

Terms of Reference

Northern Rivers Social Change Collaboration

Purpose

This collaboration was established in February 2015 to support implementation of the Northern Rivers Regional Social Plan – to bring organisations together to improve community wellbeing in the Northern Rivers region of NSW.

Objectives

- Lead collaborative planning and development activities to improve community wellbeing.
- Attract and facilitate investment for positive social impact.
- Support connected engagement across the region to inform our work, including:
 - sharing information and connecting between and across networks in the region
 - sharing results of member organisations' engagement with program participants and communities between collaboration members and with the human services sector
 - identifying where additional engagement is required and how it can be supported.
- Develop shared measures for our impact and monitor our progress on improving community wellbeing.

Membership

The Northern Rivers Social Change Collaboration (NR SCC) is open to community, government and private sector organisations who agree to work collectively as leaders to improve community wellbeing and achieve the objectives stated in these Terms of Reference.

Requests to join the NR SCC will be considered by current member organisations, and may be considered out of session by email, with nominations circulated to members for comment through the chair and secretariat.

Members are responsible for raising any conflicts of interest and ensuring they are managed appropriately. While the group aims to be broad and inclusive, it does not purport to be representative of communities or community/ service sectors across the Northern Rivers.

Collaboration structure and meetings

- Meetings are scheduled quarterly and may be rescheduled or additional meetings called as required for the group to do its work effectively.
- The NR SCC may auspice, support or endorse establishment of working groups or subcommittees where this is useful and required to support its activities.
- Social Futures, Strategy & Engagement Branch will chair, facilitate and provide secretariat for NR SCC meetings.

Decision making

NR SCC decisions will be made by consensus where possible, and by simple majority vote when consensus cannot be reached (50 percent of member organisations plus 1). A quorum of 50 per cent of member organisations plus 1 is required to make decisions relating to the strategic focus or direction of the NR SCC, or to commit the group to new activities. Decisions may be made out of session, including by email communication between members.

Review - these Terms of Reference are scheduled for review in February 2018.



We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of country throughout the Northern Rivers, their continuing connection to land, water, sea and community. We pay respects to Australia's First Peoples, to their unique and diverse cultures and to Elders past, present and future.