

WTIM

Working Together in Minto



What is WTIM?

WTIM is a collaborative (interagency and community) approach to social service planning and delivery in the suburb of Minto.

WTIM is led by a member Coordination Group, with representatives from the local community, non-government organisations, government agencies, and businesses.

What about Minto?

Minto is a changing community. Over the past few

years we have seen significant change including:

- Reduction in the number of public housing dwellings.
- Commencement of major redevelopment with new public and private housing and new parks.
- An increasing number of residents from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

Our Vision

To make sure that Minto is a great place for all to live.

More specifically, we want to make sure that Minto is:

Active: a place where people get involved in local activities

Attractive: a place that looks good and makes people feel comfortable

Cohesive: a place where everyone gets along

Healthy: a place where people are healthy and have healthy relationships

Safe: a place that looks, feels and is safe

Vibrant: a place that offers education, employment and business opportunities



Message from the Chairperson

I was privileged to represent Working Together in Minto as Chairperson during 2010.

Leading up to and during 2010, Minto has undergone some significant changes.

Physically there has been over 190 land sales, two new parks, the design of the future Community Centre, as well as the ongoing civil works and the commencement of construction of seniors units.

There has been a noticeable change in demographics in the area including a vast reduction in public housing and an increase in residents from a culturally and linguistically diverse background.

This has resulted in a change in focus for WTIM: from supporting vulnerable social housing residents to integration of a whole of community as projected in the WTIM Strategic Plan 2009-2012.

The WTIM Coordination Group has also had changes in membership. We have had the pleasure of welcoming on board three local community members and another 2 local service providers.

I would like to thank all Coordination Group members both past and present for their invaluable contribution to the Minto community.

I encourage you all to be part of the change, I am certainly very proud to represent such a dynamic and successful group and look forward to continuing to work together to ensure the future of our community.



Paul Gavin

Paul Gavin
Chairman WTIM



We Value

Outcomes: doing things that make a difference

Collaboration: residents and service providers working together

Local knowledge: residents are the experts in their community

Opportunities: doing things that give residents new options and opportunities

Diversity: people with different backgrounds, ideas and aspirations

Client centred services: services that suit clients, not those who provide them

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WTIM Coordination Group Current Membership

Community Representatives



Beverly Ruha



Sisa McInerney



Melissa Waaka-Smith



Reshmi Kumar

Agencies Represented

- NSW Department of Education
- Department of Family & Community Services, Housing NSW
- Uniting Care Burnside
- MTC Work Solutions
- PCYC Campbelltown
- Campbelltown City Council
- Landcom
- South Western Regional Tenants Association
- Macarthur Diversity Services Initiative

WTIM Staff



Marilyn Moreno



Pam Ransom

Projects & Activities

Minto Outdoor Cinema

The second Cinema Night was held at Redfern Park within the natural fitting amphitheatre. Over 350 residents gathered with family and friends to watch Bolt.

The night gave opportunity for local schools and sporting club to fundraise by selling popcorn, sausage sizzle, drinks, lollies and corn on the cob.

The evening was supported by four local primary schools, the local soccer club, ROAM and resident volunteers.



Family Fun Day

The Minto Family Fun Day was a whole lot of slippery Fun! Our friends from Fun For Hire brought along "Eddie Eco" their environmentally Friendly GIANT Water Slide and gave the kids of Minto (not to mention the adults) a wild afternoon filled with a whole lot of bubbles!

There were also a range of other activities including Arts and Crafts - Potato Heads, the Water Sponge Board, Play dough, Traditional Indigenous Games, and Pak Hok Pai Martial Arts.

Approximately 140 participants attended on the afternoon along with a number of supporting services who made the day so enjoyable!



Seniors Week

Approximately 40 Minto senior residents met at St James Anglican Church for 'An Afternoon at the Pictures,' celebrating Seniors Week and their contributions to the community.

Participants enjoyed popcorn, choc tops and Fantails wheeled down the aisles, ready to watch a Robert Redford and Paul Newman classic 'The Sting'.



