COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & SOCIAL INCLUSION SUB-COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held at the Committee Room, Civic Centre, 10 Watson Terrace, Mount Gambier on Monday, 25th August, 2014 at 5.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Cr Richardson
Cr Persello
Cr Shearing
John Amoroso
Rob Foggo
Emma Hay
Caroline Hill

APOLOGIES: Cr Persello moved that the apology from Rob Foggo be received.

Caroline Hill seconded Carried

NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Nil

COUNCIL OFFICERS: Barbara Cernovskis, Manager - Community Services and Development
Alison Brash, Community Development Officer

COUNCIL OFFICER APOLOGIES: Mark McShane, Chief Executive Officer

COUNCIL MEMBERS AS OBSERVERS: Nil

OTHER GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: Nil

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE BOANDIK PEOPLES AS THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS OF THE LAND WHERE WE MEET TODAY. WE RESPECT THEIR SPIRITUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LAND AND RECOGNISE THE DEEP FEELINGS OF ATTACHMENT OUR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES HAVE WITH THIS LAND.

MINUTES: Cr Persello moved that the minutes of the previous meeting held 28th July, 2014 be taken as read and confirmed.

Cr Shearing seconded Carried

1. FUTURE DIRECTION AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE

The Presiding Member raised for discussion the future of the Community Engagement and Social Inclusion Sub-Committee and reflect on the outcomes achieved.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1:

Emma Hay moved it be recommended at the verbal report and discussed be received.

Caroline Hill seconded **Carried**

2. SOCIAL GATHERING

The Presiding Member provided details of the social gathering invitation to Sub-Committee Members to thank them for their contributions on the Community Engagement and Social Inclusion Sub-Committee.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 2

Cr Persello moved it be recommended:

(a) the report be received;

(b) the social gathering occur on the 24th September, 2014 in the Reception Area and an invitation to the Lifelong Learning Sub-Committee be extended.

John Amoroso seconded **Carried**

3. ATSI FLAGS

The Presiding Member reported on the approaching Special Meeting of Council which will see the unfurling of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flags for permanent display in the Council Chamber and the Commitment being made following a smoking ceremony in the Civic Centre Courtyard. At the special meeting the statement of commitment will be made by the Mayor to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders and Community.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 3

Cr Shearing moved it be recommended the report be received.

Cr Persello seconded **Carried**

4. RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN

The Presiding Member invited feedback from Sub-Committee Members on their reading of LGA Reconciliation Action Plans, and invited an update on the visit of Mark Waters to Mount Gambier.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 4

John Amoroso moved it be recommended:

(a) the report be received;

(b) a Reconciliation Action Plan be initiated (as a matter of priority) within the next 12 months using a Cultural Governance model.

Emma Hay seconded **Carried**

5. ADVOCACY

The Presiding Member provided an update on the meeting to occur with Federal Member Tony Pasin MP.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 5:

Cr Shearing moved it be recommended:

(a) the report be received.

Emma Hay seconded **Carried**

6. STANDING ITEM: TERMS OF REFERENCE

Objective:	Project	Current Status
9.1		
Review Council's current community engagement and social inclusion practices and policies	Revised Policy P195 Community Engagement Process Audit	Revised Policy adopted 19th November 2013 Internal Audit in development
Investigate relevant practices in other Councils.		Achieved
Develop a community engagement and social inclusion strategy	Draft Strategy for Member Engagement Community Engagement Framework	In development In development
Reflect community needs		In development
Embed community engagement and social inclusion practices in Council's operations	Community Engagement Framework Community Engagement Process	In development
9.2		
Develop an organisational and operational framework to achieve Objective 4.1	As above	In development

RECOMMENDATION NO. 6:

Cr Persello moved it be recommended the standing item Terms of Reference table be amended as discussed.

