Handout 2 The Opportunities found in Networking

There are many positive opportunities for the community service worker who is committed to networking. For example

- Networking assists workers to exchange information about new services, new developments in established services and changes in government policy. It helps to reduce service duplication.

- Networking also assists in the professional development of workers. By offering opportunities to debrief around current practice and also to assist in the reduction of work related stress.

- Networking provides the opportunity to meet with a range of different workers who may provide role models and new ideas for best practice.