Minto Youth Carnivals

A number of free workshops were run at Campbelltown PCYC, Minto for young people to participate in over the school holidays with great success! Activities over the year included Hip-Hop workshops, rock climbing, volleyball, hebel carving, cricket, touch football, beadmaking, songwriting and recording, poetry workshops and drumming workshops.

Collaboration

- residents and service providers working together



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New Housing

Over 60 new houses were constructed and occupied during 2010 with many more in the final stages of construction. In addition, 20 new seniors units commenced construction in 2010 and are due for completion in mid 2011.



Minto Wins Award

One Minto showed its class by taking out two prestigious awards, the Urban Development Institute of Australia's Gold Award and The Urban Taskforce's Development Excellence Award for Affordable Housing.

These wins recognise that One Minto benefits the community and the environment while demonstrating a high standard of urban design.



New Park

The Official Opening of Redfern Park in early December marked the achievement of a major piece of community infrastructure. Central the One Minto redevelopment and the schools and shopping centre, Redfern Park represents the recreational hub of Minto.

Much to the delight of many residents attending the opening, the new park contains state-of-the-art play equipment, an amphitheatre and picnic facilities.



One Minto Welcome Program

The Welcome Program commenced in early 2010 and is delivered by Macarthur Diversity Services (MDSI) on behalf of the One Minto project partners, Landcom, Housing NSW and Campbelltown Council.

The Welcome Program facilitator visits each new household in One Minto and provides information to new residents about local services and facilities.

The Program Facilitator also organised regular informal "meet your neighbour" events.

Multicultural Cooking Group

The healthy food for new arrivals cooking group provided the opportunity for local women to learn to cook and taste the food from different parts of the world. The group runs weekly at WTIM and continues to grow in popularity.



Minto Live

In late 2010 artists and local residents started working together to create the very special event MINTO:LIVE for Sydney Festival 2011.

The printing press was set up in the Minto Mall and the 'string' making in the old Post Office with artist Nicole Barakat, brought many people together. Local families danced in the streets with infectious Indian vocal rhythms drifting through the night air made this an inspiring and magical event a reality.



Minto Bicentenary

More than 60 residents attended a lunch at St James Anglican Church to help celebrate the suburb's 200th anniversary since Dr William Redfern was given an 800 acre land grant. The event included Campbelltown City Council's historical photo exhibition in Minto Library, a colonial style meal, a historical talk on Dr Redfern by historian Arthur Jones, colonial singers and a display of artefacts and documents from the 19th century. A brochure for a self guided heritage tour taking people to various historical sites in Minto was also launched.



Harmony Day

MDSI as part of the Welcome Worker 'Meet Your Neighbour Program', with support from Landcom, WTIM and NSW Council for Pacific Communities (SWSRAC) provided an opportunity for over 200 Minto residents to get together and share in each others culture. It was great to see people of many different backgrounds both public and private tenants. All enjoyed the day and were entertained by 'Zumba with Tracy' and a Philippine and Indian dance performed by participants from Minto Live.



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Midnight Basketball

Midnight Basketball targets young people aged 12 to 18 years from the Campbelltown area, and provides a safe, healthy activity at a time that young people may be at risk or engaged in antisocial behaviour.

The eight week program hosted by Campbelltown Council twice a year on Friday nights at Minto Indoor Sports Centre and includes a basketball tournament, compulsory life skills workshops, healthy dinners and transport to and from the venue. Workshops are aimed to address issues faced by local young people and must be completed to compete in the tournament.



Kids in the Park

Kids in the Park has been running weekly at Valley Vista Park during school term. The program is based on early intervention aimed at engaging children 5-12yrs in structured recreational activity. The structured sporting component for 2010 was martial arts.

KITP has had success in; promoting interaction between children and their family's, breaking down cultural barriers, building respect and developing personal fitness and healthy eating habits amongst participants.



Seniors Bike Day

The Cycling Skills program in partnership with AusCycle NSW, South West Sydney Area Health and WTIM allowed participants to learn bike and road safety as well as bike maintenance. They were then able to get on the bikes and practice their riding skills. Some of the residents had not been on a bike for more than 20 years, however they were all keen and gave it a go.

