



COORONG SUICIDE PREVENTION NETWORK INAUGURAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at Coonalpyn Hall Supper Room 23rd November 2016, 5.00pm.

Present:

Tracey Wanganeen, Tara Attrill, June Holland, Lyal Zanker, Anne-Maree Zanker, Monica Verran, Brian French, Nat Traeger, Bill Paterson, Shelley Alexander, Bronwyn Ryan, Jacki Cunningham, Valerie Lewis, Julie Barrie, Adam Clay, Lynne James

Apologies:

Pauline Linke, Rosa Hillam, Ali Vowles, Patsy Crabb, Nancilee Richards, Helen Luke

Business:

Lynne James from the Office of Chief Psychiatrist opened the meeting and gave a brief summary of what was required to organise an overarching committee for the 3 SPN groups within Coorong.

This Committee is to provide governance for the three sub-committees Parks, Mallee and Lakes.

Nat Traeger was officially thanked for her untiring efforts in assisting with the formation of the three Coorong SPNs.

Parks have their SPN in place with Julie Barrie as Chair and Patsy Crabb as Secretary.

Mallee's is in progress and Lakes is yet to be finally achieved, although there is a lot of interest.

SPN Parks is now entitled to \$5,000 seed funding to allow them to complete setting up of their 'Brand'. This money can be used for Suicide Prevention training, Banners to use as popups at functions to increase awareness, Memorial Gardens and the like. Whatever the money is spent on, needs to progress the action plan decided on by the group.

The hashtag of this Committee #Conversationsmatter is becoming well known in this community.

Adam Clay presented an interesting and very thought provoking session on why SPNs are valuable within communities. It is important for each of us to remember that it is OK to talk about suicide. We look toward achieving a suicide free community.

Election of Officers:

The Committee should preferably be made up of 2 members from each Council Ward.

Chair: Nat Traeger nominated Julie Barrie (Parks). No other nominations, J.Barrie elected unopposed.

Secretary: Lynne James nominated Monica Verran (Parks). No other nominations, M.Verran elected unopposed.

Treasurer: Tracey Wanganeen nominated Nat Traeger. No other nominations, N.Traeger (Mallee) elected unopposed.

Committee Members: Bill Paterson (Lakes), Shelley Alexander (Lakes), Tara Attrill (Mallee)

General Business:

1. This Committee needs to draft their Constitution and organise an ABN. Lynne will send through a template for Constitution.
2. #conversationsmatter is to be placed in as many public spaces as possible. Toilets, parking areas, sporting clubs etc. Local SPNs to come on board with this as necessary.
3. Local SPNs are to raise own finances.
4. Local SPNs are to provide a report to the Coorong SPN Committee prior to each CSPN meeting (to be held twice a year).
5. Local SPNs will endeavour to make their communities aware of their presence by involvement in local activities etc.