

**Minutes
SWMPF Working Group on
Vulnerable and At Risk Children and Young People
9.00am – 11.00am, Thursday 9th March, 2017
St Pat's, 12 Queen Victoria Street. Fremantle**

Temporary Chair: Judy Walls (Executive Director -SWMPF)

Participants: Ian Gorman (FFSN-CPFS), Eleanor Jones (Department of Sports and Recreation), Joan De Castro (Acting Chair -Children's Development Officer City of Cockburn), Simone Ryan (Palmerston), Sophie Doy (City of Fremantle), Jenni Gordon (SWMPF)

Apologies: Danielle Radford (CPFS Fremantle)

1. Welcome, Introductions and apologies

2. Volunteer to take minutes

Jenni Gordon

3. Approval of minutes of meeting 9th February 2017

Approved

4. Actions arising from the minutes

The e-mail list has been updated

5. Update on the Resilience Programme

Simone reported that the school programmes for 2017 had started up again and had been running for the last three weeks. The programme at South Lake currently has two groups with a total of 27 children engaged. A call out for children interested in joining the Rocketeers resulted in 67 children applying – a strong demonstration of the perceived value of the programme.

The Caralee programme has been slightly restructured. The make up of the programme has been broadened to include CaLD and mainstream children. There are two groups running with 10 children in each group. As a result of this restructuring the programmes are more productive than they were last year. It is important that the schools commit to providing baseline and endline data so that we can accurately measure the impact of the programmes.

Joan mentioned the need to disburse the funds from Officeworks before the end of the financial year. It will be a cheaper option to look into getting plastic badges for the Rocketeers and Simone has agreed to look into this.

6. Updates from groups regarding the Transition to High School initiatives

The Young Women's Boxing Project has committed to being part of the project. The programme will begin initially with South Lake Primary School through to Lakelands High School. The programme will run for eight weeks in the high school and eight weeks in the primary school. Older children will get the opportunity to mentor younger children. It was also suggested that we need to move towards establishing the link between parents and schools.

The following funding options were mentioned:

- Youth Activities Grant Programme – Simone felt that this would likely be our best option. Applications accepted year round.
- City of Cockburn Grant – Simone will attempt to put in an application for this grant, however the applications close at the end of March.
- Commonwealth Bank Grant – Sophie will send the details of this grant through to Simone. Applications close the end of March.

The following people have made themselves available to give support to Simone for the grant process: Judy, Eleanor, Sophie and Joan. In addition, Simone will be able to get a letter of support from the City of Cockburn, through Joan, and one from the SWMPF, through Judy.

7. SWMPF update

The first Innovative Funding Grant workshop is due to take place on the 17th March in Fremantle. The workshop will be facilitated by Jennifer Chaplyn. In addition to SWMPF funding that will form part of the grant it is anticipated that additional money from WAPHA will also go into the pot.

8. Any other business

Simone invited Percy Kalino from 6EBA to come to the meeting. Percy is in the process of putting together a musical event, potentially at Cockburn Rec Centre, that will include engaging with children and their parents around the different services for children within the region. He would welcome service providers' support for the event.

Michelle has resigned as chair of the working group. Nominations for the role of Chair have been opened up to members of the working group. Both Eleanor and Sophie will speak to their respective managers about potentially taking over this role.

Sophie will be attending the CMF Youth meetings and will be able to act as liaison between them and the SWMPF.

9. Next Meeting- date and venue

6th April, 9:30am – 11:30am, City of Fremantle to host.