Food Handling Course

A free Safe Food Handling Course was run at WTIM for local schools, sporting clubs and community groups. The course was developed and facilitated by the Macarthur Centre for Sustainable Living and gained very positive feedback.

Participants learnt about safe food preparation, storage and handling practices.

Walking Group

WTIM continued our support for the Minto Mob Walking Group throughout 2010.

The walking group meets weekly and provides an opportunity for all residents to exercise in a fun and friendly environment at their own pace.

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Graffiti Education Program

The Warner Awareness Education (WAE) program was run in all Minto schools during 2010. The anti Vandalism and Graffiti Program aims to provide students with information and education on the costs and consequences of graffiti and general vandalism.

The program was a memorable fun interactive and age appropriate program that ran in each of the six primary schools and the high school via in-school presentations.



Feedback and early evaluation of the program indicated a high level of success in changing attitudes towards graffiti and vandalism amongst participants.

Crime Statistics for Minto

There has been a significant reduction in reported crime throughout Minto. Over the past five years the local Police, various community groups, non government organisations and government agencies have worked towards making the suburb pleasant to look at and also making residents feel safe within their community and their homes.

Police data indicates that since 2006 until 2010 the following has been recorded.

Incident Category	2006	2010
Assault	252	216
Break & Enter	202	199
Fire	32	48
Malicious Damage	354	246
Robbery	32	44
Stealing	288	191
Stolen Vehicle/Vessel	92	72



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Aboriginal Apprenticeship Scheme

An exciting opportunity was presented to Aboriginal youth living in Minto and across the Macarthur area to be part of a Pre Vocational 10 week Course, led by the Aboriginal Employment Strategy (AES) in partnership with the Dept. of Education, Employment & Workplace Relations, Housing NSW, TAFE, Indigenous Business Australia, Xsite Training Pty Ltd and Master Builders Association.

The youth had various opportunities to prove their workmanship and contribute to the community. Skills learnt included basic demolition,



tiling, carpentry, bricklaying, gyprocking, concreting as well as studies in maths, english, working with a mentor, fitness, employment pathways and preparation studies, job seeking skills, resume writing and interview techniques.



Minto Access Point

Opened in 2009, Minto Access Point (MAP) has more than 1700 members who take advantage of free services such as computers, faxes, internet as well as providing courses and assistance with sourcing training opportunities, a justice of the peace service, counselling and legal advice.

EmployYourself

The EmployYourself program aims to give people opportunities by helping them create their own businesses.

10 Minto residents participated in EmployYourself in 2010 and benefited from the mentoring, training and support offered by the program.

Greener Pastures

Greener Pastures performance came about through collaboration between writer and performer Rosie Dennis from Campbelltown Arts Centre and Minto resident June Hickey.

The pair met when Rosie joined the Minto Mob Walking Group and attended local community events during her residency at the Minto Community Hub.

June, 74, has lived in the Minto area for over 32 years. After the performance's success locally in 2010, it featured as



part of the 2011 Sydney Festival. This success has provided a paid work opportunity for June as well as the experience of a lifetime performing at the Seymour Centre in Sydney.

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Mobile Book and Toy Library

The mobile book and toy library was supported in Minto during 2010. The project is an early intervention outreach program for pre-school aged children. It provides access to free educational toys, books and resources for families.



How can I be a part of Working Together in Minto's success?

There are various ways for individuals, organisations and business to be involved in WTIM.

Individuals

Can get involved by participating in the various activities and events that are held throughout the year. An individual may also be able to volunteer at events and/or groups.

Organisations

Can get involved by forming partnerships and/or networking with WTIM. There is opportunity for networking that allows for joint ventures within the area that is supported by the local community.

Businesses

Can get involved by sponsoring a particular event and/or by donating products or services for a particular ongoing project. Advertising of your business and its involvement in WTIM will be widely publicised in the 'Minto Messenger' – local newsletter delivered to every household in Minto and also through posters when advertising a particular event.

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