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CEO Report to February 2011 Committee of Management Meeting 2011

In the context of the purpose of the charity

**“to reduce suffering caused by drugs”**

Mission

**“to create and offer opportunities to participate in a culture of self expression and contribution”**

Buoyancy Vision

**“A world of self expression and contribution for everyone”**

Buoyancy Strategy

**Model an impeccable level of integrity and accountability**

**Communicate, listen and relate for a world of self expression and contribution**

**Support staff and committee of management to fulfil on vision**

**Nothing Wrong; Self Care for those who have been abused and who abuse substances.**

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## Matters arising from Minutes of last meeting

Meeting Sunday March 27<sup>th</sup> 2011 as the next Buoyancy planning meeting day.

Where would people like to meet on a Sunday? I have a bathing box with access to catering/cafe if people would like to be outside/inside.

Three Possible things to plan for 2011-2015

Succession- Deb has one year to go on her contract (March 2011-March 2012)and should use this time to hand over to some one else and find herself another job if it's time for Buoyancy to get a new CEO

Suggest committee of management think about having a vote at March 2011 planning day meeting on succession. Suggest COM think about who else they may like to canvas through a vote on the question of succession- staff, contractors, funding agencies, clients etc.

### Buoyancy Services

Buoyancy Services now has title to Mostyn St Castlemaine and Mt Alexander properties.

Suggest that Buoyancy Services invoice Buoyancy Foundation a retainer of \$330 per week for three years to retain Mostyn St as a self care centre for the Foundation payable by June 30<sup>th</sup> 2011.

### Buoyancy Foundation

Buoyancy Foundation property at Punt Rd is now a Tenant in Common with Buoyancy Services who has 20% of the value of the title.

Suggest that planning include other possible uses Punt Rd premises. We may wish to amend our planning permit during 2011.

Deb spoke to Deniz Yener Korematsu ( Ekais' partner, an architect and Planning Officer for Darebin Council) who advised us that we could get an amendment to our planning permit without opening up the whole question of the planning permit for our drug and alcohol service. What do we want to ask council for?

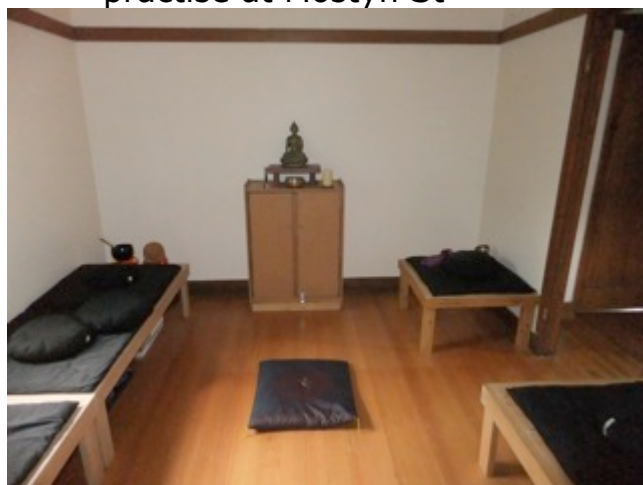
Suggest planning look at various cash flow scenarios

- \$30,000 a month Victorian state funding may or may not roll over 2012-2015
- Commonwealth young Vietnamese women and drugs program final payment is due April 2011. New applications due 31 March 2011.

- Commonwealth funded mental health project ends in June 2011. An additional \$50,000 has been allocated.
- Review and update programs for 2011-2015 Buoyancy Foundation and Buoyancy Services

### **Quick news items**

- Ming awarded CPA
- Kumi passed the academic medical examinations. Clinical exams to come.
- Pete is In Canada
- Glenda was in hospital 16 days for tests which show an auto immune paralysis in foot
- Castlemaine Zen Group has set up back bedroom and started 2x 2hr practise at Mostyn St



- Tarrengower womens' prison has started 2<sup>nd</sup> term of therapeutic activities funded by us.
- For Christmas we made contributions to Melbourne Zen Hospice, Project Respect and Tree project
- Christmas Party included thirty plus people with children, partners and recovering clients providing music.
- AERF report on Older People and Alcohol delivered and accepted

- No success in getting \$ 200,000 mental health funding we requested. We have signed a counteroffer for an additional \$50,000 mental health funding.
- We have been negotiating with a small family of squatters in the mudbrick for two months and weeding at Mt Alexander.
- We have purchased 2 trailers, 2 bikes and 2 kayaks- all excellent
- We gained State Revenue office tax exemptions from transfer of properties
- And completed property titles transfers.
- Ming has started to redesign [www.buoyancy.org.au](http://www.buoyancy.org.au) and is working with Ria to teach/learn the computer language the site is using
- There are new therapeutic activities films on Buoyancy Conversations.
- Guna is teaching art therapy to older people at the Kensington Housing Commission on Friday mornings
- Peter Watts has replaced the asbestos walls at Mostyn St with plaster and is completing renovation of the laundry to the same standard and style as the rest of the house
- Nathan is battling the blackberries on Mt Alexander
- Helen from our Young Vietnamese women and drugs program reports graduating from Melbourne University in business and media

### **Commitment to responsibilities of organisation**

Staff agreed to prorata accountabilities for counselling consultancy and continuing care of clients and to date all bonuses have been distributed. The bonus system is an excellent way of pausing each month and looking together at what is so in terms of accountabilities. Thank you to the COM for this guidance.

## **National Health Reform**

Theoretically all health funding will be paid by the Commonwealth and state government to Medicare Locals (Division of GP'S) and Hospitals, the actual situation is even more unclear than before Christmas

There is a fifty/ fifty (who is responsible?) split between state and commonwealth with a separate non-government authority distributing money to Medicare Locals and no clear place for alcohol and drugs , mental health and aged care.

The complexity and confusion may mean that Buoyancy's funding is rolled over for the next three years as there is no other clear government direction in regard to our area.

We are working on our service coordination transfer forms and video conferencing and outreach (to and from GP's and hospitals) to be relevant to new structures if they develop.

## **Accounts, finances and statistics**

- Monthly and annual Balance sheet and profit and loss for January 2011 to be considered by the COM
- Deb is getting the Punt Rd property revalued and will probably have a sworn valuation of approximately one million dollars next week.
- I then plan to get Mostyn St and Mt Alexander re-valued. OK?
- We are being requested and drawn more and more to go into what are commercial (rather than charitable) transactions.

We are asking people to make these requests to Buoyancy Services Inc. For example staff selling books and psychologists wanting to hire rooms. If a significant clear commercial request arises I will bring it to the committee.

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