

Living Smart Facilitator Network

Minutes-23-July-09

Attendance: Rosalind Murray, Libby Burgess, Katherine Gaschk, Steph Jennings, Chris Johnston, Lisa Brideson, Erin, Libby Eustance, Alex Hyndman, Ben Kelly, Tim Darby, Shani Graham, Rob Hornbrook, Kathy Ings, David, Kerry Love

Apologies: Bart Houwen, Gary, Talia, Natalie, Paul, Jason Fox

Agenda Items

* **Learnings from Term 2 courses - public and corporate**

Piney Lakes - Shani, Tim with Ben at City of Melville

Biodiversity activity by a Guest speaker (Arlene Moncrieff) highlighting fauna survival in urban areas, the need for corridors etc using interactive, visual activities and discussion - the importance of why to do your bit for urban biodiversity.

Numbers large 45+ - challenging to get interpersonal connections occurring, tended to be more lecture-based though group work by suburb still done.

Followup dinner for participants and offer for monthly meeting at Piney Lakes if interest is there.

City of Fremantle Course for employees - Libby & Gary with Alex at CoFremantle

Why run it? (Alex) - for longer-term programmes, connecting staff across departments to Sustainability Officer and to nominate to take on env initiatives

+ City of Cockburn

10 x 1hour - lunchtime slot takes a big chunk out of the day, 10 wks too long to sustain attendance/interest

7 x 1.5hr recommended instead

Put food on first and get people on time, rather than at the end.

Hamilton Hill - Steph with City of Cockburn

Group of 25 - stable attendances

Venue well connected with local community

Field trip after week 3 with Maggie Lilith creating a veg patch in participants garden - very successful and bonding experience

Sorrento Steph & Talia with DPI & City of Joondalup

Venue within target community for DPI program, a little large for the numbers, but venue options limited.

Mid week email important for keeping numbers stable across the course.

UWA Course - Lisa & Phil

Field Trip to City Farm - not suitable for adults, more tailored for school children, potentially a good field trip.

* **Professional Development Slot** - Tim on Post-Course Living Smart strategies

Street Mosaicing event in Hulbert St prior to LS course - introduced course idea to street

Course at local cafe within walking from

Dreaming activity at end of course - eg gavage sale/swap, fun activities but without naming who would do it

Post course dinner - disappointingly no one nominating to run with ideas, but 10 yr old asked for skate ramp and a neighbour took this up

Takes time - don't anticipate immediate enthusiasm for action

Simple, slow steps without committees can work well - eg basil and tomato verges

Movie nights - link people into these nights that may not want to attend a course

Kids movie night very successful and coordinated by kids

Skills register - everyone in the street has a sheet with skills and materials available from neighbours in the street...this generated a street email list. This helped support coordinating local feedback to council on development assessments in their neighbourhood.

Started to develop a reputation as a sustainable street - contacted to run expert speakers forums

Now established on verge land near public pathway a multi-bed raised veg patch.

Tried Living Smarties nights - locals skilling locals - not big name speakers - share food and experiences, set exercises to support sharing as well as time for informal sharing. Initially tried in the street but too small and connections

already occurring in the street. Now expanded to Fremantle & Hamilton Hill & Piney Lakes participants and friends and numbers around 30-45 people. Interesting to hear different questions from LS participants and non-participants/friends - level of knowledge, looking for positive solutions, not problems/barriers

Hulbert St Sustainability Fiesta - 19-20 September 2009 10-4pm - now being run by the street, 2 houses open, will have a Living Smart stall, looking for volunteers - contact Shani and Tim

*** Establishing a list of LS facilitators** interested in going on a register [Living Smart Facilitator Register](#)

Facilitators can go to Wiki site and add their details, and availability and interest in cofacilitating

email and suburb you live in to share and gain local knowledge and having a role model in local area. Gives local confidence on having a go - invite them to your house to show that it is possible

Will assist with promotion of courses, can send people to Wiki site

Co-facilitating - assists with diversity, shares the load, can have one person watching crowd and other talking.

advantage on both

*** Handling the facilitator network and database** and other assistance while Steph on leave

database to edit update

contact

running organising meetings

email on website to go to somebody

Lisa to help out during work hours and extra as needed, updating website with courses, updating facilitators database,

Alex can also help out, specifically with email,

permission to deliver forms - needs to go to founders for approval - need to work out how that will work,

Ben can help out with promoting the LGA involvement with other LGA's to run a LS course in their area. He can help them to engage community through LGA officers

* **Update History** of Courses webpage [History of Courses](#) should be a regular item at meetings; common questions for publicity - especially with numbers and numbers of courses.

Updated at this meeting, needs to happen at every meeting

* Living Smart Stalls - at fiesta. Sharni will send out request a bit later
there is a LS display that sharni and tim have put together - bit heavy need a car to set up; Alex has asked for a display at CoF carbon neutral launch on 1st October 4 - 8 pm possibly in morning - If anyone can help with that that would be great.
Contact Alex

* Margaret River - building interest

At stage of thinking about it. The environment centre want to run it. LGA are not seeing value of the course and are not wanting to support. MR having a meeting in mid August if anyone can go down to speak - a presentation to council on proposal to run Living Smart - Blair Davill. Put him in touch with Jane from MR. Blair can call Sharni about details, she is keen on LS.

COUNTRY COURSES - how to run them, how to support,

Running a weekend course - not call a LS course.

What are the other models of courses. How to incorporate well research on types of courses and how they create change; invite students to do a research talk to Peter to get research into a country and a corporate model for LS courses. Needs to be a honors or Phd.

each new model could be an honors program.

Rosalind going to a uni open day - can suggest for students to chose options to research - Main options at this stage are 1) Corporate and 2) Country and 3) Lounge Room.

* **Request for Facilitators:**

#1 Roleystone Bendigo Bank LS - City of Armadale

Rosalind willing to facilitate; Bank wanting to encourage community engagement and grow community; LS seen as a good early move to grow community and assist business; Bank is willing to help out with admin and wants to work with LGA, have assistance of the people who work in the bank. Media promotion is - connected to bank and assist with that/admin and then the facilitator can focus on that. There are other facilitators to help Rosalind with costings; Steph has something for them that is a course cost break down

Steph has updated costings breakdown for courses that can assist whilst she is away

#2 City of Belmont from 16 Sept- 4 November. The course would be run on

Wednesday evenings from 6.00pm- 8.00pm in Ruth Faulkner Public Library, Cloverdale.

- Useful to have an experienced facilitator (possibly for the first few sessions?), with Nicole Davey/ Darius as co-facilitators.

- We have some funding available to cover travel costs/ time.

Contact Nicole Davey at Town of Belmont 9477

7295 Nicole.Davey@belmont.wa.gov.au

>> needs help in the early on set up; Helene has offered to help out with early preparations.

Agenda ideas for next meeting - 22nd October

1) LS at schools - kids, parents and staff. target all but quite different audience
Rosalind writing up a report on running a energy component of a course with High School students and primary school students - but it was not as successful as Rosalind hoped.

Rosalind will send the report around to LS facilitators

Sharni would like to see one day parents and students to be in same course.

ACTION - Have a separate meeting for different options for courses, Invite Peter Dingle and other facilitators that have ideas of how/what options there are for courses.

Have this as the next meeting, have split up into different groups to discuss.

Tim to contact Peter to invite him. Other founders will need to be there too.

Facilitators to think about their ideas for this meeting.

Students/honors to be invited if possible interest to study into

Libby corporate

Rosalind - schools

Nat - country