

# Minutes of Buddies Monthly Meeting 25 February 2018

**11:00 am – 11:45 am** Members' business

**11:45 am – 12:30 pm** Guest speaker

**12:30 pm – 1:00 pm** Refreshments

The meeting opened 11:06 AM at 24 King Street, Buderim.

**Chair:** Angela Mercuri **Minutes:** Gillian Duffy

## 1. Welcome

Angela welcomed some new faces as well as some returning members.

### **Moment of reflection**

**Apologies:** Penny Rivlin, Alison Green, Scott Grimmett, Margaret Norman, Diana Woolley, Mitra Khakbaz, Agnieszka Swiatlowska

## 2. Call for Volunteers

Dee Williams asked for a volunteer for a 2 hour car park shift at the Eumundi markets this Saturday.

Buddies does 2 shifts per month at the Eumundi Market (1<sup>st</sup> Saturday and 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday) collecting car park fees and directing cars. There are 3 shifts of two hours (7 – 9am, 9-11am, 11am – 1pm) with 2 people per shift. Dee would like extra people to volunteer for the roster to cover absences.

**Action Point:** Volunteers contact Dee at [deew291@yahoo.com.au](mailto:deew291@yahoo.com.au)

## 3. Call for WOOFers (Workers on Organic Farms)

Jenny Hughes has been contacted via the Buddies website by Simon Wells at Crystal Waters community near Maleny. Some from this community have previously worked on the Learn English Holiday program. There is an opportunity now for one refugee or person seeking asylum to live in the community and work in exchange for board and lodging. In future there may be the opportunity for up to 5 people to live and work in the community. Benefits would include the chance to practice English. Anyone who knows of someone who might like to take up this offer should contact Simon. Angela to let Mitra know about this program.

**Action Point:** Contact Simon on **0408762473**.

## 4. Buddies website contact

Jenny Hughes is currently the website contact for Buddies and she would like to step down after a year in the role. Jenny reports there is about one phone call per week and a few emails. John Ennis volunteered to take over this role. Angela thanked Jenny and John.

**Action Point:** John Ennis's contact details to replace Jenny's on Buddies website etc

## 5. Buddies Survey

Lesley Willcoxson reminded members to complete the email survey as this will guide the future direction of Buddies activities. Anyone who has not received the survey should check their membership is up to date. New members will receive a survey. Surveys to be completed by 4 March.

## **6. Finance Report**

Dee Williams gave the Finance Report (attached)

Dee modelled one of 6 Buddies aprons now available for use at sausage sizzles and other events. She also reported on the Kawana Bunnings Sausage Sizzle, which despite the terrible weather on the day, made \$393. Leftover perishable food was donated to OzHarvest. Dee reported it was a fun event despite the rain and encouraged people to volunteer. Jenny thanked Dee for organising the sausage sizzle and for working all day.

**Action Point:** Book another sausage sizzle at Kawana or Maroochydore Bunnings

## **7. Training**

A 2 day training course in Foundations of Community Organising run by the Queensland Community Alliance was held on 19 and 20 February. Only ten Buddies members attended. Participants shared some of what they learned in the workshop. Report on the Buddies website.

**Action Point:** Future training sessions to be organised

## **8. World Environment Day**

Helen suggested Buddies should have a stall at the World Environment Day festival at the University of the Sunshine Coast on Sunday 3 June.

**Action Point:** To be considered by Events volunteers

## **Next Meeting**

Sunday 25 March 2018

Business meeting closed 12pm

## **Guest Speakers**

Angela introduced Pemba Amuri and Michelle McDonald who talked about the work of the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre and in particular the "Words that Work" workshops they offer.