Caroline Hill seconded **Carried**

MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

7. MOUNT GAMBIER SUICIDE PREVENTION ACTION PLAN REPORT CARD JANUARY - JUNE 2014

Cr Persello provided a report on the outcomes achieved by the Mount Gambier Suicide Prevention Network as detailed in their Action Plan 2013 - 2016 - Report Card for the January - June 2014 period.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 7:

Emma Hay moved it be recommended that the report be received.

Cr Shearing seconded **Carried**

8. ADVOCACY FOR YOUTH SERVICES

Caroline Hill provided a verbal report on funding changes impacting locally on the Youth Connections Program, and provided an update on the Limestone Coast Community Services Round Table support for a Head Space Facility update.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 8:

Emma Hay moved it be recommended:

(a) the report be received;

(b) Council endorse support for the Headspace Facility bid;

(c) Council continue advocacy support for local community services.

Cr Persello seconded **Carried**

9. CLOSING STATEMENT

In her closing statement the Presiding Member, Cr Penny Richardson thanked all community volunteers, Councillors and Administration Staff for their work and commitment to the Community Engagement and Social Inclusion Sub-Committee.

10. NEXT MEETING: to be advised.

Meeting closed at 7.15 p.m.

26th August, 2014
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CONFIRMED THIS DAY OF 2014.

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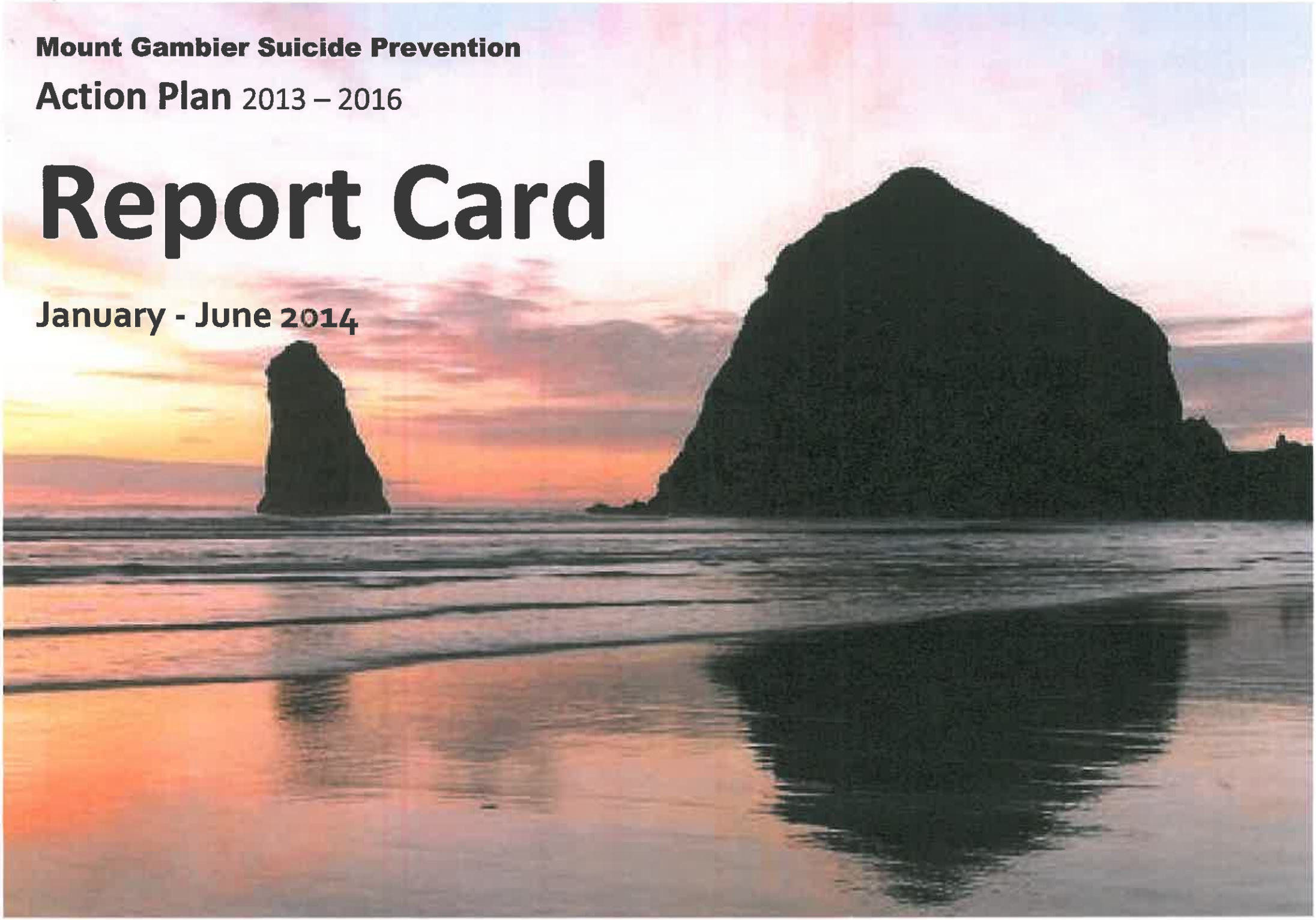
PRESIDING MEMBER

