



## VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR NETWORK

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2010**

**10-12noon**

**Venue: Redlynch State College**

**Attendees:** Melissa Kulan (MSS), Cathy Donnelly (Pt Douglas Neighbourhood Service Centre), June Hall (PDNSC), Deb Ryan (Australian Red Cross), Jodie Klaproth (Defence Community Organisation), Clint Wilson (CHOICE MANAGEMENT), Oni Vuniyaro (FNQ Volunteers Inc.), Vita Scalia (Trinity Bay High School), Susan McGuire (Hambledon House), Bob Collyer (Lifeline Community Care), Genelle Spencer (Lifeline Community Care), Alison Geno (Salvation Army), Louise Orbans (Pyjama Foundation), Vandana Samy (Australian Red Cross), Rosemary Iloste (Qld Education & Lions), Della Kahuron (Centacare Employment), Debbie Trust (FNQ Volunteers Inc.), Leslie Maykin (Redlynch State School), Tracey Dickinson (FNQ Volunteers Inc.).

**Apologies:** Carol Pinfield (ATODS), Colleen Blunt (Marlin Coast Neighbourhood Centre), Jill Bradley (Mossman Community Centre), Colleen McRae (Hambledon House), Heather MacGregor (Crossroads), Masumi Morimoto (Cairns Japanese Kodomo Kai), Gillian Bolton (Guide Dogs Qld), Thomas Jia (Centacare), Donna McGaw (Playgroup Qld), Robyn Priddy (Defence Community Recreation Centre).

### **Introduction Activity: Successful volunteer recruitment strategies:**

- Community Presentation @ TAFE
- Community Events – Job Expo
- Newspaper Advertisements
- Sign in the office/Reception area
- Contact FNQ Volunteers Inc.
- Develop volunteers through existing programmes/subjects
- Coordinate organisations volunteer programmes – ‘best placed position’
- Build relationships
- Face-to-face invitations/recruitment
- Have rewards
- Tap into individual skills
- Share the passion, stories, benefits
- Work with community groups
- Fun! – Annual Celebration
- Referrals from volunteers
- Take everybody
- Sharing your own experience
- Incorporate “Supervision”
- Volunteer Profiles
- Training
- “Recipient to Giver”

**Presentations:**

CHOICE Management: Clint Wilson

- Currently coordinating and supervising youth ‘at risk’ of disengaging from school.
- Approx young people – 15-17 years old
- Looking for ‘community’ activities for the group to Monday-Friday between 9am-3pm.  
Contact Details: 40427911

Trinity Bay High School: Vita Scalia

- Delivering Cert II Active Volunteering in partnership with Volunteering Qld
- 20 x Year 10 students
- Looking for organisations to host 2-3students for 30 hours starting Term 2 (after Easter break)
- Class times: Monday 2pm-3pm & Friday 9am-10am.
- Offers to be a guest speaker greatly appreciated.  
Contact Details: 40515788 or email [vscal1@eq.edu.au](mailto:vscal1@eq.edu.au)

Summer Holiday Youth Volunteer Programme: Debbie Trust, FNQ Volunteers Inc. 4041 7400

- Week long format during the Summer Holidays
- Presentations to include: Organisations Volunteer Programmes, International Volunteer Experiences, Benefits of volunteering, Roles & Responsibilities, Personal Development, Goal Setting
- Provide ‘tastes’ of volunteering – Exciting, youth focused volunteer positions
- Young people to be involved in the development of the programme
- Finish with celebration

Discussion:

Organisations support the idea.

Schools would like the programme for all the holidays that are 2 weeks or more.

CHOICE Management and TBSHS are possible opportunities to engage with young people to be on the organising committee.

Debbie T to proceed looking into the possibility and securing resources to run the programme.

Migrant Settlement Services: Melissa Kulan 07 4041 7699

- The benefits of diversity in the workplace

**New business:**

National Volunteers Week: Option 3

Concept	Event	Resources	Action
‘Taste of volunteering’ Transporting existing and prospective volunteers around a region to various celebrations and volunteer agencies.	Coordinate existing regional celebrations and volunteer programmes.  Include morning, afternoon tea and lunch.	Community Bus Drivers Presentations for on the bus and host organisations for visiting/catering	Distribute EOI for regional and Cairns events. (FNQVI)

Next Meeting: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April

Venue: Port Douglas Neighbourhood Centre

NB Lunch can be provided by FNQ Volunteers Inc.

Invite volunteer organisations that have not yet linked in that are in the Port Douglas/Mossman area.