



Soul Fly Band – Monthly Meeting Notes



	<p>Here are the minutes for the Soul Fly Band meeting on 28th October 2022</p>
	<p>The Soul Fly Band held the meeting on zoom.</p>
	<p>The people that came to the meeting were: Alex, Stavros, Lachlan, Jack, Karen, Audrey, & Chelsea.</p>
	<p>First, we each shared some good news from our lives!</p>
	<p>Chelsea talked about our last meeting 2022! It will be on Friday 25th November 2022.</p>



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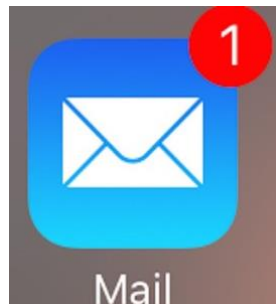
We normally have a lunch during the last meeting of the year.

This year, we would like to have it at The Anglers Rest in Brooklyn, on the Hawkesbury River, from 1pm – 3pm.



Matthew from Gig Buddies Central Coast will travel down from Woy Woy.

A member of the Gig Buddies Sydney team will be attending, and can support anyone travelling via public transport.



Chelsea will send out an email to all Soul Fly Band members with this information. We will need all Soul Fly Band members to let us know if they can attend ASAP so we can lock this in.

Soul Fly Band Mission Statement:

"We meet new people, we get out more, but most importantly we have fun and become friends."

We are the Soul Fly Band. We help people with disabilities get out more and do different things.

*We help shape the Gig Buddies project by coming together once a month. **

Next, we talked about updating the Soul Fly Bands Mission Statement that is on the website because we have new members of SFB and things have changed.



Audrey said we should add “we have fun, meet new people and make friends.”

She also said there should be a line in there about being inclusive.



Alex said that it should be clear that Soul Fly Band is not a musical band.



Karen also said that it should include a sentence like “we advise the Gig Buddies project from our own lived experience”.



We also talked about perhaps changing the name of Soul Fly Band, to avoid people getting confused about what we do.

Some suggestions were:

- Soul Fly Buddies
- Soul Fly Crew
- Soul Fly Team
- Boss Buddies



Chelsea will chat with fellow Gig Buddies staff about these ideas and the name change.

She will then draft a new mission statement and send it to Soul Fly Band for approval.



GIG BUDDIES

APPLICATION TO BE A GIG BUDDIES PARTICIPANT

Hi, Welcome to the Gig Buddies Sydney participant (Gig Buddy) application form.

Please take a few moments to read the Gig Buddies FAQ, NDIS info and About Us before starting.

- The standard charge for Gig Buddies participants is 3 hours per month (see categories on [NDIS info webpage](#)) which supports the project with recruiting, vetting, matching & training volunteers to partner with a Participant (adult with a **mild to moderate learning disability and/or autism**) build a friendship & attend live music, sport as well as any other artistic, recreational or social event.
- Gig Buddies provides ongoing support to all participants and volunteers; promoting and supporting social inclusion, enabling an experience beyond the limitations of a disability specific event.
- The Gig Buddies Sydney Project is for adults (18+ years) with mild to moderate learning disability and/or autism in the greater Sydney area (Sydney and suburbs).

If you do not currently have NDIS funding available for Gig Buddies, please contact Gig Buddies Sydney on 02 9419 8951 or info@gigbuddiesydney.org

This document will automatically save each time you select the "Next" button, so although it will take about 30 minutes to complete you can exit after any save and pick up where you left off by entering your name and date of birth on this page.

If, at any time, you wish to have your data permanently deleted, please contact Gig Buddies Sydney.

If you have any questions please contact Gig Buddies Sydney - 02 9419 8951 or email info@gigbuddiesydney.org

By entering your name and date of birth and clicking "Next" below you agree to the above information.

*This Gig Buddy application was created in collaboration with the "Soul Fly Band", our user led service group.

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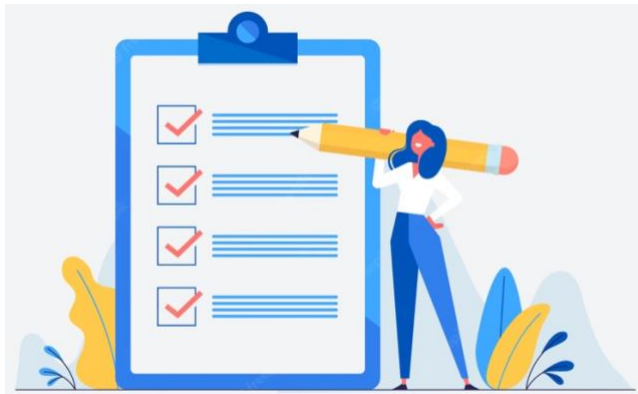
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Next, we reviewed the Gig Buddies participant application form on the Gig Buddies website.



As a group we looked through the application form and talked about ideas for things to change to make it easier for people to fill out.



Chelsea will make a list of the changes and the team will edit the application form.



Next, Alex and Stavros told us about the ACL Disability Services Annual General Meeting (AGM) that they went to on Thursday 27th October 2022. Joni also attended the meeting.



Alex and Stavros said that they had a good time, and were asked lots of questions about their role in Soul Fly Band, and their experiences as part of Gig Buddies.

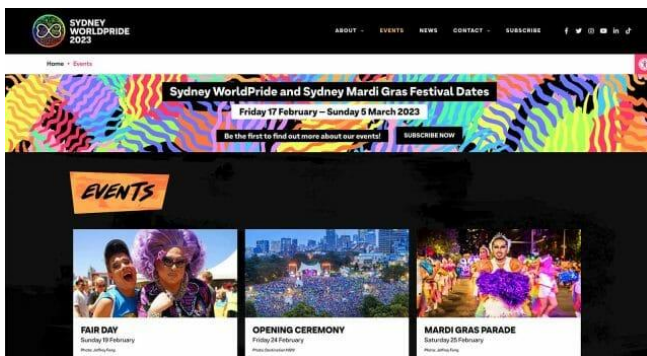


Next, a question was asked about Gig Buddies being involved in next year's Mardi Gras Parade as part of the World Pride event.



Chelsea said that Gig Buddies would probably not be involved in next year's Mardi Gras parade. This is because the parade is back on Oxford Street, which is too long for some of our buddies to walk, so it means it is not very accessible.

There was also not enough time for the Gig Buddies staff to raise money to organise a float before the Mardi Gras applications were due.



Chelsea did say that we were looking to attend some of the World Pride events as socials. We will look into this further and announce it closer to the time.



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Finally, here is a schedule of the Soul Fly Band blog articles:

October - Alex
November - Audrey
January - Karen
February - Joni
March - Nalyn
April - Stavros
May - Lachlan



Next Soul Fly Band Meeting: Our end of year lunch!

When: Friday 25th November 2022
Where: The Anglers Rest
Address: 216 Brooklyn Rd, Brooklyn
NSW 2083 Brooklyn, NSW

Time: 12:00pm – 4:00pm

Thanks for reading!