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Youth Accommodation Network
Thursday 23rd October

In attendance:

Allambi-Lisa Smith, **Samaritans Youth Direct**- Ave Chadwick; **DHS- Centrelink youth** Charmaine Furneaux, **Newcastle High School**- Amy King; **HAS/FACS** Michael Parker; **Family Planning Aust** Claire Swan; **CSC FACS** Ashley Parker, Cecilia Brieva; **Margaret Jurd**- Melisa Sutton **TAFE CS**- Lisa Dundas, **Canteen** Kynda Dixon **Create** Kobe Butcher, **Creative Times**-Cat Albert; **Birri-Li**- Mel Brennan Elanor Mccall Jenny Carr **Oasis**- Tom Stipack, **Mathew Talbot Vinnies**-Stewart Curran, **Community Connections** Jen Wrighton **Youth On Track** Jo Mills **Reconnect**- Kat Manning **State Training DET**- Debra Cross **Jenny's Place** Jill Evans, **Port Stephens Family and Neighbourhood Centre PSF&NC**- Ann Flether **Alesco** Amy Barnes Theresa Pantalone **DHS Social Work** June Smith;; **Samaritans SHS Hunter** Lauren Fisher

Apologies:

Samaritans Tenancy Resource Service Rebecca Kelly **NSS** Tonkoh Kamara, **TAFE outreach** Cassandra Ralph, **NOVA** Kate Hanson

SHS Providers is the Hunter

* Please see attachments for more details and Please note the following information may change as negotiation is continuing.

This information is from the FACS website from September 2014

Lake Macquarie Youth Homelessness Support Service (Lake Macquarie Young people)

Allambi Youth Services Inc. 4944 8871

The Service targets young people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. It provides client centred homelessness support, including prevention and early intervention, rapid rehousing, crisis and transitional accommodation, and intensive responses for young people with complex needs and young people leaving care or other institutions. This Service has a strong focus on responses for Aboriginal young people and is accessible to young people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

**Newcastle Youth Homelessness Support Service
(Newcastle Young people)
Lower Hunter Youth Homelessness Support Service
(Maitland Dungog Cessnock Young people)**

Lead provider: Samaritans Foundation Diocese of Newcastle
Partner: Awabakal Newcastle Aboriginal Co-operative Ltd 4933 9330

The Service targets young people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. It provides client centred homelessness support, including prevention and early intervention, rapid rehousing, crisis and transitional accommodation, and intensive responses for young people with complex needs. Priority client groups for this service include young people leaving care or institutions, Aboriginal young people, and young people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

Further information from Samaritans

Samaritans is now responsible for two short term refuges at Maitland and Elemore Vale. These refuges are designed for young people aged 16-19 and can accommodate young people with 24 hour support for up to a maximum of 3 weeks. There are 3 beds plus a crisis overnight only bed at Samaritans Youth Accommodation – Maitland; and 5 beds at Samaritans Youth Accommodation – Newcastle.

Samaritans also have 22 transitional beds in Newcastle and 8 transitional beds in the Lower Hunter. These range between short term respite (2 weeks max), 3 months and 6 months for people who are rough sleeping. As the models are new they might change over time however this is what is currently in place.

**Port Stephens Homelessness Support Service
(Port Stephens Young people Women Men Families)**

Lead provider: Raymond Terrace Neighbourhood Centre Inc.

Partner:

Port Stephens Family Support Service Inc. 4987 1331

The Service targets young people, single men, single women, and families, including women and families escaping domestic violence. It provides holistic homelessness accommodation and support across the Port Stephens area.

This Service has a strong focus on responses for Aboriginal young people, women, men and families, and is accessible to people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

Further info from Port Stephen Family and Neighbourhood service attached

**Newcastle Eastern Suburbs Women and Family Homelessness Support Service
(Newcastle Women Families)**

Jenny's Place Inc. 4927 8529

The Service targets women and women with children who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. The target group includes women and women with children affected by domestic and family violence or who have complex needs. It provides client centred homelessness support, including prevention and early intervention, rapid rehousing, crisis and transitional accommodation, and intensive responses for women and families with complex needs. This Service has a strong focus on responses for Aboriginal women and families, and is accessible to women and families from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds

