***Durri Aboriginal Corporation Medical Service***

***ICN: 27***

***Notes from Bowraville Community Meeting***

**Date:** Wednesday the 3rd of February, 2016

**Place:** Pioneer Hall, High Street, Bowraville NSW

**Board of Directors Present –** Alison Martin, Cheryl Davis Kelvin Jarrett

**Chair:** Tim Agius

**Note Taker:** Alicia Stewart

**Attendees**

Tim Agius (TA), Alison Martin (AM), Alicia Stewart, Harry Phillip Hall (HPH), Ann Edwards (AE), Hector Edwards, Maddison Smart, Dr. Edwina Guard (EG), Robert Drummond, Maria Buckley, Jodie Bowron, Ruth Walker, John Whiteley, Michelle Jarrett (MJ), Rita Ballangarry, Darren Murray (DM), Monica Pullen, Narelle Cochrane, Lynette Donovan, Barry Toohey, Libby Knight, Fred Walker, Paula Craig, Vicki Fernance, Melissa Fritzgerald, Kelvin Jarrett, Doris Cohen (DC), Ellice Buchanan, Allan Hoskins, Celia Griffen, Rodney Frampton, Cheryl Davis, Martin Ballangarry (MB)

Q = Question asked but speaker was not identified

**Meeting opened:** 1.19pm

A welcome to country was done by Uncle Martin Ballangarry.

Alison Martin officially opened the meeting by welcoming everyone introduced Tim and Alicia and handed the meeting to Tim Agius to Chair.

Tim provided an overview to the attendees about what this meeting is about and how it came about:

* There was confusion about who should be here. Everyone is welcome.
* We (Durri) will be going to the mission to speak with the families after this meeting
* Durri has provided health services to the Bowraville Community via a building that was on the mission until some years ago and then Durri moved its services to Nambucca.
* Durri continues to provide services to Bowraville via Nambuccaa
* Family members lobbied to the Government regarding Bowraville.
* A mapping exercise was done for services that come into Bowraville
* Not many services provide services into the Bowraville Community but want to.
* Working Group have made four recommendations to be submitted to State Government.
* Tim received draft recommendations yesterday and they require a response this Thursday, 4.2.15.

MB: Who is on this Working Group?

1. TA: Government and local government have a responsibility to Bowraville. Michelle (Jarrett), Paula (Craig) and Leonie (Duroux) are on the group as they are representatives of the families. Meetings of the Working Party have been by teleconference only.
2. Durri asked the Working Party on its first teleconference if they had representatives from the families on the Working Group.
3. The recommendations that the Working Group have made will need to go to the Durri Board.

The Working were advised that if Durri does not respond by the 4th it does not Durri does not agree with the recommendations.

1. This meeting happened to coincide with the date that the draft recommendations were provided to us as the decision to have a meeting with the Bowraville Community was decided at the Durri Board meeting on the 1st December 2015.
2. MJ: Bowraville needs a health service in the community. What is Durri doing with this building (High Street)? People are disadvantaged by living at Bowraville and Durri needs to go back to the mission.
3. TA: Durri still provides services to Bowraville and given the recommendations will work with the State Government.
4. Architects have quoted in the vicinity of $1.5 million for the High Street premises.
5. The Commonwealth Government do not have monies available for capital funding.
6. MJ: There’s a 3pm cut off time with transport from Bowraville to the Nambucca Clinic. We were told that after 3pm no transport will come to Bowraville.
7. TA: I will be meeting with Tia next week and I will discuss that with her.
8. EG: How much funding does Kempsey get verse funding for Bowraville and Nambucca?
9. TA: I do not have those figures with me.
10. Durri will still provide a service to Bowraville and Integrate what Durri provides with what the state plans are. Durri will not be stopping current services to the community.
11. PMC fund Durri for the position that Barry (Toohey) holds and there is a vacant position for which interviews will held for next week.
12. EG: Which services has Durri engaged to see all services in Bowraville?
13. TA: Durri has been meeting with the families and have spoken with the working parties of the state and commonwealth governments. Other agencies said that they would like to provide services to Bowraville but aren’t at the moment.
14. MJ: State would not set up another medical service as such but other services. There is a list of all health services in town.
15. TA informed everyone about the mapping exercise that was done by the State Working Group.
16. TA: We (Durri) are doing what we can whether it be here (Bowraville) or at Nambucca. Unofficial discussions have taken place with the CE of Local District Health about what we (Durri and the District) could jointly do.
17. Tim spoke about the High Street building, the possibility of a partnership being formed with the District and a shared service being operated out of this building between Durri and the District.
18. DM: Can NSW Health and Bowraville Land Council come to an agreement or a negotiation to bring something back to the community? EG: Area Health Service quoted that the cost to repair the building (Bowraville Mission) would be $70,000.
19. MB: I would like to see these recommendations and where is the community consultation?
20. BT gave an overview of recommendations.
21. Q: The four recommendations are about the families, why can’t High Street be used for mums and bubs or something set up out of Mimi Mothers?
22. TA explained about Durri’s accreditation requirements and that he will inform the District and state and commonwealth.
23. MJ: It’s about choice, not everyone wants to use the current services and it’s their prerogative. The community needs to go back to what they had with Durri and the staff that they are familiar with.
24. EG: Durri removed its services four years ago, with no warning, and left their patients with no follow up. I have seen a lot of those patients.
25. MJ: Durri did give notice. I was working there at the time and it was a WH&S and Board issue.
26. HPH: I have spoken with six CEO’s of Durri and an Administrator. It’s a legal matter between Durri and the Land Council (Bowraville). The Land Council is happy to renegotiate.
27. There is a Finance Committee that not many know about that Wayne Evan sits on. The Land Council made a decision to have services there (Bowraville Mission) and Dr Guard has a three year lease there with the possibility of an extension of another three years. Durri moved out because of building reports and the Land Council is only the landlord not a health service.
28. MJ: There was no need because there was a clinic there and it’s an issue now because now there’s no service. Every organisation needs to come back to the community.
29. DM: Would the Land Council look at renting at a reasonable rate?
30. MJ: How could a land lord let it go that far?
31. HPH: I have only been here six years.
32. MJ: Anyone wanting to use the building (on the mission) needs to get their act together.
33. TA: Durri will continue to meet with the community and advocate and participate.
34. AE: I was on the Durri Board as the representatives for Bowraville and Nambucca were asked to leave meetings when the Board was discussing the closure of the clinic at Bowraville and the move to Nambucca.
35. MB: Please conduct yourselves accordingly during the meeting as everyone has a lot of history they want to talk about and need to look at moving forward.
36. Dr Guard has a three year lease on the building at the Bowraville mission with the possibility of extending it another three years.
37. Dr Guard provided an overview of when the building is and isn’t in use.
38. MJ: Land Council was given a ninety nine year lease on the land (the building is situated on at Bowraville Mission) at the cost of one dollar. An agreement needs to be worked out between the traditional owners of the land and services not the Land Council. What went wrong?
39. Q: Can the Land Council come to an agreement with Durri?
40. HPH: This is at a Board level.

Tim Summarised discussions

1. That the community supports the State working group recommendations to establish the outpost on the community.
2. That Durri proceed with negotiating with Local Heal Health District to the possibility of providing Health Services from the High Street Building for the Town Community.
3. Encourage the Land Council Board and the Durri Board to meet to resolve the issues with the Community building.

Tim Agius & Alicia Stewart

**Meeting closed:** 2.34pm