

Brighton Alive' is an open collective of organisations and community members that supports, connects and enhances the lives of the people of the Brighton Municipality through sharing information, facilitating the coordination of services, developing partnerships and pursuing opportunities.

Brighton Alive Network Meeting Minutes

Venue: Brighton Civic Centre

Date: 17 March 2020

Time: 10-11.30

Cathy Harper (Brighton Council), Prue Jones (Centacare Evolve Housing), Sonya Williams (Brighton Care Collective), Sheryl Rainbird

Attendance: (Centacare Evolve Housing), Elaine Scott (Resident), Carla Jennings (Link), Angela Turvey (Brighton Council), Bridget Tape (Impact

Communities), Cath Cooper (Brave Foundation), Mary Quintos, Amy Stocks, Christine Ransley, Shiralee Powell, Natasha Davis, Kellyanne

Dowhnham (HIPPY).

Apologies:

Alison Matthews (Stand By), Judy Austen (Child Health and Parenting Service), Cheynne Pullen, Helen Manser (JRS), Lisa Kluver (Save the

Children, Moira Davidson (SALT).

Chair: Elaine Scott
Minutes: Cathy Harper

Item	Notes	Action
Welcome to Country/ Acknowledgement of Country	Provided by Kellyanne	

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Nomination for chair and minute taker next meeting.	Welcome and introduction	
	Next meeting 17th March	
	Chair: Kellyanne Downham Minute Taker: Sonya Williams	
Previous actions- follow up reports	Community Action Plan Update	Sonya will try to contact
	All agreed this was important work and should remain on our agenda's	Damian
Guest Speakers	HIPPY - Kellyanne Williams	
	Hippy are looking for participants for their 3 & 4 year old programs. 6 places available in the 3yr old, and lots available in the 4 yrs old. Kellyanne shared the referral form and information.	Kellyanne to share electronic versions with Brighton Alive.
	Program connections are currently being done by means other than face to face, eg phone etc. This is due to participants concerns around caronovirus.	
	All materials are supplied to families in this program.	
	Save the Children operate many other programs in the area too, including Family Support, Parenting, Cool for School etc.	
General business	Coronavirus – impact of organisations and community.	
	The group discussed how the current situation is affecting them. Council asked is there any identified way it can assist with any issues that are being found.	
	Many organisations are following their business continuity plans, and following Dept of Health recommendations, and some are implementing practices over and above those. They have looked at their customer base and who attends their programs etc and made considered adjustments, including cancellation of many activities.	
	Centacare Evolve Housing – focussing on Neighbour Day and trying to encourage a "Buddy" system for any who need to self isolate. Are aware they have tenants who may have increased need for support at this time. Looking at ways they can assist tenants. They are trying to keep things as normal as possible	
	Impact Communities – ceased their LIFT, and other programs at this time. Are keen to see how they can help with community connection during this time.	
	Centrelink – are diverting business to outside of their offices as much as they are able, encourage people to use their phone service etc. Carla advised they expect the stimulus being	

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	paid to anyone who receives a Centrelink payment to receive those payments during the week of 31 March. If people have appointments, suggested they confirm they are still before arriving at the office. The question was raised around penalties for those who have had to self isolate and their job seeking requirements etc. Carla advised Centrelink cannot enforce penalties at this time if people have advised they are required to self isolate.	
	General comment of increased racism being expressed in the community.	
	Gagebrook Primary have ceased LIL's, LIFT and Smith Family programs.	
	Tagari lia have stopped all drop in sessions.	
	Across the board a large number of programs are no longer being run.	
	A suggestion was made to push to advertise contact through other means with clients, customers and general public, eg electronic communication, phones etc.	
Events, promotion	BA Events update	
	Given the situation the Harmony Day event will be cancelled. At this stage the Community Connections event is still being planned.	
	BA Event Grants – This grant has been written and will be submitted by the end of next week.	
	Brighton Neighbourhood Leadership Program – 6 places remain available for those who volunteer in the area. Will run over 10 weeks starting end on April. see Sheryl for EOI. This is a free program funded by Centacare Evolve Housing to help build community members capacity.	
	Easter Bunny	
	If you would like the Easter Bunny to make an appearance at your school or other venue, please contact Sheryl to arrange a booking. The Bunny may also be making a drive around the suburbs this year, as it is expected there will be no gatherings for them to attend. Sheryl.Rainbird@AOHTAS.ORG.AU	

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Support for each other	Brighton Lions Club – Eyesight testing at schools Elaine advised the Lions Club had arranged on 12 March for Free LEHP eye screening to be done at St Pauls school. It is being arranged so all schools will receive this testing. Discussion that there is a significant issue around Convergence Vision which seems to be becoming quite common with significant numbers experiencing this. It can be treated with muscle training. A researcher in this area is Sheree Allanby, True Trails, using equine assisted learning.	-
	B45 Group – Bridget asked if this group was still active. Those present mentioned there had not been any meetings since Holly had left C4C. Discussion that schools are putting actions in place for students to stay home if necessary/or they felt they wanted to. Gagebrook Primary have been putting study packs together for each student.	
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Next Meeting	To be determined due to Caronavirus situation.	