Further info from Jenny's Place attached

**Newcastle Western Suburbs Women and Family Homelessness Support Service (Newcastle Women Families)
Lake Macquarie Women and Family Homelessness Support Service (Lake Macquarie Women Families)**

Nova Women's Accommodation and Support Inc. 4023 5620

The Service targets women and women with children who are homeless or at risk of homelessness including those affected by domestic and family violence and who have complex needs. It provides client centred homelessness support, including prevention and early intervention, rapid rehousing, crisis and transitional accommodation, and intensive responses for women and families with complex needs. This Service has a strong focus on responses for Aboriginal women and families, and is accessible to women and families from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

Further info from NOVA:

Our service covers Newcastle Western Suburbs and Lake Macquarie. We provide interim accomm (crisis – 28 days intensive case management, supported transitional, outreach for tenancies at risk). We will also be operating a staying home hub (hopefully with other services) in both Lake Macquarie and Newcastle Western suburbs.

We have a new intake line 1800 769 654

Newcastle and Lake Macquarie Men's Homelessness Support Service

(Newcastle Lake Macquarie Men Families)

St Vincent de Paul Society NSW 4961 1411

The Service targets men and men with children who are homeless or at risk of homelessness who may have complex needs. It provides client centred homelessness support, including prevention and early intervention, rapid rehousing, and crisis and transitional accommodation and support. A core component of this service is providing intensive responses for men with complex needs, including men who sleep rough. This Service has a strong focus on responses for Aboriginal men and children, and is accessible to men and children from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

Upper Hunter Homelessness Support Service

(Upper Hunter-Singleton Muswellbrook Young people Women Men Families)

Lead provider:

Muswellbrook Women's and Children's Refuge Ltd Partner: Murrane Housing Incorporated 6543 4277

The Service targets young people, men, women and families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. The target group includes women and women with children affected by domestic and family violence. Services will be provided in the Upper Hunter region including Singleton, Muswellbrook and Upper Hunter Shires. It provides client centred homelessness support, including prevention and early intervention, rapid rehousing, crisis and transitional accommodation, and intensive responses for people with complex needs. This Service has a strong focus on responses for Aboriginal young people, women, men and families, and is accessible to people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

HUNTER Aboriginal Specialist Homelessness Services are yet to be announced

Family Planning NSW Newcastle

Claire Swan Health Promotion Officer

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Please see attached PDF for flyer:

- Family Planning NSW provide reproductive and sexual health services to the Hunter community
- Priority groups include marginalised/at risk young people and adults
- Youth (up to 24) drop in clinic runs every Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon 12 to 5.30pm. No appointment required. Free service. Medicare card required.
- Appointments for marginalised/at risk client over 24 can be made and priority provided based on health needs
- Workers are welcome to attend appointments at clients discretion.
- Community education services available for all marginalised groups
- Professional education also available. Training workshops for organisations can be provided on request.
- Sowing the Seeds workshop for youth sector workers will run in April/May 2015. More information will be provided soon.

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Youth Health Team

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Please see attached PDF for Flyer

Contract Tracey and the team to discuss possible partnerships and outreach options for the young people you support

The Youth Health Team provides services to young people affected by:

- Homelessness or at risk of homelessness.
- Stressful life situations
- Physical and emotional concerns
- Relationship issues including domestic violence
- At risk behaviour
- Sexuality concerns
- Sexual health issues
- Chronic illness

We provide:

- Sexual Health Education
- Contraceptive advice, STI screening and education
- Pregnancy testing and pregnancy options counselling
- Post termination counselling
- Support with general health issues
- Counselling for dealing with life situations
- Referral to other services and service providers
- Assistance with navigating the health system

Margaret Jurd

Melise Sutton -melise@mjc.nsw.edu.au

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Our Model is a holistic model of education and case management support; delivered in a manner that provides care and support to our students. Our school currently delivers the stage 5 curriculum for years 9 and 10. Our Vision and Mission Statement underpin all that we do.

Vision Statement

Creating Positive Futures together.

Mission Statement

Providing young people with an option of alternative, holistic education in a caring, supportive environment that empowers them to make confident, positive choices.

