

Minutes  
 COUCH Support Sub-committee  
 Held at Centacare Cairns, 195 Abbott Street, Cairns  
 Wednesday April 18 2007 5pm

**Present:** Carol Leary, Colleen Blunt, Max Plummer, Hugh Woolford, Helga Biro

**Apologies:** Rachel Johns

**Meeting opened:** 5.05 pm

**Meeting Closed:** 6.05 pm

**Minutes from previous meeting:**

- (a) Amendments – None.
- (b) Actions completed from previous meeting–
- (c) Resolve to accept minutes of previous minutes – Accepted. (M) (S)

Action	Who	By When	Status
Contact Cancer Council QLD re identifying other support groups and what is already available in the community	Max	Next meeting	Done – See Report

**Confirmation of proposed agenda**

Terms of Reference as identified below were accepted at this meeting.

- **Develop linkages with other support groups [national, state and local] eg Cancer Council QLD**
- **Obtain information about other support groups and identify gaps in existing support services**
- **If not already in existence, develop a database of information that includes services, contacts, calendar of meetings/events**
- **Link patients, families and carers to others who have the lived experience of cancer**

**General Business**

- ❖ Lakeview application for land at Holloways Beach has been declined by Cairns City Council.
- ❖ Cairns Relay For Life has had so many registrations that Tully will be holding its own Relay For Life activities.
- ❖ **Report from MAX:** max informed the group that he had made contact with the Cancer Council and in doing so had spoken with Tracey who is the acting Manager while Mel is on leave. Tracey expressed her support of COUCH and agreed to share information with the group. Tracey then contacted Max the next day to say that the Cancer Council's local Database is private and confidential. The information we had requested on support groups was not forthcoming. Mel Fraser returns to Manager's position on May 10 and Max will approach him at that time.
- ❖ Carol recommended we develop a Brochure on COUCH and its purpose, activities etc.

**Next Meeting**

Thursday MAY 10, 5pm at Centacare Cairns, 195 Abbott Street.

**Actions Required**

Action	Who	By When	Status
Gather information on support groups	Hugh	Next meeting	

Contact Jody Sariman re support groups	Hugh	Next meeting	
Develop an Information Brochure re COUCH	Max to contact Bob McGill	Next meeting	
Develop a Carers Kit and members to bring information to next meeting	Group members	Next meeting	
Contact Cas McIntyre on 0418 415 106 re support groups	Helga	Next meeting	

**CONTACTS for Support Groups:**

- ❖ **Prostate Group**  
Dusty Bob Prickett  
3 Wakunai Close  
Trinity Beach  
40576437
- ❖ **Ronald McDonald House**  
Brief circulated.
- ❖ **Social Worker - Gordonvale**  
Jody Sariman  
0407 637 818