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SOCIAL FUTURES TO PROVIDE YOUTH SERVICES IN BALLINA – BUT NEEDS TO FIND A VENUE

Social Futures has been contracted to provide the youth services in Ballina previously provided at B-Space, under a 12 month ‘interim agreement’ with NSW FACS, filling the gap left by FSG Australia which went into administration on 30 June.

“When we heard about FSG our thoughts went immediately to their young program participants and staff,” says Deb Hall, Manager of Community and Youth Programs at Social Futures.

“We are talking to several organisations regarding suitable space to rent and welcome any offers or suggestions from businesses, sports, church, community or social groups who might be able to house the service, even short term.

“We know from our work with young people how important centres like B-Space are to them, particularly in regional locations. They provide a safe place where young people can hang out, build social networks and skills, be themselves, find a listening ear and engage with positive role models.”

“We have employed former FSG staff and are keen for others who have been involved with B-Space to help us to shape our services.” concluded Deb.

Anyone needing more information about any of the NSW Family and Community Services funded programs formerly provided at B-Space or who can offer accommodation for the service can call Social Futures in Lismore on 02 6620 1800.

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Interviews: Community and Youth Program Manager Deb Hall is available for interview.

NOTES TO EDITORS

1. Social Futures (formerly Northern Rivers Social Development Council) has been providing community services and advocacy for social justice in regional NSW for more than 40 years. It now has almost 300 staff working from 29 offices from Ballina to Broken Hill. Its programs cover about 80 per cent of regional NSW.