



Soul Fly Buddies – Monthly Meeting Notes



Here are the minutes for the Soul Fly Buddies (SFB) meeting on Friday 26th July 2024.



SFB met online using Zoom.



The people that came to the meeting were: Audrey, Alex, Bevan, Lachlan, Nalyn, Stavros, and Chelsea.

Jack and Karen could not make it, but they did send notes to Chelsea before the meeting.



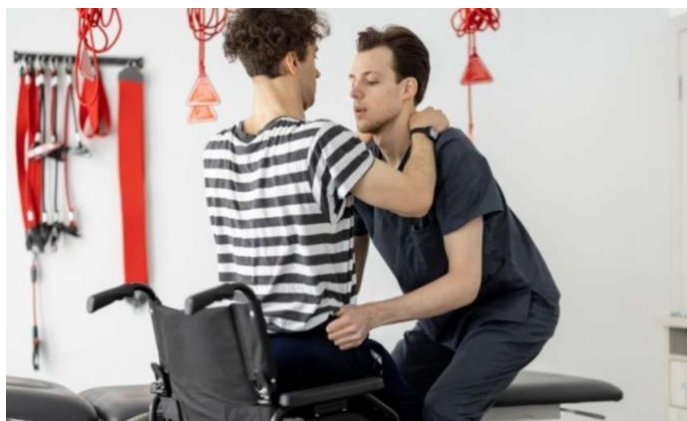
At the start of the meeting, we each shared some news from our lives!



First, we talked about if the Gig Buddies team could better explain who our service is for.



Gig Buddies has recently had more people with disability apply to be part of the project.



Some of these people have higher personal support needs.

Higher personal support needs means that they might need extra help with personal things like eating, going to the toilet and more.



These are things that a trained support worker would normally help them with.



This means that a Gig Buddies volunteer would not be able to be paired with them.

This is because our volunteers are not trained support workers.



Gig Buddies do explain this to the people with higher personal support needs, after we have met them.

We will often then invite them to attend our social events with their support worker.



But sometimes, this can still leave the person with higher personal support needs feeling sad and disappointed.



Jack said he thinks we can explain it like this:

“Gig Buddies is an NDIS service that is a social program for adults with mild-to-moderate Autism Spectrum Disorder / Learning disabilities”



Nalyn said the words on the website could be bigger.

This will make it easier for people to read.

 	<p>Nalyn also said we need to make it clearer that we are only for people over 18 years old.</p>
 	<p>Bevan said we should keep encouraging people to come along to social events, but only if they can attend in a safe way.</p>
 	<p>Stavros said we should also try to give people information about other services that may be more suited to their needs.</p>



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Chelsea will pass this feedback and ideas on to the other Gig Buddies staff.



Next, Chelsea asked about our bigger Gig Buddies social events – like the Christmas Party.



The Gig Buddies team want to know if SFB feel that there should always be a DJ or musical performer at these big events; or if a music playlist would be enough.

 	<p>Karen said she thought a playlist would be enough for the Christmas Party.</p> <p>A DJ or live musical performer would be better for the bigger events – like the birthday party.</p>
 	<p>Jack said he thinks a DJ or musical performer is better.</p> <p>He said it “adds to the experience” of our big events.</p>
 	<p>Alex said he is happy for the event to have “music requests”.</p> <p>This means that attendees could ask for their favourite songs to be played. They could ask for this before or during the event.</p>

 	<p>Alex also said it might help to have Gig Buddies staff perform at the event to keep the event costs low.</p> <p>He said Sandon could play guitar and sing, or Matthew could DJ like he has in the past.</p>
 	<p>Audrey said she sometimes wears earplugs when live bands play as they are too loud for her.</p>
 	<p>Audrey said she would be happy with a playlist to dance to.</p> <p>She said this could mean that different types of music could be played.</p>



Nalyn said she would be happy with a playlist, but there should not be any songs with swear words in them.

She said swear words might upset some people.



Chelsea will pass this feedback and ideas on to the other Gig Buddies staff.



Next, we talked about nominating SFB and Gig Buddies for an award.



The NDS National Disability Award Nomination Forms have been released.

Gig Buddies wanted to know if SFB would be happy to be nominated for an award.



We also wanted to see if they would like to nominate Gig Buddies for an award.



Everyone said this was a good idea.



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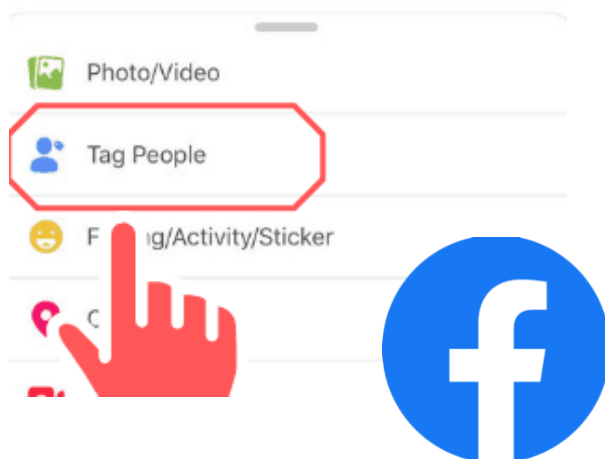
Chelsea will start filling out the nomination forms.

Chelsea will get in touch to ask SFB members to write something about Gig Buddies that she can put in the nomination forms.



Next, we talked about Any Other Business.

What's on your mind?



Alex wanted to talk about being tagged in social media posts by other people after Gig Buddies social events.



Alex said he thinks people should ask permission before tagging people in photos or posts on social media.



Alex asked if Gig Buddies could ask everyone if they are happy to be tagged in social media posts at all Gig Buddies social events.



Chelsea explained that this might be hard at our big social events.

There are lots of people and it would be hard to remember who said yes and who said no.



Chelsea also said Gig Buddies is not in charge of what people post on their own social media pages.

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"...I wasn't really the 'volunteering type'..."

December done right



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Deck the halls...

SFB talked about putting information in the Gig Buddies newsletter and on Gig Buddies social media.

This information will remind people to ask permission before tagging others in posts and photos.



Chelsea also said we could put out a guide for how to remove a tag, if the person who is tagged does not want to be tagged.



Everyone agreed this was a good idea.



Chelsea will put together an easy-read guide on how to remove a tag on social media.



Chelsea will also talk to the Gig Buddies team about putting out something in our newsletter and social media, to remind people to ask permission before tagging others in posts and in photos.



Next, Bevan and Audrey wanted to talk about scammers on social media.

They said they think it is happening a lot more these days.



Stavros said it might be a good idea to put information in the Gig Buddies newsletter and on the Gig Buddies social media.

This information would be about being safe online and staying away from scams.



Everyone agreed this was a good idea.



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Chelsea will chat to the rest of the Gig Buddies team about this.

She will also look for other easy-read information about scammers that we could share with everyone.

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Lachlan's SFB article is due by Friday 30th of August 2024.



Next Soul Fly Meeting

When: Friday 30th August 2024

Where: Online via Zoom

Time: 1:00pm – 2:00pm

Thanks for reading!