

**Parramatta Homelessness Interagency Minutes, 15 August 2019**

**Darug Room, Parramatta Library, Fitzwilliam Street, Parramatta**

**10 -12pm**

**Chair Person – Shahn Tupaea, Evolve Housing**

**Minutes: Ellen Ross**

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>
<b>Welcome &amp; Acknowledgment of Country</b>	Shahn Tupaea welcomed everyone and acknowledged the traditional owners of the land, the Durug people, and paid respect to Aboriginal Elders past and present.
<b>Welcome &amp; Introduction and Apologies tabled</b>	See attendance sheet attached
<b>Previous Minutes</b>	Accepted with amendments (Maeve and Sarah) 8. Strategic Issues – a) Support payments, asylum seekers – Maeve Brown JRS should read: People aren't working illegally, but they are being exploited through farm work, hospitality, and sex work. b) Rough sleepers in Cumberland, Sarah Braund should read: Holding cross-sector meeting to address need, including the homelessness sector.
<b>Business Arising</b>	a. New member application - Anna McKinnon –Baker, Wattle Place Relationships Australia - accepted.
<b>Other Homelessness Interagencies/Forums</b>	a. DHEG – No report b. LIAC – No report c. Collaborative Youth Service Partnership – No report
<b>Government Updates</b>	<b>City of Parramatta Council</b> – No update <b>Cumberland Council</b> - Sarah Braund RE: Cumberland Homelessness Action Plan, draft action plan to be distributed to the sector for comment, also funding has been secured for the homelessness project officer position, advertisement for the position will be distributed amongst the group. <b>Health (Cumberland Hospital)</b> – No update <b>Housing NSW</b> – No Update <b>Department of Human Services, Centrelink</b> New Community Engagement Officer onboard, Christopher Lamb, to be invited to attend PRHI meetings.

<p><b>Guest Speakers</b></p>	<p><b>Lauran Brown – Yfoundation</b>  Supporting young people into Private Rental through engaging and training property managers. Topics addressed include, a basic understanding of trauma awareness for agents and what that would look like in an agency, government incentives, understanding community support services, breaking down stigma. Training will be undertaken in the Parramatta area in the first half of next year. The training is being supported by the Real Estate Institute of NSW</p> <p><b>Helen Kontis - Good360 is a matchmaker</b> bringing together Not for Profits and eligible schools with businesses nationwide to gift their brand new surplus goods. Good360 are working to get essential items to Australians who need them most, everything from clothing and nappies to toys and cosmetics.</p> <p><b>Good360 is now offering FREE membership</b> (usually \$250+GST) to all <a href="#">ACNC registered Not for Profits</a> and schools with an <a href="#">ICSEA ranking below 1000</a>. Once registered, members can access hundreds of brand new goods from the website and best of all, the goods are free. Members only pay a small shipping and handling cost to get the goods direct to their door.</p> <p>“Whether its toys to a domestic violence shelter or notebooks for a mental health program, if Australians have the need, our business partners have the goods,” said Good360 Australia Founder, Alison Covington. “We believe that one person’s extra is another person’s essential. That’s why our goal is for nothing useful to lie unused.”</p> <p>There is no better time to join Good360 and help you make greater impact in your community.</p> <p>For more information please click here <a href="http://www.good360.org.au">www.good360.org.au</a></p>
<p><b>Strategic Issues</b></p>	<p>No update or Change</p>
<p><b>Other Business</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Homeless Connect Update – Successful event however the issue of tourist bus’s attending and accessing the free services at the event is still an issue. Not sure what strategies can be put in place to address this in the future.</li> <li>2. Health High Street Youth Service – Free flu shots are available for people under 25.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p>	<p>Meeting closed at 12pm  <b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019 – Evolve Housing, Ground floor meeting room, Henry Dodd House 9 – 13 Argyle Street Parramatta 10 – 12pm</b></p>