Values

Faith: Confident hope in the effectiveness of compassionate action

Justice/Equity: Never settling for disadvantage

Respect: Unconditional acceptance of individuals

Enrichment: Creating enhanced opportunities

Alesco Senior College

Amy Barnes abarnes@weahunter.edu.au & Theresa Pantalone
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Please contact Amy and Theresa for any information

Info Share & Sector Updates

YAN to combine with The NHHIN

After long evaluation and approval today by the group; the YAN is revising its continuation and will now trail joining together with the NHHIN. This decision has not been made due to lack of attendance and interest instead with the hope to make a more collaborative and robust response to community issues, strengthen partnerships and pathways.

The Next NHHIN Meeting is 10am Thursday 13th November at the PCYC, Astrid will be on leave please contact Lee Leiwes Leel@novawomen.org.au or call Nova Women's Centre for any enquires 4023 5620

OUTREACH TAFE:

Please contact Cassandra Ralph
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Outreach TAFE Courses for your services and the people you work with
Please contact Cassandra Ralph to discuss opportunities
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RISE IN THE HUNTER

Debra Cross
Training Advisor State Training Services
NSW Government, Education and Communities, State Training Services

- See Flyers in PDF

RISE in the Hunter is a collaborative effort between State Training Services and FACS - Housing NSW. Our aim is to provide work ready staff for businesses in the community services sector.

We are looking for tenants who currently live in government subsidised housing such as Public, Community, Aboriginal, Crisis or Short Term accommodation to join the program.

Participants will be supported through training and work experience for the purpose of gaining a traineeship or employment in aged care, disability or home care roles.

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SMART & SKILLED Training updates: TAFE study, training delivery and costs as discussed by Lisa Dundas and Debra Cross

SMART & SKILLED

The following information is public knowledge and can be found on this web page **general index**
<https://www.training.nsw.gov.au/smartandskilled/index.html>

The email address for **general enquiries** is
<https://www.training.nsw.gov.au/smartandskilled/index.html>

The email address for **Registered Training Organisation enquiries**

smartandskilledapplication@det.nsw.edu.au

Useful information relating to **Foundation Skills** can be found on the **first link**.

2015 NSW Skills List

- Download [All qualifications by alphabetical order](#) [pdf] (including Foundation Skills and accredited courses)
Note: 2015 v1.1 (released 30/06/14) lists the latest vocational training orders for all qualifications.
- Download [2015 NSW Skills List - changes from 2014](#) [pdf]
- Go to the 2015 NSW Skills List [prices, fees and subsidies](#)

Fact sheets

- [2015 Entitlements and targeted priorities fact sheet](#) [pdf]
- [Updating the Skills List fact sheet](#) [pdf]

Information for particular groups

- Read about fee exemptions and concessions in the [Students with special needs fact sheet](#) [pdf]
- If you're an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person, read about [Training for Aboriginal people in NSW](#) [pdf]
- If you're in a regional or remote area, read the [Students in regions](#) fact sheet [pdf]

Unique Student Identifier (USI)

You will need a Unique Student Identifier (USI) to study in 2015. This is a new requirement.

- Watch this [Commonwealth Government video on the USI](#). Learn how to create your own USI or simply ask your training provider to create one for you at enrolment.

VET FEE-HELP

VET FEE-HELP loans are available for government-subsidised training in NSW at Advanced Diploma and Diploma level and for some selected Certificate IV qualifications. More information is available below.

- [Eligibility for VET FEE-HELP and Smart and Skilled](#) [pdf]
- [VET FEE-HELP for students in subsidised courses in NSW](#) [pdf]
- [Commonwealth Study Assist website](#) [link].

Related information

- [Smart and Skilled home](#)
- [Information for students](#)
- [Provider policies](#)
- [2015 Prices, fees and subsidies](#)
- [2014/2015 NSW Skills List](#)
- [VET FEE-HELP](#)
- [NSW Quality Framework](#)
- [Next steps and student transitions](#)
- [Background to Smart and Skilled](#)

Hunter: (YAN & NHHIN) *DRAFT* Response to The NSW Ombudsman about the process to date in relation to the Going Home Staying Home (GSHS) reforms

YAN approved this document and this have now been sent to the Ombudsman

Please see Attached Document

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