availability</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Parent overwhelm and general stress</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Child assessments – waitlists for behavioural assessments</li> </ul>	
- General costs of living	
- Transport	
Communities 4 Children – Shakira Campbell	
Moving into the new term there will be a Monday and Thursday available in the play space.	
Conversations are being made with Nhulundu to introduce a First Nations playgroup.	
Rothwell Physiotherapy is in the Nutchee building for the 2-week school holiday period.	
Trends -	
Similar to GRT and NHC.	
Parents using gym creche as a break/childcare – occasional care is not available in our region.	
Salvation Army – Mim	
NILS (No interest Loans) – large no show rates	
Lots of inquiries about NILS for car purchase – this is a service Salvation Army don't offer.	
Lots of referrals for Emergency Relief	
Increase of DV and Housing crisis reports	
Salvos Christmas Appeal – A bulk message will be sent out to Salvos attendees from the past 6 months – do they require assistance over Christmas?	
This includes festive food and toy hampers. There is a limit with toy variety for children over 10yrs.	
Invites will be sent out towards the end of September and interviews look to start in October and early November.	



Торіс	Action
120 Christmas boxes were allocated last year and there doesn't seem to be a cap on numbers, please contact Mim with referrals.	
All Salvos Consult rooms are occupied and close to fully booked out each week. All feedback from occupants of the rooms has been positive.	
Dept. Communities - Scott Green	
A Community Neighbourhood Centre is being built in Agnes Waters. This is only in the early stages of development.	
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION - NIL	
Collaboration and Operations Update	
Secretariat - Community Development Officer	
The committee reviewed the hire stats for July and August 2024.	For Discussion and Decision
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION - NIL	
Recommendations from Operations Group to Advisory	
Secretariat - Community Development Officer	
There are no new recommendations for the Advisory Committee.	For Discussion and Decision
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION - NIL	
Recommendations to Council - NIL	For Discussion and Decision
Check out question – How do you measure success?	

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Торіс	Action
Check out and close meeting: 1:55pm	For Noting
Next Meeting date: 21 <sup>st</sup> November – 12pm to 2pm	I
Meeting Chair: TBA	
Location: Philip St GRC Smart Room	