

Newcastle Community +



Newcastle Youth Interagency  
25<sup>th</sup> August 2016

10.00am to 12.30pm

## - Minutes -

LOCATION: FACS Meeting Room  
670 Hunter St, Newcastle West NSW 2302

**Attendance:**

Please see Copy of Scanned Attendance Sheet attached.

**Chaired By:** Astrid Gearin

**Minutes by:** Astrid Gearin

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Emma from The Village Useful attended today representing the Newcastle branch of the Awesome Foundation. It is a global community project advancing the interest of awesome in the universe, \$1000 at a time.

Each fully autonomous chapter supports awesome projects through micro-grants, usually given out monthly. These micro-grants, \$1000 or the local equivalent, come out of pockets of the chapter's "trustees" and are given on a no-strings-attached basis to people and groups working on awesome projects.

### How it works...

1. Awesome ideas are submitted by the artists, creators, ideas people and leaders of Newcastle every month. Businesses, individuals, organisations and not-for-profits are all welcome.
2. Three finalists each month are invited to present to the Awesome Newcastle board during the monthly board meeting. We meet on the last Thursday of the month in a different location around Newcastle.
3. The board presents the winner with \$1,000 cash. The ten board members of Awesome Newcastle provide the grant money from their own pockets. Awesome Newcastle takes nothing in return.

So if yourself or any young people you work to support have a great idea that needs a bit of boosting to get it off the ground.... Throw your hat in the ring and apply. <http://www.awesomefoundation.org/en/chapters/newcastle>

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Timebanking is a community program that allows the voluntary exchange of services between members. Everyone can be part of Timebanking as everyone has something to give.

Timebanking is a platform that can be used to build resilience and community engagement opportunities with the people you support.

Time Banking can be used in conjunction with Work Development Orders (WDO's) and Volunteer hours required by human services

<http://www.timebanking.com.au/>



TIME BANKING:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=llr\\_wfp8W0c](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=llr_wfp8W0c)

<http://www.smh.com.au/nsw/time-banking-the-nsw-communities-paying-it-forward-20160513-gouch0.html>

<http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/drive/timebanking:-the-volunteer-'sharing-economy'/7442328>

**To give you some background about Timebanking:**

From November 2012 to December 2013, NSW funded a Timebanking trial that now has 6,300 members that have exchanged 3900 services totalling 25,500 hours of support.

Jan – Jun 2014 saw 30 pilot sites join the program and the trial site transition into 14 pilot sites.

A further 20 communities came on board by end of 2014 providing access to Timebanking to 80% the population of NSW.

Currently there are 70 [communities](#) (sites) and over 500 organisations participating on [www.timebanking.com.au](http://www.timebanking.com.au)

Communities have a tailored a web page that serves as their entry point, and once a local person logs on, their address details link them to the nearest Timebanking pilot location – this creates an intimate local mainly self-managed on-line community and members may then expand that geographical view to include their state and beyond.

The difference that Timebanking is making in many people’s lives is quite remarkable and case studies, such as the examples below, demonstrate the impact it can offer to your community.

Noreen 75, keeps active through volunteering at her local community theatre. She provides hands on assistance to theatre goers from serving at the candy bar to ushering guests to their seats.

She lives independently in a community complex but has found it more difficult to maintain her flat. Through Timebanking, she connected with Nicole 20, who utilises Timebanking as a means to gain skills so that one day she will gain her “dream job in aged and disability care”.

Each month for the past 6 months, Nicole visits Noreen and performs light house duties that to Noreen have been a blessing. “I prefer to have Nicole come instead of a paid cleaning service as she takes the time to spend with me and we have a cuppa and chat and she’s just so lovely.”

For Nicole it’s become a ritual she looks forward to greatly, as Noreen has become a friend who Nicole says “Always has a wise word to share with me and sometimes helps me in my day to day life.”

Vernon’s wife passed away 8 months prior and because his need of learning to use his washing machine did not fit any of the regular services, he continued to wash his clothes by hand. A service provider, who was unable to help, rung on his behalf to see if Timebanking could assist.

Through the Timebanking Community Chest (where those who volunteer donate their surplus hours) Amanda, who offered assisting with home support, was found to live nearby. 1 day later she was instructing Vernon on how to use his washing machine and now they meet regularly to catch up. Both say that this simple exchange has brought positive change in their lives.

You’ll also find Fatima and Daniel’s story [here](#) and other Timebanking stories that may be of interest.

Essentially, there are three separate elements that combine to nurture Timebanking:

- The Timebanking practice, which is supported by a training manual,
- The brokerage practice whereby employees of organisations or volunteers are trained to identify opportunities arising from what people are offering and what other people are needing – essentially creating new supportive relationships between people – and providing a new service delivery and community

development tool.

- The software supplied and maintained by NSW Volunteering and the online environment that is mainly self-managed by authenticated members.

Newcastle and surrounds have access to Timebanking with its community already set up on Timebanking.

NSW Volunteering are currently in the process of sourcing suitable organisations who want to work with Timebanking and appreciate your offer to disseminate this information within the local network. We know that according to the ABS, 60% of 15-17 year olds volunteer in NSW, which is nearly 20% higher than the national average. We are keen to broaden this program amongst them.

Please find attached other info regarding how Timebanking works for organisations, links to the [evaluation](#) and finally the [FAQ page](#).

I look forward to meeting the Interagency next week and hearing from them, ideas on how we can collaboratively grow the program with in the community.

**For more information on Time Banking and how it may be useful; see the website, contact Angela and please find further attached documents**

**Other items (see below) Angela brought along that may be useful are found in the [Volunteering Strategy](#) section.**

\* NSW volunteering Strategy 2016-2020

\*Volunteering Statement of Principles (All org's with Volunteers should adopt this)

\*Way2Go Volunteering, Toolkit for Volunteering Managers

\* SHAPE YOUR FUTURE Youth Volunteer Recognition Program

\*Cert 1 in Active Volunteering

**Information Attached**

## Service and Sector updates

**ORGANISATION: Community Youth Development Project- RYDON**

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### **TEI district info sessions**

I wanted to get this info out asap as I know our diaries fill up very fast.

FACS will no doubt be sending something out with more details, such as time and location, however the date has been confirmed by FACS this morning.

So we can now SAVE THE DATE.

TEI district info sessions will be Friday 16th September.

See all you EIPP, Community Builders and other TEI funded programs there!

**Wear It Purple Day:** Is tomorrow 26<sup>th</sup> August. <http://www.wearitpurple.org/>

### **DATE CHANGE FOR NEXT NYI MEETING: 10am;**

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2016, Location: TBC**

**ORGANISATION: Northern Settlement Services**

**PROJECT NAME: Youth Services**

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**Youth Collective** will be holding meeting in Newcastle later in the year. Services supporting multicultural young people will be invited to attend; the date will be November 24<sup>th</sup>

**The Youth Collective** is a collaborative initiative that aims to improve service delivery outcomes for multicultural young people in NSW through the delivery of activities that build confidence, resilience and leadership skills in migrant and refugee youth.

Drawing on the collective expertise of young people and multicultural organisations in NSW, the Youth Collective provides a platform for young people to participate in activities at the local level and play an active role in informing service delivery planning, implementation and outcomes.

It also provides an avenue for youth workers and multicultural organisations across NSW to share ideas and work collaboratively to develop innovative solutions to minimise gaps in service delivery.

Led by youth, for youth, the Youth Collective fosters innovation and information sharing among service providers, and provides a voice for young people from multicultural backgrounds.

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