



Soul Fly Buddies – Monthly Meeting Notes



Here are the minutes for the Soul Fly Buddies (SFB) meeting on 26th May 2023



Soul Fly Buddies met on Zoom.



The people that came to the meeting were: Stavros, Nalyn, Alex, Karen, Jack, Yasmin & Chelsea.

Lachlan and Audrey could not make it.

Joni joined us for 40 mins of the meeting.



First, we each shared some good news from our lives!



We then talked about the Gig Buddies 8th Birthday Party.

The party was on 11th May 2023 at The Barrie in Chippendale.



The first question we talked about is:

What did you like about the event?



Some of these things are:

- Talking to my friends,
- Dancing,
- The musicians who performed,
- The theme of the event (1920's) and how the venue suited the theme.



The next question we talked about is:

What did you not like about the event?



Some of these things are:

- There were not enough different types of food.
- The Gig Buddies signature cocktail was \$20 – this was too expensive.
- Other drinks were also expensive (for example: \$12 for a beer).
- The venue was a bit too small for everyone who was there.
- Venue was stuffy, people were going outside for fresh air.
- Not enough different types of music genres played.
- It looked like there was not enough bar staff working behind the bar.



The next question we talked about is:

What do you think we could have done better?



Some of these things are:

- Look for places with a bigger dance floor
- We could have gotten a group photo of Soul Fly Band at the event



The next question we talked about is:

What did you like about the venue 'The Barrie'?



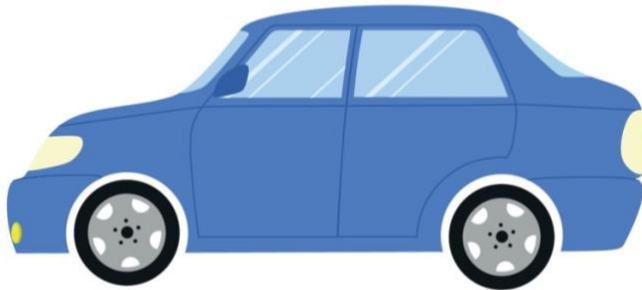
We said we liked the venue overall.

It was good that there was a quiet area upstairs with tables so you could sit down and eat away from people dancing.

It was just a little bit too crowded.



Finally, we spoke about final feedback and Ideas for future big Gig Buddies events.



Jack said that he is happy to help transport equipment and things to venues for future events if we need help.



Alex and Karen brought up the idea of live streaming the next event for those who cannot be there in person.



Chelsea explained that the privacy of attendees at our events needs to be protected, as not everyone wants to be in photo's or in a video.

She will go back to the Gig Buddies staff team to chat about this further and see if we can do this in the future.



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



Next, we talked about if we thought going back to venues that we have been to before, for Gig Buddies socials, is a good idea.

Some of these venues include Time Zone, Scary Canary and more.



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Everyone agreed that it would be good to revisit venues. Some of the ones we like:

- Time Zone,
- Parramatta Park for a picnic,
- The Marly for music trivia
- Gymea Hotel for Jelly Bean Jam
- Albion Hotel
- Scary Canary



We think it could help make these businesses feel appreciated.

It could also be good for some of our buddies as they can go somewhere that they are already familiar with.



**Festive Feast -
Narrabeen**
The Sands Hotel, Narrabeen,
14/12/2021



**Festive Feast -
Surry Hills**
Strawberry Hills Hotel, Surry
Hills, 13/12/2021



**Festive Feast -
Kirrawee**
Prince Hotel, Kirrawee,
8/12/2021

We also talked about doing the Christmas dinners again in different areas around Sydney. We talked about how this was a good way to avoid paying more money for more expensive venues.



We did also talk about how this could mean that buddies and volunteers aren't able to meet other buddies and volunteers from other areas, like they do in the bigger events.



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We did also talk about going to new venues, as this is important for people to experience new places.

Some suggestions were Crowbar and The Bridge Hotel in Rozelle.



Chelsea will bring this discussion to the Gig Buddies staff.

We will need to talk about the smaller events and if staff are available to facilitate these events.



Next we talked about RideShare Apps like Uber, DiDi and Shebah.

We talked about our experiences that we have had when using these apps.



We then talked about if we think the Apps are accessible for people with disability to use.

We think they are in some ways, but they could be improved.



Some of our ideas to improve these apps are:

- Making them more user-friendly for people with blindness or vision impairment
- Provide a ride-share guide for people with disability
- Provide education and training for ride-share drivers
- Make it easier for NDIS Participants to use NDIS transport funding to pay for their Ubers directly.



Gig Buddies staff will talk about these suggestions and see if we can contact the Ride Share apps to talk about it.



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Lastly, we talked about possibly doing an in-person SFB meeting at The Anglers Rest in Brooklyn.

We would like to do this on 28th July 2023 at 1:00pm.



Some of SFB have work on that day.

It would also mean that they might have to take leave with or without pay if they would like to come along.



We agreed that over the next month, we would each look at our schedules and see if we are available to attend.



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If we have enough people able to attend, we will do this.

If not, we will do a Zoom meeting like we usually do.



The next SFB blog article will be written by Nalyn.

Karen's article is due at the start of July 2023.



Next Soul Fly Meeting

When: Friday 30th June 2023

Where: Zoom

Time: TBC

Thanks for reading!