



# Soul Fly Band – Monthly Meeting Notes



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|    | <p>Here are the minutes for the Soul Fly Band meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022</p>             |
|    | <p>The Soul Fly Band held the meeting on zoom.</p>  |
|  | <p>The people that came to the meeting were: Alex, Joni, Audrey, &amp; Chelsea.</p>                     |
|  | <p>First, we each shared some good news from our lives!</p>   |
|  | <p>Chelsea then gave an update on the research into using the Companion Card to buy tickets online.</p> |



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Chelsea had a phone conversation with a person who works at Ticketek. They said that they are working on an accessible feature for the companion card on their website. They are hoping to launch it later this year.



Ticketek also said they would reach out to us if they would like the Soul Fly Bands input on the final changes to the website.



Chelsea also heard from Ticketmaster, who explained that there was not a way to book a companion card ticket through the website. You had to fill out a form and wait for them to be in contact with you.



Ticketmaster also said they would not recommend people buy tickets through the website, then try to claim a refund for the companion card ticket. Ticketmaster said they could not be sure that a refund would be provide.



Next, we talked about creating a feedback survey that buddies could fill out after their first catch up with their volunteer.



We came up with some questions that could be in the survey. These were:

1. What did you do together?
2. How would you rate your enjoyment of the event (scale of 1-5)
3. Do you have plans for the next catch up? If so, what are they?
4. Were there any travel difficulties that you had?
5. Were there any issues that came up during the catch-up?
6. Are you happy to keep going with this pairing?
7. Are you ok? Do you feel safe?
8. Are you happy?
9. Do you feel supported by your volunteer?



The Gig Buddies team will take this questions and create the survey within our system.



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



The meeting is set to take place on Thursday the 27<sup>th</sup> of October 2022, from 7:00pm – 9:00pm.

It will be at the:  
ACAP Office  
255 Elizabeth Street, Sydney, 2000



We talked about members of the Soul Fly Band attending the AGM and taking part in a Question-and-Answer session with board members and guests.

Joni, Audrey and Alex said they would be keen to attend.



Chelsea will send a reminder email to everyone closer to the time.



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## THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

Next Chelsea mentioned an opportunity to be involved in a research project at the University of Sydney. The project would research into the quality of life of NDIS Participants with mild to moderate learning disabilities.

Chelsea sent out an email to all Soul Fly band members. Please let her know if you are interested and she can pass on your details to the University of Sydney team.



### 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](mailto: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](mailto:info@gigbuddiesydney.org)

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

"The Gig Buddy application was created in collaboration with the "Real Fly Band", our user test service group.

Your Name

Date of Birth

Day  Month  Year

We then talked about the Gig Buddies application form for new buddies to fill out when they want to be part of the project.



The Gig Buddies team thought it would be a good idea for Soul Fly Band to review the form as it has been a while since the last one.



In today's meeting, we agreed that we would review the application form together during the next meeting.

We would start this during our next meeting, as Stavros, Jack, Karen, Nalyn and Lachlan were absent today.



In the 'Any Other Business' part of our meeting, Alex suggested we do another event that encourages signed up buddies and volunteers to bring along a friend. This will hopefully help us get more buddies and volunteers signed up to the project.

We agreed this was a great idea and the team can discuss this for a future event.



Joni and Audrey also asked if we would be doing our meetings in person in the future.

Chelsea explained that because Lachlan and Karen live on the Central Coast, we would need to use Zoom for most of the meetings.

We would look to organising 1 or 2 catch ups in-person each year in the Gig Buddies office.

**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.*

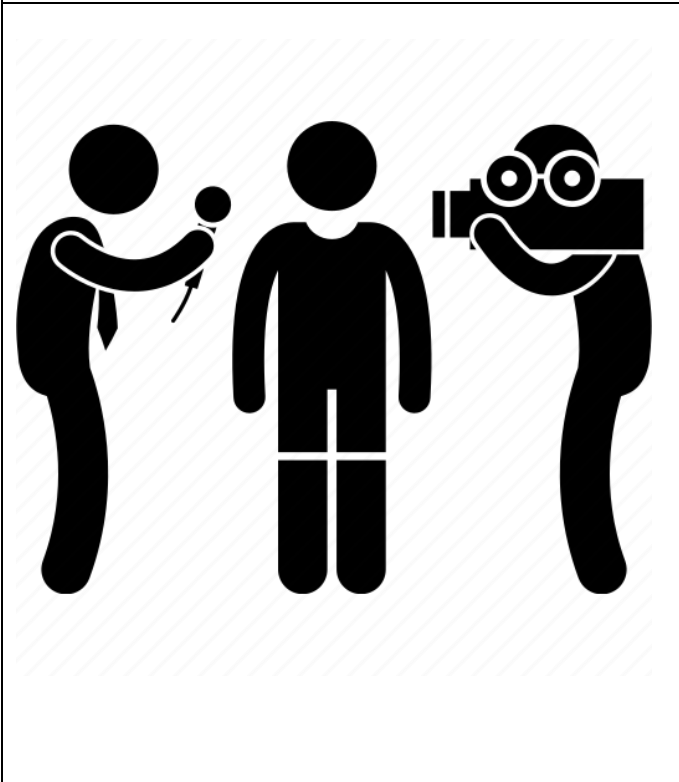
*We help shape the Gig Buddies project by coming together once a month."*

Alex also said he thought that it might be time to adjust the mission statement of the Soul Fly Band, and make it clear that we are NOT a musical band.

We agreed, and will talk about this more at our next meeting.

Alex also said he was enjoying the Gig Buddies Volunteer Vault articles in the Monday e-newsletter. He asked if it would be possible to do a Buddy Vault as well, to get the perspective from current buddies.

Chelsea explained we had done this before, but can definitely discuss as a team when we can do this again in the future.



Alex finally shared his idea of creating a Gig Buddies TV Series. His idea would be for social media at first, with the hopes that it could be televised in the future. He would call it 'Hit Us with The Facts' and it could be a weekly, fortnightly or monthly.

We all agreed this was a great idea. Chelsea explained that the Gig Buddies staff are stretched quite thin at the moment, but we would absolutely keep this in mind for future projects if we are able to help facilitate this.



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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:

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022  
12:00pm – 1:00pm

Thanks for reading!