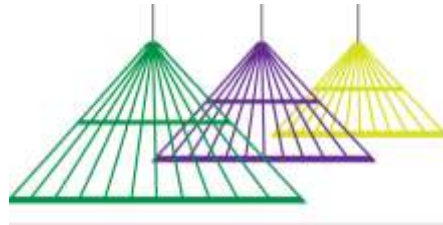


VICTORIA STREET CONSULTATIVE GROUP



AGENDA

Monday 9th April 2018 3.00pm – 4.30 pm

Venue: Wurundjeri Room, Collingwood Town Hall

VSCG Goals:

A safer, more peaceful and prosperous Victoria Street that is inclusive of everyone.

We understand that we are all part of one community and any solutions will also need to consider the whole community which includes the health and welfare needs of people affected by illicit drugs.

VSCG Mode of operation:

The VSWG does not represent any particular organisation, policy or approach. Members have come together to build relationships of trust and confidence and we look to collaborate, build partnership and take actions together to achieve these goals. We are action focussed.

VSCG Values

Courage, Optimism, Integrity, Compassion, Respect

Members understand and agree that achieving these goals will require:

- Courage to Act – perhaps differently to what we have been used to.
- Innovative and Optimistic thinking – we may all have different approaches and solutions.
- Collaborative effort, and a willingness to pitch in wherever and in whatever way each of us can.
- We act with respect and compassion, and look for the good in each other and in our community.

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Item	Time	Description	Speaker
1.	3.00	<p>Welcome - (Chairs)</p> <p>Acknowledgement of Country:</p> <p>"The VSWG acknowledges the Wurundjeri People of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today and pay our respects to their Elders both past and present. We also pay our respect to Aboriginal people of other lands present with us today and pay our respect to their elders past and present."</p> <p>*Reminder that we operate with respect & remember our values.</p>	Hieng/Maree/Greg
2.	3.05 pm	<p>Attendees, Apologies and Introductions</p> <p>Attendees:</p> <p>Greg, Hieng, Hatice, Travis Storti (Richmond Police), Adam, Sarah, Ugly, Lisa, Andrea, Maureen</p> <p>Special Guests: Tom Abbott (DHHS), Tamarra Spargo (DHHS)</p> <p>And Kim Swinson (COY), Simon Osborne (COY)</p> <p>Apologies: Maree</p>	
3.	3.10 pm – 4.25	<p>Items</p> <p>1. DHHS MISC Briefing</p> <p>Tom Abbott from the Dept. of Health and Human Services provided an overview of the process for establishing the Medically Supervised Injecting Room at North Richmond Community Health Centre. The governance structure includes an Expert Advisory Committee headed by former Sydney MSIC Medical Director Ingrid Van Beek. There were additional governance levels including a Local Level Reference Group, an Expert Evaluation Panel and a Gateway Services Group. The aims of the MSIR were to reduce overdose deaths, remove drug affected people from the streets, remove drug paraphernalia and provide a gateway to treatment. There have been approximately 50 community briefings by DHHS to inform the community. The MSIR will operate from July 1st when a temporary site will open inside the existing NRCH – the works on this site commence today. A purpose built building will be built over the following 12 months. It is anticipated that the MSIR will operate for up to 12 hrs per day during the week and 8 hours over the weekend. The appointment of the Medical Director will be announced soon. The VSCG discussed the impact of injecting in the local area with special mention of the concerns about drug use in the multi-deck car park. All agreed that the MSIR was a positive move.</p> <p>2. Andrea Cook - Restorative Yarra</p> <p>Andrea updated the group on the progress of the UoM/CoY/NJC/YDHF project which concludes at the end of April. Andrea notified the group that the partners had met and decided on a final project before the end of Restorative Yarra. The final project will be an opportunity to generate a dialogue about the conflicting issues that dominate the way in which people perceive the issues in and around Victoria Street. The process will be through a dialogue opportunity that will capture the voices of people that</p>	<p>Tamarra and Tom</p> <p>Andrea</p>

5.	4.30	Close Meeting	Chairs
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