

Research on Issues for Men in the Bellingen-Coffs Harbour area

Questionnaire to Men

INTRODUCTION

We are students studying the Diploma in Community Welfare Work at the North Coast Institute of TAFE in Coffs Harbour. As part of our studies, we have been given the task to undertake research on the issues and needs of men in the Bellingen-Coffs Harbor local government areas by the Life Skills for Blokes Project at The Neighbourhood House Inc. based at Boambee East Community Centre. Part of this research is also to see if there is a need for a men's support service in the area, and if so how it would be best provided.

CONFIDENTIALITY & USE OF INFORMATION FROM RESEARCH

All information obtained from this questionnaire will be kept strictly confidential.

No person, organization or group will be able to be identified in results or reports that arise from the research.

Information arising from the research will be owned by The Neighbourhood House Inc. and will be used in accordance with the organisation's policies concerning information use and confidentiality.

Please return this questionnaire by **12/11/09** to: **Men's Research P.O. Box 335, Toormina NSW 2452**

If you have any questions or require more information about the research, please contact:

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DEFINITIONS

Men - means all men 18 years and over

Coffs Harbour Local Government Area covers all of the area bounded by the following localities:

- North – Barcoongere, Halfway Creek, Red Rock, Corindi Beach & Woolgoolga
- North-west – Upper Corindi, Sherwood & Nana Glen
- West – Lowanna, Ulong, Brooklana & Upper Orara
- South – Bonville & Bundagen

Bellingen Local Government Area covers all of the area bounded by the following localities:

- North – Repton, Valery, Crossmaglen, Promised Land & Glenniffer
- North-west – Buffer Creek, Never Never, Megan, Brooklana Siding, Cascade, Briggsvale, Tallowood Ridge & Paddys Plain
- West – Bostobrick, Muldiva, Meldrum Downs, Deervale, Brinerville, Darkwood & Orama
- South-west – Upper Kalang & Kalang,
- South – Spicketts Creek, Brierfield, Tarkeeth, Newry & Picketts Hill
- East – Wenonah Head, Urunga & Mylestom

Of the men that you know, where do they go for assistance about the issues in the previous question?

(Please circle or write below)

Other men don't have any issues in their life

Other men don't go anywhere – they keep it to themselves

They go to their spouses/partners

Don't know

ISSUE

WHERE OTHER MEN SEEK HELP

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In your life, what issues, if any, affect you? (Please state)

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Can you please describe some of the times in the past when you, as a man, needed assistance?

(Please state)

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Where, or to whom, do you go for help about issues in your life

(Please circle if applicable)

Don't have any
issues in my life

I don't go anywhere –
I keep it to myself

I go to my
spouse/partner

I go to my
friends

(or write below)

ISSUE

WHERE I SEEK HELP

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What makes you reluctant to use health services when you need to? (e.g. doctors, nursing, hospitals, dentists, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, cancer services, mental health, alcohol & other drug services, health support groups, etc.)

This question is irrelevant - I use health services when I need to

I really have no need to use them

I didn't know about the services

There are no relevant services available for me

Service opening times do not suit me

Services don't feel welcoming to me

Embarrassment

Services are not private enough for me

Staff of services are mostly/all women

Financial problems

Other: (please state):

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What makes you reluctant to use community services when you need to? (e.g. emergency accommodation services, advocacy services, aged services, children’s services, counsellors, disability services, education & training services, employment services, family services, material and basic aid services, migrant services, neighbourhood centres, personal care and home support services, support groups, etc.)

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Other: (please state):

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Do you think there is a need for a men’s support service in the Bellingen-Coffs Harbour area?

(Please circle) YES NO

Please explain why you have answered YES or NO:

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What would be the 5 most important services for men?

(Please read all options first then circle **5** only or write others below)

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| Crisis accommodation | Material and basic aid (e.g. clothing, food vouchers, furniture) | |
| Anger management | Communication skills | Relationships |
| Fathering/parenting | Family services | Living skills (e.g. cooking, cleaning, budgeting) |
| Employment/unemployment | Financial | Legal |
| Gambling | Drug & alcohol | Counselling |
| Loss & Grief | Mental health/depression | Suicide |
| Information on other (including government) services | Referral to other services | Advocacy |
| A venue where groups of men can meet in private | Recreation/social activities for men | |
| Health support and services (please state which services): | | |
| Education/training/workshops on specific topics of interest to men (please state topics): | | |
| Other (please state): | | |

Would you use a men’s support service in Bellingen-Coffs Harbour area if there was one?

(Please circle) YES NO

If NO, why not? (please state):

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