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HOPE in the Hunter: Helping Other Possibilities Emerge through Partnerships

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Background:

- Hunter Community Dementia Care Strategic Plan 2006 – 2010 developed in collaboration with ADHC and the Hunter Dementia Interagency
- Identified need for people living with younger onset dementia, families, and carers
- Working group established as part of the Hunter Dementia Interagency
- ToR – included to educating the service system, lobbying for and implementing a service
- Younger Onset Dementia action plan written by Helga Merl for the Hunter Dementia Care Strategic and Action Plans 2009-2011

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Success Factors:

- Vision, purpose, and leadership
- Commitment
- Mutual respect
- Organisational support
- Support from clinical experts
- Expertise, networks, and experience within the group (leverage)
- Work toward goal - Do what you say you will do
- Evaluate, write up & share outcomes.

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Achievements:

- Monthly meetings
- Advocacy and awareness
- Proactive submission to ADHC February 2010 (UnitingCare Ageing was the lead agency)
- Allocation of funding to establish “Younger Onset Connections” July 2012
- Training day hosted by UnitingCare Ageing – in partnership with NSW/ACT DTSC & Alzheimer’sAustralia National body with 45 industry staff trained (2009)
- Younger Onset Dementia Awareness Forum (2010)
- Younger Onset Dementia Clinical Forum (2011)

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Achievements:

- Younger Onset Dementia Community Breakfast for consumers (2011)
- Representation at the Younger Onset Dementia Forum (2012)
- Development of a Clinical pathway for referral and management
- Consultation State Dementia Framework
- Involvement of group & members with research projects & NSW Younger Onset Dementia networks
- Publications in the HOPE News letter
- Outcomes report completed

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Lived Experiences:

- Comment from a person living with Younger Onset Dementia at the breakfast “I haven’t had a good day for 3 years and today has been a good day”
- “Wayne’s story”

“Wayne continues to work on the gardening and landscaping in his backyard with the help of care workers, but has now begun volunteering for Alzheimer’s Australia on a fortnightly basis to help with the maintenance of the gardens at their offices. Wayne has developed a great relationship with his care workers as well as the staff at Alzheimer’s Australia and continues to make the gardens at their offices “his own”

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Lived Experiences:

- "Michael's story"

"Michael has been able to reconnect with several hobbies and activities that he used to love but has not taken part in for some time. With the help of the connections program Michael has been able to attend a rugby league match, something he had done for several years. Luckily for Michael, his favourite team St. George were playing in town at the right time, and he was able to wear his much loved St. George jersey and cap to the game. Michael's plans also involved participating in movie days as well as attending the local museum to take in the new exhibitions."



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Lived Experiences:

- "Tim's story"

"Tim's goal was to be able to utilise his horticultural skills again and feel like he was contributing in some way. As a result, the connections service approached a local nursery where Tim became a volunteer with the support of a 'buddy' through the service. As Tim developed his confidence, the owner approached him to be responsible for the nursery presentation one day per week. Tim was excited to be given this responsibility which resulted in the service support being reduced as his confidence and self worth continued to build. Through this process of enabling Tim to achieve his goals, he ended up moving from a supported living environment to living independently."



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