EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

–BACCHUS MARSH DEMENTIA ALLIANCE

There are more than 413,000 Australians living with dementia, many of whom live in the community with the support of family and friends. The essence of dementia friendly communities is to support people with dementia to be involved in activities and social opportunities that provide meaning and purpose in their lives for as long as possible. Through the creation of a dementia friendly Bacchus Marsh we can tackle social isolation and stigma through education and awareness.

Djerriwarrh Health Services together with Moorabool Shire Council plan to facilitate a community that is dementia-friendly with the aim of improving the quality of life of people living with dementia, their families and carers. Living with dementia can be socially isolating and this initiative aims to increase the opportunities of social participation and interaction for those living with dementia.

One of the early initiatives of this project is the formation of a Bacchus Marsh Dementia Alliance to inform and guide the development of a community action plan and play an advisory role in the future implementation of the project.

We are seeking nominations from interested parties to be involved in the Bacchus Marsh Dementia Alliance. Nominations will be accepted from residents with dementia, carers, community organisations, sporting clubs, local businesses, service clubs, places of worship and other bodies interested in creating a more inclusive municipality.

The alliance is anticipated to meet on a monthly basis for the planning and early implementation phases of the project between June 2018 and June 2019. A review by the committee will determine the ongoing schedule.

The first meeting has been scheduled for

If you have any queries please contact Tineke Carr, Dementia Support Nurse, phone: 5367 9857 Mobile: 0428 054 118 and/or email: [tinekec@djhs.org.au](mailto:tinekec@djhs.org.au)

**Bacchus Marsh Dementia Alliance nomination form**

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| I am interested in being involved as a: | Community representative |
| **Organisational representative** |
| Name: |  |
| Organisation (if organisation representative: |  |
| Address |  |
| Post Code: |  |
| Phone: Mobile |  |
| Occupation: |  |
| Nominated by | **Self**  **Organisation**    **Other** |
| Experience: List any experience or expertise with dementia |  |
| List any previous experience on a local government network or committee. |  |
| Reasons for applying:  What do you hope to achieve by being a member of the Bacchus Marsh dementia alliance? |  |
| Availability:  Meetings will be held monthly from June 2018-June 2019. Are you able to commit to this  requirement? | Yes  No |
| Authority:  If appointed to the local dementia alliance, I authorise disclosure of my name and, if appropriate, the name of my organisation. | |
| Signature: Date: | |
| Return completed forms by ?? date to Tineke Carr  Tineke Carr, Dementia Support Nurse, phone: 5367 9857 Mobile: 0428 054 118 and/or email: [tinekec@djhs.org.au](mailto:tinekec@djhs.org.au) | |