







Soul Fly Buddies – Monthly Meeting Notes



	<p>Here are the minutes for the Soul Fly Buddies (SFB) meeting on 30th June 2023</p>
	<p>Soul Fly Buddies met on Zoom.</p>
	<p>The people that came to the meeting were: Stavros, Nalyn, Alex, Karen, Lachy, Yasmin & Chelsea.</p> <p>Joni joined us for 20 mins of the meeting.</p> <p>Jack joined us for 30 mins of the meeting.</p> <p>Audrey could not make it.</p>
	<p>First, we each shared some good news from our lives!</p>



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First, Staff want to get mid-year feedback of SFB's experience with Gig Buddies.



The first question we talked about is:

How has 2023 been so far in your Gig Buddies experience?



We all talked about the fun things we have gotten up to with our buddies. Some of these are:

- Music Festivals
- Lunch/Dinner
- Bowling
- Putt Putt
- Comicon
- Museums



Overall, everyone said they felt happy, satisfied and really good about their pairing.



The next question we talked about is:

What are some of the things that have happened in your pairing?



Jack shared that he was a bit upset when he was briefly unpaired from his volunteer.

This was because his volunteer had not completed a Volunteer Compliance task.

He said he was given no notice of this happening and it upset him.



Yasmin said that her volunteer had incorrectly guessed her age.

But she said her volunteer was nice and bubbly on their first outing together.



Joni said she and her volunteer went to see Florence and the Machine in concert which was a lot of fun!



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The next question we talked about is:

What were some Gig Buddies socials that you like and disliked?



We said we liked these events:

- 8th Birthday Party
- Karaoke
- Central Coast Comicon
- Trivia



Alex said he doesn't enjoy the Musical Bingo events as there is a lot of loud noise at these events.

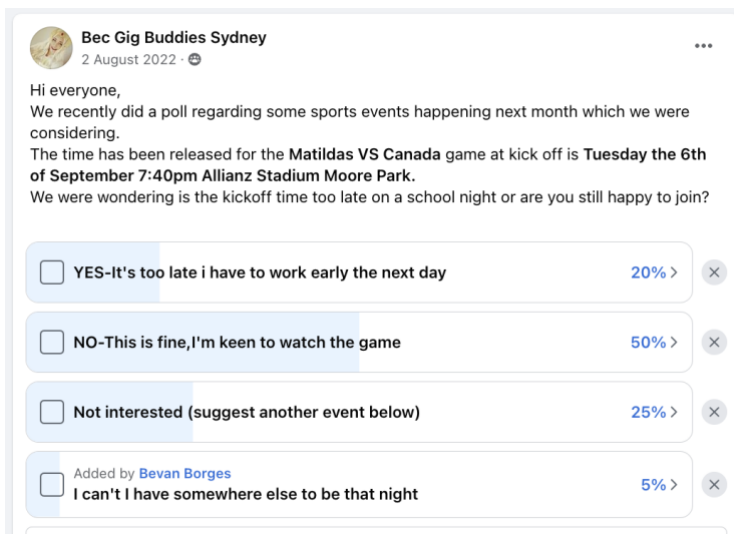


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The last question we talked about is:

Is there any other feedback or ideas that you have?



Jack said using the voting polls on Facebook to ask people their thoughts on certain events might be helpful when staff are planning what events to go to.

Yasmin agreed with this idea.



Stavros also had a couple of ideas for social events that Gig Buddies could do:

- Renting a tent/shelter and meeting up in a park to play music and bring your own food.
- Organise a battle of the bands night where the crowd votes who wins and the winning band could win a voucher.



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The Gig Buddies staff will discuss all of the feedback from SFB and keep this in mind for our future big socials.



Next we spoke about a venue that we might use for our 2023 Christmas Party!



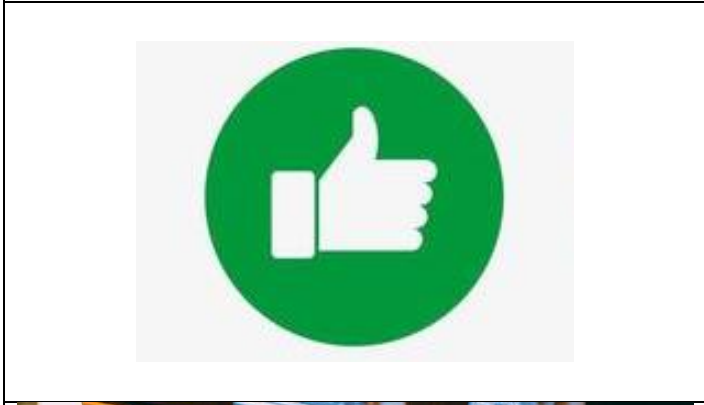
Kings Cross Hotel has a rooftop bar which is accessible and can house 150 people.

It is easy to walk to from Kings Cross Train Station, and we have a performance/DJ there too.



We talked about the cost of the event.

To make sure we can use the venue, have enough food, a performer/DJ and more – the tickets to attend the party might be between \$40-50 per person.



Everyone said this might be expensive for some people, but all said they think it would be an ok amount to pay for a ticket.



We talked about finding a venue where people can purchase more food if they want is also important.



We talked about if there are ways buddies, volunteers and/or staff could fundraise to help cover the costs for this event.

Alex brought up the example of selling a box of chocolates.



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Karen also asked if Central Coast was having a Christmas party.

Chelsea said yes and explained that Matthew was organising this one.



Chelsea will bring this discussion to the Gig Buddies staff.



Next, we talked about our next Soul Fly Buddies meeting.

We want to hold it in person at The Angler's Rest in Brooklyn on Friday 28th July at 12pm.



Everyone in the meeting said they would most likely be able to attend this face to face meeting.

Rebecca and Matthew will be facilitating this meeting and travelling by train.



Chelsea will make a booking and send more information to SFB about this in an email.



Lastly, we talked about the ACL Disability Services & Gig Buddies Annual General Meeting (AGM).

The meeting will be on Thursday 26th October 2023 at 6:30pm.



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It would be great if some of the SFB members could attend this meeting.

Stavros, Yasmin and Alex all said they would like to attend.



The next SFB blog article will be written by Karen.

Yasmin's article is due at the start of August 2023.



Next Soul Fly Meeting IN PERSON!

When: Friday 28th July 2023

Where: The Angler's Rest Hotel, Brooklyn, NSW 2083.

Time: 12:00pm (midday)

Thanks for reading!