

North Burnett Action Plan

Newsletter

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Since February 2010, participants in the North Burnett Action Group have been working hard to implement key actions which we hope will greatly benefit the North Burnett community. Here's just a selection of some of the outcomes achieved over the past year:

Social Wellness Audit

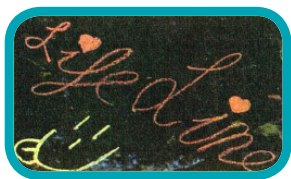
Audits of all services completed (govt, not-for-profit and community)

Funding for Counsellor, Bill Jackson

Funding was extended until June 2011, with further support from Mundubbera Community Development Assoc and Kawana Waters Uniting Church Flood Recovery Support funds.

Increasing Counselling Opportunities

Lifeline has negotiated 19 hours of counselling support for North Burnett. Lifeline's Andrew Bryant now spends an additional day at Eidsvold State School and a new youth worker is now working in the region.



Mental Health First Aid Training

Clarissa Schmierer (QHealth) completed one session in Gayndah with more to be delivered in 2011.

Local Pastoral Care

School Chaplains are coming to Eidsvold SS on a volunteer basis. MCDA continues to provide emergency relief contributions to families (local & itinerant) in the Mundubbera area.



Focus on Children and Youth

BIEDO secured \$25,000 through NAB Schools First Programme for Eidsvold SS.

Develop Economic Opportunities

Grace Gibson (BIEDO) and Penny Kennedy (Greener Pastures) with Jenni Chew (Chewspace Consulting) are working with the AWESome Women of Eidsvold to establish art & cultural micro-enterprises for Indigenous women. A Yarnin' Up day completed by Zona Hussey-Smith (Indigenous Economic Development Officer DEEDI). Zona is also co-ordinating Murri Munchies; a regional project linking bush tucker production & processing sites. Jeff McColl of Centrelink coordinated Community Information Days in Eidsvold and Monto.



Centralised Information and Increased Community Services

Eidsvold SS students created the Just Be Deadly contact booklets. These popular booklets are now being passed from youth to youth.

Individual Personal Development and Motivation

Pamper Days were held in Eidsvold & Monogorilby. Year 11 & 12 students from Eidsvold SS meet with Jenni Chew to work on entrepreneurial thinking. Laine Collins (Qld Health School Based Youth Health Nurse) is working with the high school girls in Eidsvold one lunchtime a week to cook up some lunch and have a 'chat' about issues. Des Cowburn is running a similar programme for the senior boys.



Neighbourhood Centre

Lifeline will be opening an office in Eidsvold, and expanding their regional staff & services in 2011. Lifeline has also expanded the Gayndah site with additional facilities for youth support.

The AWESome Women

The AWESome Women are opening a cultural retreat for indigenous women to work on their arts in safety and peace. They also aim to showcase their artworks from this venue.

