

Minutes MNC Cross Sector Meeting

Date and Time	Tuesday 12 th March 2025 3.30-4.30
Venue	MS teams
Chair	Jo Winwood

Item	Session topic	Responsible
1	Welcome and Acknowledgement to Country	Jo Winwood
2	<p>Cyclone Alfred Discussion and feedback</p> <p>General acknowledgement from all that RACH's and services were well prepared, co-operative in working with different levels of government and health and happy to provide information. Much progress from 21/22 and huge congratulations to all.</p> <p><u>Emergency Management Plans</u></p> <p>Plans in general were comprehensive and well actioned. Services all concurred that a lot more planning had happened since last weather event and the outcomes demonstrated that.</p> <p>Now is an opportunity to revise and update plans based on new information- and to re-visit them regularly as some were out of date. Refresher training for EMP's to be offered post event</p> <p>Creative solutions sought to finding alternative accommodation for residents- motels etc, especially where neighbouring homes are at capacity. Need preparation well in advance and a contingency, especially where it relates to varying occupancy of contingency RACH's.</p> <p>Creative solutions for staffing, staying on site, SES escort through hazards, and staffing from community care teams as some examples.</p> <p>Query over who is responsible for activating resident transfers if neighbouring RACH's (as per plan) are full. Agreed RACH's are responsible and need to ensure contingency in plans- plans should also include seeking emergency services support and considerations for transport.</p> <p><u>Support and Communications</u></p> <p>Great support from agencies.</p> <p>RACHS tried where possible to care for residents at home. VCCC were triaging 000 calls to ensure the right support was available with special vehicles equipped to get to hazardous locations</p>	All

	<p>RACHs appreciated hearing directly about major issues relating to supply of power and water- hear say can take over otherwise and cause unnecessary anxiety which can be worrying.</p> <p>Trish Lemin was especially called out for her support and efforts.</p> <p>Challenges keeping GPMS up to date- makes it difficult and therefore off putting to keep updated</p> <p>Such an improvement on 2021/22. The door knocks were extremely helpful</p>	
3	<p>Update from Kerry Turnbull on student nurse placement program – has contracts in both MNC and NNSW and more coming on board. Now recruiting two facilitator roles. Happy to work with More RACHs.</p> <p>https://hunterprimarycare.com.au/aged-care-nursing-clinical-placement-program/</p> <p>Clinical placement program Kerry Turnbull: kerryturnbull@hunterprimarycare.com.au</p> <p>Kerry also promoted the Parkinsons training available at UTas MOOC: The Wicking Dementia Centre which is highly recommended.</p>	Hunter Primary Care
4	<p>Advanced Care Planning week March 16th. Marked with a Free dinner event in collaboration with the End of Life Law for Clinicians at the Coffs Surf Lifesaving Club on March 18, 6 pm – 8 pm.</p> <p>An interactive ELLC workshop involving discussion of end-of-life law and decision-making through a clinical case study.</p> <p>Topics include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity and consent to medical treatment • Substitute decision-making • Withholding and withdrawing life sustaining medical treatment • Futile or non-beneficial treatment • Providing pain and symptom relief • Advance Care Directives <p>Who should attend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GPs and other primary care professionals with older patients • Clinicians and senior team members of aged care providers (residential and community) • Specialist health professionals working with older people. <p>To register - https://hnc.org.au/events/end-of-life-law-for-clinicians-workshop/</p> <p>Hope to see you there!</p>	Healthy North Coast

	<p>GP's for residential Aged Care</p> <p>Work continues to improve GP access for aged care residents. GP gathering in Coffs Harbour 14/03/25 to understand GP views and a similar event will be hosted with RACHs in the coming months. Combined feedback will help GP's, RACHs and residents to work better together and more sustainably, including creative models of care.</p>	
5	<p>From Department of Health</p> <p>The Aged Care Collaborative is offering 2 funding streams to address workforce challenges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flagship projects: \$2 million total for 2 large-scale, collaborative projects. Applications open 11 March. • Accelerator Grants: \$1 million total, with grants up to \$100,000 each, for projects delivering specialist support. Applications close 31 March. <p>The link to the Aged Care Collaborative.</p> <p>UPCOMING WEBINARS Notable dates</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Webinar: CHSP 2025–27 extension and reforms</u> 13 March Register now 2. <u>Maggie Beer Foundation training</u> Closes 14 March Apply now 3. <u>Consultation extended: New Financial and Prudential Standards</u> Closes 14 March Have your say 4. <u>Webinar: Strengthened Quality Standards</u> 18 March Register now 	DoH
8	<p>Meeting closed at 4.15pm</p> <p>Next meeting: Tuesday, 8th April 2025, 2-3 pm</p>	

