



## **SOUTH WESTERN SYDNEY AREA HEALTH SERVICE**

### **Community Representatives on Committees Role of the Support Person**

The SWSAHS will identify a contact person for each committee who can act in the capacity of a support person or “buddy” for community representatives involved on that committee.

This could be a SWSAHS employee or an experienced community representative.

The role of the “buddy” is to:

- Provide a contact point for the community representatives with that committee between meetings;
- Answer any questions in relation to the focus and operation of the committee;
- Provide additional information about the work of the committee where needed; and
- Provide support to the representatives in understanding the work of the committee

It is envisaged that the reliance on the “buddy” by the community representatives will diminish over time as the representatives become accustomed to the business of the committee.