



CONNECTING CARE COMMUNIQUE 30 JUNE 2020

Today marks the conclusion of the Department of Health-funded Anticipatory Care Project in Ulverstone. It leaves a lasting legacy of an expanded *Connecting Care* across the Central Coast. Work will continue until the end of the year on the Portal, including the Local Resource Directory, and to transition the *Connecting Care* Roundtable to an extended **Central Coast Community Wellbeing Leadership Roundtable** working for a healthy, educated and connected community.

The *Connecting Care* Roundtable met online today to wind up the funded project and to discuss our observations and possible recommendations to government. Discussion included: the positive gains from the COVID-19 situation in helping community to think differently, with more urgency and in a more refined way; the shift during the project to a community-driven perspective; the importance of 'local' rather than one size fits all; *Connecting Care*'s brand is recognisable; the potential to tailor the *Connecting Care* model in other regions, especially community wellbeing governance; the importance of connection across Central Coast with a range of people trained to be connectors of information; the enormity of the resources created that need to be shared across community and business groups and organisations; and the important role of Central Coast Council as a facilitator; the need for decision-makers to put a community wellbeing lens across decisions being made locally.

The Final Report is due to be submitted to the Department of Health in mid July. A **Community Feedback Forum** will be held in the Gnomon Room, Pier 1 on **Tuesday 25 August 12 – 1.30 pm**.

Moving forward, work will continue on the sustainability of the ever-expanding *Connecting Care Portal* including the **Local Resource Directory**.

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Please encourage your organisation and other local service providers, community groups and other relevant organisations to list on this FREE Directory. Without your help we can't provide the community with the means to connect to support when and where it's needed.

Central Coast Community Wellbeing Governance

The Collective ed Ulverstone and *Connecting Care* partnership will drive the transition to the new community-driven governance model. Maree Gleeson and Judi Walker will undertake work to manage this smoothly and ensure that it works collaboratively with groups and organisation across Central Coast to provide an essential framework for community wellbeing initiatives to flourish and grow without duplication and with maximum collaboration and communication.

Thank you to my wonderful Project Team and particular thanks to Vanessa whose contract finishes today with the end of the funded Project. Haley, Gary and I will continue in limited roles as backbone support to see the gains from *Connecting Care* embedded into the community.

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