

Surry Hills Neighbourhood Centre

Notes from “Information and Planning Forum”, held at the Surry Hills Neighbourhood Centre, Saturday 22 October 2005

Present

Lina Amin, Salma Begum, Ruth Champion, Joyenti Chowdhury, Enid Cook, Charlotte Cornwall, Spring Lai, Sara Lubowitz, Iona Mackenzie, Joy Ross, Mike Salon (facilitator), Linda Scott, Jessica Smith, Anthony Stratford, Susan Toseland, Darren Whitaker

Documents

“Information & Planning Forum” handout (4p)

Draft copy of proposed “Rules for Surry Hills Neighbourhood Centre, an Association incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act, 1984” (19p)

The notes below capture what was written on butchers paper during the meeting. In the case of the notes from the two sheets entitled “Primary Objects” and “Secondary Objects”, the contents have been appropriately reworded to become the proposed “Objects” section of the intended new Rules, and are also shown below.

Objects

The objects for which the Association is established are:

- (a) principally, to provide a community service for the direct relief of poverty, suffering, disability and helplessness in the Surry Hills area of Sydney, by directly providing services to members of the public who are aged or infirm, people with physical or intellectual disabilities, people with a mental illness, people on low incomes, or people otherwise disadvantaged within the community.

This includes:

- i. services and activities which engage the marginalised and integrate them with the community at large;
- ii. assistance in the elimination of poverty or the organisation, promotion or arrangement of such activities as may be deemed charitable;
- iii. encouraging the community to support the social inclusiveness for the marginalised of Surry Hills and surrounding areas.
- iv. to provide an information, advocacy and referral service to members of the public to enable them to utilise other available community and public services, especially services assisting the marginalised.
- v. to directly provide practical support and companionship to the frail or elderly or people with a illness or disability to enable them to live at home and remain active in their communities.

- vi. promoting social justice, especially for the disadvantaged
- vii. to provide child focussed activities for families, which particular emphasis on those most in need.
- viii. and/or services the Association may elect to provide in the future

and

(b) secondary objects, which are:

- i. to raise funds for services for the disadvantaged covering the shortfall in government funding, including childcare, Surry Hills markets, Surry Hills festival, space hire at community organisations at reduced rates and sponsorship;
- ii. organisation or promotion of activities of a social, recreational or sporting nature for the Surry Hills community;
- iii. promotion or organisation or such activities as will enhance the physical, social or economic environment of Surry Hills;
- iv. build partnerships with other organisations in the pursuit of the primary objectives
- v. to provide assistance for any other activity deemed by the Association to be for the advancement of the local community;

and

(c) to function as a not-for-profit organization in accordance with the below-mentioned Rules 43 and 44 of this Association.

The Marginalised of Surry Hills

- Elderly NESB
- Women NESB
- Young NESB
- Low Income
- Homeless
- Carers
- Mentally Ill (especially dual diagnosis)
- Single Parents
- HIV / Aids
- Youth
- Frail

Other Points Made

- SHNC needs to advertise
- Lobbying
- Avoid stigmatising marginalised
- Holistic Approach re Community

Mike Salon, Facilitator, 22 October 2005