

Sapphire Coast Connections - Rural Women's Gathering



Expression of Interest to be involved in bid to host the 2018 Rural Womens Gathering on the Sapphire Coast

We are looking for Expressions of Interest to help with a bid to host a 'Rural Women's Gathering' on the Sapphire Coast in 2018.

We are in the early stages of putting together a bid but would love to include as many interested people and ideas as we can. There are many ways you can support, such as

- helpful suggestions & ideas
- in kind support
- community support
- physical support
- sponsorship
- assistance on the main committee
- assistance on the sub-committees

We will need to submit a proposal by 31st March 2017 and need to show that the local community will support this Gathering.

We would love your support and to hear your ideas.

Thank you in advance from the interim Sapphire Coast Rural Womens Gathering bid Committee.

When 18-02-2017 at 01:30

Location: Bega Valley Regional Learning Centre, 14 Cabarita Pl, Merimbula NSW 2548, Australia

Chairperson One More Step

Minute taker April Merrick

Present Sapphire Coast Connections , Linda Mayo , April Merrick , ANZ

Apologies Trish Howard , Goodyear Autocare Merimbula

Minutes

1. What are Rural Women's Gatherings?

Gatherings are organised by local committees who make key decisions, develop a theme and the weekend program. Each Gathering reflects the unique culture, talent, industry, tourism and environment of the host community.

-Women's Gatherings are for ALL rural women including: farming women; Aboriginal women; women from Culturally & Linguistically Diverse backgrounds; mining women; women in the fishing industry; women who live in regional cities, towns and villages; and coastal women.

- Womens gatherings are about giving rural women a chance to network

-Held in regional towns across NSW since 1993

Note Merimbula would be the first 'coastal' town to host a gathering

We would hope to attract more women from the younger age groups e.g. <24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-54

- Previous gathering have offered discounts for women in the younger age groups we could consider this strategy

Most gatherings attract 350+ women from NSW to the event.

-Due to our location we could also attract women from VIC and ACT

2. Requirements of the bid

Completed Bid due **31st March 2017**

Date of event: 19,20,21 October 2018

Notes about date

- Gathering is week before Eden Whale festival
- Doesn't clash with NSW school holidays
- Doesn't clash with any major local events
- Catering suggestions - attach list from Fiona

Julie has already received positive support about the gathering from local businesses, Chamber, council and the Mumbula foundation.

Will need Letters of support from council, local businesses and community groups for bid

Letter of support and other documents to updated with finalised event name and date

Graphic design suggestions -

Artist from Wheelers?

Bizancia Angelica Vega Labarana - email: angelica.vega@bizancia.com 0475 459 134

Need to look into travel options for participants

- Carpool

- Bus (investigate travel options on bus from various parts of NSW)

- Fly (look at the schedule of flights to and from Merimbula for the weekend from Syd and Melb)

Suggestion - Can link up and do a deal with an airline if we get large interest to fly.

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Tasks

- ✓ Contact Bega land council
Due date: 10-03-2017
- ✓ find out about bus schedules
Due date: 26-02-2017
- ✓ Find out about airport schedules
Due date: 26-02-2017

3. Discuss the theme of the event

Note - Past gathering themes were focused on the name of the town hosting

Discussed the working title of Coastal Connections... a click away

- There are already organisations, events, business out there with the name coastal connections
- URL and gmail not available
- felt thea click away bit wasn't necessary and could confuse or discourage some people from attending
- All liked the word connections
- Want to keep coast or coastal to attract people to the area
- Name to focus on the hosting area

Agreed Gathering name - **Sapphire Coast Connections**

Discussed a tag line, potential tag lines

Tribes of land and water

Waves Whales & Water

Web(s) Whales & Water

Tribes of land & Water

Water Women and Wondering

Agreed to work on a tag line later and just focus on our gathering name and the theme components of coast and connection.

