

Newcastle Community +



# - Minutes -

*Newcastle Youth Interagency 27.2.2014*

**Location: Samaritans**

**Attendance:** Dale Garbutt **MNC**, Jacob.Blenkinsop **Ability Links**, Donna Riley, June Smith, Charmaine Furneaux **DHS**, Kristy Davis- **Awabakal** Spencer Thebus- **NYASL**, Kerrie Thompson **VOCAL**, Tom Aylett **JIRT**, Amy Hartingham **Tantrum Youth Arts**, Andrew Tipping **Jobquest** Jessica Bereynce- **Margaret Jurd** Byron Williams -**Headspace**, Alan **Advanced Drug Solutions** , Lisa Smith **Allambi**, Kylie Morgan **Recharge WEA**, Amy Barnes **ALESCO WEA** Bryony Barber **Solicitor**, Kirk Upton **Wesley Mission Youth**, Alison Hegerty **Connected communities** **Jesmond Neighbourhood Centre**, Natalie Kentish **CAMHS**, Robyn Beilby **NSW Police**

**Apologies:**

N/A Nicole Thompson Allambi,  
Darren Flemming NSW Police

## Tantrum Youth Arts

**Amy Hardingham** Artistic Director came and spoke with us explained the partnership Tantrum made with CLSD and the reason why that worked, (See Nov 2013 minutes for more details) The interactive play for young people about domestic violence and sexting the aim is to show the play in Newcastle and to schools which take part in the Love Bites Program and tantrum have won a Westpac grant to deliver it. The play was written by a young person- Tamara Gazzard. Amy then gave us a wonderful overview of Tantrum Youth Arts and its focus and also info on Workshops/ scholarships that could be of interest to the young people we support.-

<http://www.tantrum.org.au/workshops.html>

Amy also spoke of Tantrum's last project that was performed at Newcastle Baths; I have attached the link for you to view Diving off the Edge of the World videos/  
photos: <http://www.tantrum.org.au/diving.html>

## Gay & Lesbian Liaison Officer Newcastle Police (GLLO)

Robyn Beilby joined us today to outline her role as the Newcastle GLLO and gave us some info re current trends and barriers.

Please see attached powerpoint if you would like more info or if you would like to contact her Robyn: Newcastle City -Ph:49290999 [beil1rob@police.nsw.gov.au](mailto:beil1rob@police.nsw.gov.au)

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## JIRT Child Abuse Squad – Newcastle

**Detective Senior Constable Tom Aylett** from the Child Abuse Squad, Newcastle State Crime Command , NSW Police Force came and spoke with us today about the JIRT team and its role. JIRT was set up as an action of the Wood Royal Commission on 1996; JIRT Newcastle had over 483 Matters in 2014. 22 Teams in the State and Newcastle is the largest; 15 FaCS Workers, 1 Health, 18 Police.

Tom gave a valuable insight and information about the day to day of the role, and how we can assist each other when working to support young people.

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## Service and Sector updates – see attachments

**Astrid Gearin**  
Youth Development Officer

**RYDON CONFERENCE- ‘ Save the Dates’ 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> April –**  
Rego and New Website coming- stay tuned

### Training:

1. **Practical skills in responding to people who experience domestic violence** in March 2014 **FULL**
2. **Engaging with young people from multicultural and refugee backgrounds** in March 2014 **FULL**
3. **Lovebites Training-** Details to come. Please provide interest to Kelly Lambourne [kelly.lambourne@bigpond.com](mailto:kelly.lambourne@bigpond.com)
4. **Youth Mental Health First Aid-** May Details to come

### Upcoming special days/Events:

- Youth Homelessness Matters Day-“**Like Share Act**” Wed 9<sup>th</sup> April
- Youth Week “**Our Voice, Our Impact**” -4<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> April
- Harmony Day- 21<sup>st</sup> March

*If your org wishes to be involved in an activity for the above or you are doing something.....  
Please let me know.*

## **YAIR- Youth Arts in Recovery Workshops- Friday July 4<sup>th</sup>**

Please contact either myself (Astrid Gearin) or Allison Pennings

[Allison.Pennings@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Allison.Pennings@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au) for more details on how to get Young people you support Young People living with or impacted by Mental Health difficulties; involved in these Free Art workshops

## **Letter to Pru Goward from YFoundations**

This is attached FYI, YFoundation's are happy for individual's or service's to use information and/or details from the letter if required if you are considering writing about the tendering process or GSHS concerns.

## **International Women's Day is this Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March**

The Newcastle Domestic Violence Committee as presenting 'Im A Girl' at Tower Cinema's this Friday

An inspirational feature length documentary that paints a clear picture of the reality of what it means to be a girl in the 21st century. Journey through a pastiche of diverse cultures and societies around the globe including Cambodia, Papua New Guinea, Cameroon, Afghanistan, USA and Australia



**INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY  
SPECIAL FILM EVENT**

**'I AM A GIRL'**

*"There is a group of people in the world today who are more persecuted than anyone else... they are girls!"*  
*Remarkable heart-warming stories of resilience, bravery and humour.*

**PLACE:** Tower Cinema, King St, Newcastle  
**DATE:** Friday 7th March, 2014  
**TIME:** 6.00pm  
**ADULT:** \$15 **STUDENT/CONCESSION:** \$10  
**TICKETS/INFO:** [iamagirl.eventbrite.com.au](http://iamagirl.eventbrite.com.au)  
Other ticket sales: Hunter Women's Centre, Industrial Drive, Mayfield. [sue@hwc.org.au](mailto:sue@hwc.org.au) or ph: 4968 2511

**FOOD, REFRESHMENTS, PRIZES & GUEST SPEAKERS**

All funds raised will be donated to the local Dale school young mothers program. Thanks for your support.

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Byron Headspace- **WE HAVE A DR..**(Dr Tyler appoint only) please see attachments

Alison Hegerty AFC Jesmond

Friends for life Program- Frees 9-11 year old please see attachments

