

LADGP Health Forum – Driving relationship building in the Logan community. Is this a future role for Divisions?

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Logan Health Forum





Rationale

- Promote the role of LADGP
- Bring all services together to map and share working mandates
- Develop operational links
- Discover whether health collaboration is possible



Collaborative Approach Required

- Promotes better health care for consumers
- Identify and fill gaps
- Reduce duplication
- Assist sustainability
- Maximise effectiveness



Aim of Forum

- Build and enhance relationships
- Identify potential areas of collaboration
- Enables mapping of services
- Gives opportunity for local stakeholders to discuss/showcase initiatives



2003: “Linking Healthcare in our Community”

- 104 attendees, 41 organisations involved
- Funded and organised in association with Queensland Health
- Broad approach, open to all organisations
- Opportunity for focussed discussion on local integration issues and service barriers in our district



Outcomes 2003

Positive:

- Enhanced relationships across health sector
- Platform of goodwill established
- Participants updated regarding health systems and planning
- E-newsletter (Linking Logan) initiated quarterly to facilitate communication



Outcomes 2003

Negative:

- Workshop discussions too general
- Specific outcomes were not targeted
- Corporate focus instead of community focus
- Participants desired GP involvement



2004: “Taking the Next Step”

- 95 attendees, 47 organisations
- Specifically targeted to local health organisations
- Worked in partnership with Logan City Council
- Workshops topic specific and recorded
- Facilitated by GP Board members
- Opportunity for poster displays



Outcomes 2004

Positive:

- Outcomes of each session distributed through Linking Logan
- Awareness of local health issues enhanced
- Increased awareness of local organisations and potential linkages
- GP facilitators well received
- LADGP Resource directory launched



Outcomes 2004

Negative:

- Enthusiasm for collaboration but lacks momentum and leadership
- The forum is seen as a one-off event
- Collaboration still seen as a good idea but



2005: “Less talk more Action”

- Putting the onus for leadership back onto participants
- “What have YOU done about it?”
- More examples of successful collaboration
- Development of local action plan?



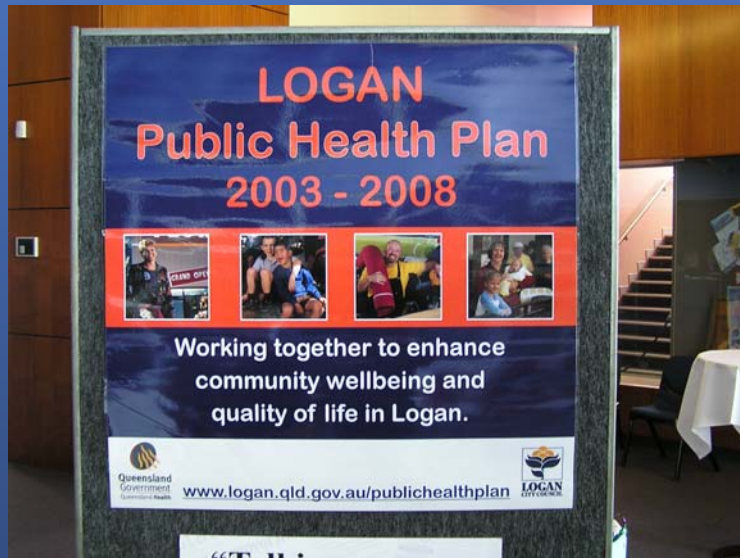
Benefits from LADGP perspective

- Demonstration of collaboration in action
- Promotion and positioning of our organisation in our local community
- Increased knowledge of local health services





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**Is LADGP placing itself as a key
initiator of relationship
development in our
community?**