Sapphire Coast - location

Connections - connecting people, connecting via technology, connecting to culture (indigenous, multicultural, colonial), connecting to nature

How connections can be supported by technology

Note - Have theme colours- could be sapphire blue (Sapphire Coast) & yellow (coastal)

Decision

Gathering Name- Sapphire Coast Connections

Tasks

- Update letters of support and other documents with new name
Assignee: Sapphire Coast Connections
Due date: 19-02-2017

4. Ideas for potential workshops and tours

Workshop ideas on the theme of Connections

- health well-being (including physical and mental health)
- finding your tribe, how to do it and tools
- Art installation
- building a business from a rural location
- community development
- arts and crafts
- agriculture
- Toughing it out
- Education - distance, access
- Refugees
- visual arts
- music
- Cooking (connections)
- Cheese making workshop
- quilting
- Aboriginal issues in the area, hearing from aboriginal people
- Horse riding
- Stand up paddle boarding
- Tourism businesses
- Magic Mountain
- Can include Eden with Whale watching tours

Intertwine the theme of connection into all workshops, e.g. cooking helps people connect over food.....

Tours

- Aboriginal history
- Aboriginal agriculture
- Jigamy farm
- Host town tours
- Tourist spots
- Bega cheese tour
- Oyster tours
- Aquaculture
- Whales
- Enterprises
- Disabilities
- Bundian way

Ideas for the event program

- Contact Broken Hill committee to find out what worked and didn't for them
- draft a program and get input from all
- Offer dinner options not just a gala dinner for Sat night

Suggested entertainment options

- Riki Bloomsfield

- The Elevators

Potential speakers

- Jackie French (grass roots, earth gardens)

- Alexander Seddon

- Can have a forum of speakers instead of

Daycare options - get phone numbers of local pre-schools and child care centres

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Tasks

- Contact previous RW gathering host and ask for advice
Due date: 04-03-2017

5. Where to from here?

Fundraising - list from Fiona

Draft submission to host

Send draft submission to host to committee

Next meeting 1pm Monday March 6th

- meeting to be held online using Zoom Meeting, or Skype.

Send list of what we would like from meeting

SUBMISSION TO HOST INFORMATION STILL REQUIRED FOR NEXT MEETING ON 6th MARCH

- **Seek community support** - letters of support from local community
- **Auspecting body** - Julie to follow up
- **Budget** - Janet to follow up
- **Catering** - Fiona to look into
- **Program** - Julie to create
- **Keynote/guest speakers** - everyone to come back with some names
- **Workshop & tours** - everyone to come back with some ideas - check Fiona's notes above
- **Information stalls/markets** - everyone to come back with some ideas
- **Gathering venue** - Sapphire Club have confirmed interest - see attachment
- **Sponsorship** - check with Theresa. Christine to look into as well
- **Accommodation and travel** - need to contact Nat Kirby from the Information Center for a list
- **Childcare** -
- **Partners Program** -

Decision

Next meeting Monday 6th March 1pm online (possibly Zoom meeting or Skype)

Tasks

- ✓ Finalise minutes send out to attendees
Assignee: April Merrick
Due date: 19-02-2017
- ✓ Contact aboriginal groups to seek their input
Due date: 04-03-2017
- ✓ Draft bid and send to meeting participants
Assignee: April Merrick
Due date: 03-04-2017
- ✓ Mandy find out about Zoom meeting
Due date: 24-02-2017
- ✓ Jannet letter of support form Rotary
Due date: 25-02-2017
- ✓ Catering list
Due date: 25-02-2017
- ✓ Template for workshops
Assignee: April Merrick
Due date: 24-02-2017
- ✓ Contact Auspicing Body - Bega Council & Sapphire Coast Tourism
Due date: 10-03-2017
- ✓ Create a draft budget for next meeting
Due date: 04-03-2017

6. NEW EMAIL CONTACT

New email for all contacts relating to this event has been created:

SapphireCoastConnections@gmail.com

End of minutes.

Summary of matters arising are tabled on the following page.

Minutes of Expression of Interest to be involved in bid to host the 2018 Rural Womens Gathering on the Sapphire Coast on 18-02-2017

Summary of Matters Arising

Decisions

Item Decision

3. Gathering Name- Sapphire Coast Connections
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Tasks

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3.	Update letters of support and other documents with new name	Sapphire Coast Connections	19-02-2017
4.	Contact previous RW gathering host and ask for advice		04-03-2017
5.	Finalise minutes send out to attendees	April Merrick	19-02-2017
5.	Contact aboriginal groups to seek their input		04-03-2017
5.	Draft bid and send to meeting participants	April Merrick	03-04-2017
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5.	Catering list		25-02-2017
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Summary of Attachments

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5. [Club_Sapphire.docx](#)

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