Mount Gambier Suicide Prevention

Action Plan 2013 – 2016

Report Card

January - June 2014



Report Card
Jan-Jun 2014

SPN Actions / Activities	Progress
Increasing Awareness	
Strengthen Membership	ATSI, and Prison representatives have joined Network. Dairy Farmer rep to be approached and other business representatives.
Public Speaking	• 1x Rotary Club • 3 Local Councils • Pangula Mannamurna • Trevor Twilley will maintain relationship with Mens Sheds to maintain ongoing awareness
Media Articles	• Latest Suicide Figures ABS 2012 • Golf Day to aid Suicide Prevention
Awareness Raising	Planning Out of the Shadows Community Breakfast & Walk of Choice on September 6th to mark World Suicide Prevention Day on 10/09/14. Supported by Mount Gambier City Council and Lakes Rotary Club.
Suicide Prevention	
Strengthen Membership	ATSI, and Prison representatives have joined Network. Dairy Farmer rep to be approached and other business representatives.
Links with SA Suicide Prevention Strategy	Lifeline CEO and Network Secretary is member of SPS Advisory Group to Health Minister
ASIST	• 3 ASIST workshops • 1 ASIST workshop at Prison
Suicide Awareness and Prevention Brochure	• Electronic Copy to Grant District

	• 3000 distributed by Federal Minister Tony Pasin • Electronic Copy to Naracoorte Council • Distributed to North Gambier School Hub
Intervention	
Strengthen memberships	ATSI, and Prison representatives have joined Network. Dairy Farmer rep to be approached and other business representatives.
Training for key staff in business, community, education etc.	Investigating half day SafeTalk
Working with Aboriginal Health and Pangula Mannamurna	Lifeline SE and Lynne James from Chief Psychiatrist's Office facilitated the writing of draft ATSI Suicide Prevention Action for consultation with ATSI Community. Lifeline SE CEO participated in Rising Spirits program at Pangula Mannamurna
Prison Work	• All new staff at Mount Gambier Prison trained in Suicide Prevention/Intervention • Monthly meetings of peer support prisoners at Mount Gambier Prison • ASIST delivered at Mount Gambier Prison
Strengthen Service Knowledge on Suicide Assessment and Intervention	• Lifeline SE developing a clear succinct assessment information card on suicide for distribution to services • Lifeline SE developing a Diagrammatic Chart of Community Services for distribution to services
Postvention	
Strengthen Memberships	ATSI, and Prison representatives have joined Network. Dairy Farmer rep to be approached and other business representatives.
Bereaved by Suicide Support Group	Monthly newsletter
Standby	Standby is now staffed and operational
Library of Bereavement Resources	Establishing this with Standby

Government of SA's Information Booklet	Distributed to Police, Mt Gambier Funeral Directors plus links provided to access further supplies
Prison Inclusion on Bereavement Resources, programs and information	Prison staff member is part of Standby Steering Committee
Hope For Life	Postvention highly successful workshop heldf