








Soul Fly Buddies – Monthly Meeting Notes



	<p>Here are the minutes for the Soul Fly Buddies (SFB) meeting on 19th January 2024.</p>
	<p>Soul Fly Buddies met online using Zoom.</p>
	<p>The people that came to the meeting were: Stavros, Audrey, Lachlan, Joni, Alex and Chelsea.</p> <p>Jack, Karen and Nalyn could not make it.</p>
	<p>At the start of the meeting, we each shared some news from our lives!</p>



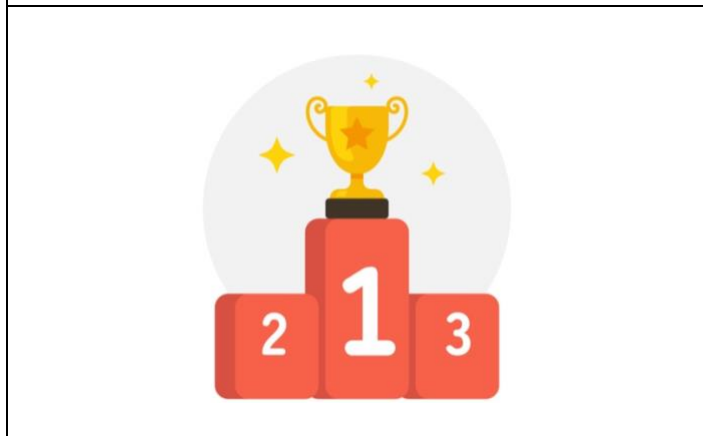
First, we talked about the Gig Buddies Slogan Competition.

Gig Buddies asked our community to send in their ideas for a slogan that we could use.

Your ideas...
(from Gig Buddies participants and volunteers)


Name	Idea / Suggestion
Karen	1. Sharing Passions, Creating Bonds 2. Connecting Hearts, Amplifying Joy 3. Inclusivity through Shared Experiences 4. Turning Gigs into Great Memories 5. Enriching Lives, One Gig Buddy at a Time
Holly	Building a friendship to go out and have a fun together.
Blake	Hi Matthew & team Here is my submission "Unleashing possibilities, one gig at a time! Gig Buddies Sydney: Inclusive, unforgettable experiences."
Maria	We are better together

SFB looked at all of the entries and then voted on their top 4 slogans.



The top 4 slogans were:

- Gig Buddies: Buddies forever, fun together
- Gig Buddies: Put the ability in disability
- Gig Buddies: Where friendships flourish!
- Gig Buddies: Turning gigs into great memories



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SLOGAN Competition

...or what does gig buddies mean to you?

Help us choose the winner!

Vote for your favourite "Slogan"?

- Gig Buddies: Buddies forever, fun together
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Click to send in your vote

We have now asked the wider Gig Buddies community to vote on their favourite slogan!

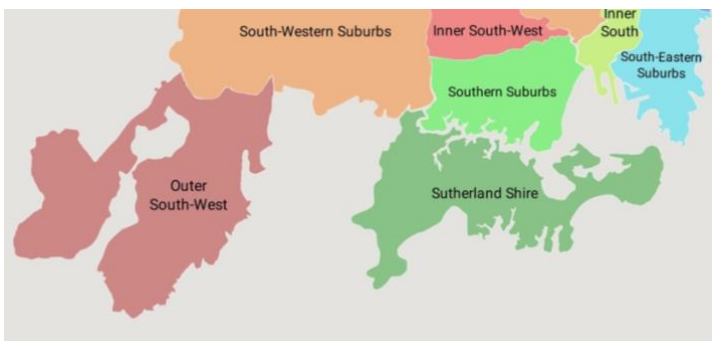
The favourite slogan will be put on our website and also at the end of our video content on YouTube.



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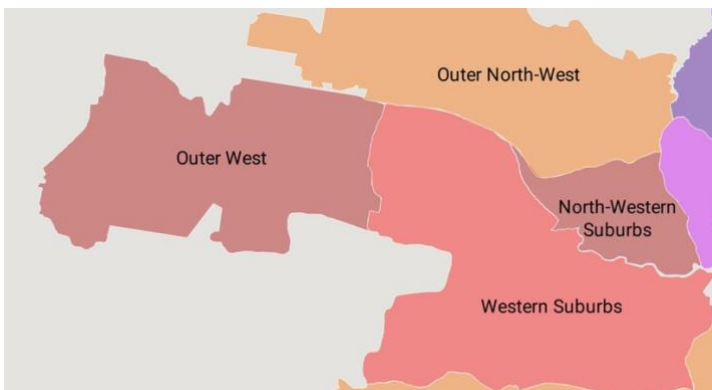


Next, we talked about finding 2 new members to join the Soul Fly Buddies team.



We need 1 new member who is from the Southern parts of Sydney.

This could be the Sutherland Shire area, St George area, Bankstown, or Campbelltown area.



We also need 1 new member who is from Western Sydney area.

This could be from Penrith, Liverpool, Parramatta, Auburn, or lower Blue Mountains area.



Current SFB members agreed that we should put a call out as soon as possible.

We would do this on social media, on the Gig Buddies website and in our weekly e-newsletter.



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Chelsea will draft something to put out as soon as possible.



Next we talked about Any Other Business.



Alex asked about SFB members writing longer blog articles.



We agreed if they are longer articles, they can they be put on the website and a short extract can be put in the newsletter.



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Next we talked about the 2 in-person catch-ups that we have in the year.



We are still happy to have them.

We will do one in June and one in November.



Next, we talked about organising the Gig Buddies 9th Birthday party this year.



Chelsea said that the event will be in May 2024.

Chelsea has started to contact a venue for costs.

We need a venue that is going to be able to fit over 120 people in it.



Stavros suggested looking into The Duke at Newtown.

Chelsea has made a note and will keep this in mind.



Alex suggested a possible social event could be going to see Monsieur Camembert at Camelot Lounge in Marrickville.



Alex is going to the show soon and will report back on if the venue has wheelchair access and a lift for those who have trouble climbing stairs.



Finally, Joni asked if Gig Buddies would be in the Mardi Gras parade this year.



Chelsea explained again that the parade route down Oxford Street is not very accessible for those who cannot walk far.

Because of this, we would need to get a float.



Chelsea explained that the Gig Buddies team are all very busy with the daily running of the Gig Buddies project.

We don't have much extra time or money to deal with the costs, fundraise and organise a float.



Because of this, we will not be in the Mardi Gras parade in 2024.



Chelsea said we would like to do it again, as it was great fun.

But with the current time and resources, we don't know when that will be.



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Chelsea said we will keep it in the back of our minds and update SFB if anything changes.

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volunteer vault

December done right

Deck the halls.....

Stavros' newsletter article is due by Wednesday 31st of January 2024 newsletter.

Karen's article is due by Friday 23rd of February 2024.



Next Soul Fly Meeting

When: Friday 23rd February 2024

Where: Zoom

Time: 1:00pm

Thanks for reading!