

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
SENIORS COORDINATING COMMITTEE
ON WEDNESDAY 15 JULY 2020 4:00PM
Via Teleconference

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic this meeting was held via Zoom

1. ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT:

Councillor Jamie de Brenni (*Chair*)
Geoff Sloan, General Member (*arrived at 4:08pm*)
Lowell Wood, Dementia Australia
Ian Towns, University of the 3rd Age
Kate Lewis, Anglicare NT
Fran Kilgariff, Council of the Ageing (COTA)
Sue Jones, National Seniors of Central Australia
Belinda Staniforth, Catholic Care

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jeanette Shepherd, Manager Community and Cultural Development
Mikaela Revell, Programs Coordinator, Alice Springs Public Library
Kiri Milne, Community Development Officer
Telly Ociones, Executive Assistant (*Minutes*)

13th Alice Springs Town Council Seniors Coordinating Committee	17 Jul - 19	21 Aug - 19	18 Sep - 19	16 Oct - 19	20 Nov - 19	19 Feb - 20	18 Mar - 20	14 Apr - 20	20 May - 20	17 June - 20	15 July - 20
Mayor Damien Ryan	✓	A	Meeting cancelled – no quorum	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	A	A
Councillor Jamie de Brenni	✓	A		✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	A	✓
Councillor Catherine Satour				✓	✓	A	A	✓	--	✓	
Councillor Glen Auricht	✓	✓									
Edna Saunders	✓	✓		--	✓	✓	✓	--	--	--	--
Ian Towns	✓	✓		✓	✓	A	A	--	✓	✓	✓
Lowell Wood	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fran Kilgariff	✓	✓		A	A	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓
Shauna Hartig	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	A	A	A	A	--
Sue Jones	A	A		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kate Lewis	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Val Hoey		✓		✓	✓	--	✓	A	A	A	--
Geoff Sloan	✓	A		A	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rhiannon Fletcher / Belinda Staniforth		✓		✓	A	A	A	✓	✓	--	✓
Bronwyn Arnold	✓ Proxy	✓ Proxy		--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

✓	Attended	A	Apology received
✓ Proxy	Proxy attended in place of committee member	--	No attendance and no apology recorded
	Non-member		

An audio recording of this Zoom meeting was made for minute taking purposes

The meeting commenced at 4:00pm.

APOLOGIES:

Mayor Damien Ryan
Sabine Taylor, Director Corporate Services
Robert Jennings, Chief Executive Officer
Clare Fisher, Manager Library Services

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:

Nil

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Seniors Coordinating Committee meeting held 17 June 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Moved: Kate Lewis
Seconded: Lowell Wood

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

4.1 Seniors Month Planning

The Seniors Month Morning Tea (formerly Mayoral Morning Tea) will occur Friday 7 August 2020. The event will be held outdoors in the Council Courtyard, with numbers reduced to 55. The guest speaker for the event is author Tanya Heaslip. As numbers are limited, RSVP's are essential, no later than Wednesday 29 July. To RSVP or make an enquiry, please contact the Executive Assistant on 8950 0576 or eaexecutive@nt.gov.au.

The 9th annual Still Got Talent event will take place Wednesday 26 August, at the Alice Springs Convention Centre. Due to COVID-19 safety precautions, the venue capacity will be reduced to 150 patrons. Catering will be presented in individual portions per person. The larger MacDonnell Room will be utilised to allow adequate space between tables and seating will be allocated. The judging panel for this year will comprise of Councillor Jamie de Brenni, Sue Jones, Ianne Hayes and one other judge yet to be confirmed. RSVP's for performers close August 10, and audience members by 14 August.

The Library's Seniors Month events include Bingo High Tea and Tall Tales with COVID-19 safety precautions in place. Bingo High Tea will have limited capacity of 30 people, so booking is essential. This year, Tall Tales will have a different format but same concept, so it can reach a broader audience. In partnership with 8CCC, the event has been moved to a radio format, with four well known Centralians reading and talking about their books.

ACTION:

Community Development Officer to circulate posters and any information for Seniors Month events.

5. DEPUTATION:**5.1 Jessica Miller, Northern Territory Concession and Recognition Scheme, Territory Families**

Following last month's discussion regarding the Northern Territory Concession and Recognition Scheme, Geoff Sloan has arranged for a representative from Territory Families to attend the SCC meeting to answer any queries that the group may have.

6. OTHER BUSINESS:**6.1 Upcoming Community Projects and Events**

- Movers and Groovers dance classes at the 50 Plus Centre will continue weekly on Saturdays from 11:00am to 12 noon and will conclude Saturday 1 August. The classes have been popular, with 12 participants in the first week, 17 in the second week and 19 last week.
- Dancing with Dementia - The first session occurred Tuesday 14 July, facilitated by Lauren Jones. Entry is by gold coin donation and bookings are to be made through Glen Woods at Dementia Australia. The session was enjoyed by all participants.
- Lauren Jones, in collaboration with GUTS Dance Studio, will be running gentle movement and exercise classes for over 75s. Classes will be held for Seniors Month starting 10 August at the GUTS studio at the Araluen Arts Centre on Mondays at 9:30am. Entry is by gold coin donation.
- The 112ONE program is a series of live music performances from a wide range of local talent on the church lawns in the Todd Mall from 11:00am to 1:00pm, on Thursday, Fridays and Saturdays from 9 July to 1 August. The first week was a huge success, with audience numbers at around 150 each day. A Council staff member is present for each session to ensure that COVID-19 hygiene and safety precautions are being adhered to. Hand sanitiser is available and social distancing messaging is displayed. Some of the musical acts include Rusty and the Infidels, Xavia (cellist) and the World Chamber Orchestra.
- The Variety Santa Fun Run is Sunday 19 July. Register online or on the day from 7:00am. The race starts at 8:00am. Funds raised for Variety NT will go towards supporting kids and families who are facing many challenges through sickness, disadvantage or living with special needs.
- The screening of the 6th annual Phoney Film Festival will occur 6:00pm tomorrow night at the Alice Springs Cinema. Phoney Film Festival is a showcase of short films made by young people in the community. Seating is limited as physical distancing measures are in place. For booking, please call the Alice Springs Cinema.

ACTION:

Community Development Officer will send the full program guide and events information to the Committee after the meeting.

6.2 Update from Library Services, Alice Springs Public Library

- Library's Multi-Purpose Meeting Room is currently unavailable for hire to Library interest groups, as staff workstations have been moved there to accommodate the 1.5 physical distancing.
- Join regular sessions of Library online programs on Facebook: [@ASPLibrary](#) such as Baby Rhyme time on Wednesdays at 10:15am and Preschool Storytime on Fridays at 10:15am.
- Yarning Chair Sessions at 8CCC with Eleonor Hogan, a local historian, interviewing interesting local Alice Springs people.

6.3 COVID-19 Update from the Committee

The Health and Wellness Day scheduled for Seniors Month on Friday, 21 August in Yeperenye Shopping Centre will be postponed to a later date, in a bid to minimise any potential spread of the COVID-19 virus, and the venue will be changed to a different location, to ensure COVID-19 physical distancing and hygiene principles are adhered to.

Anglicare NT's Social Support Group will have its first get together lunch at Gillen Club, after the easing out of COVID-19 restrictions. The Baptist Church is being looked at as a new venue to hold the group sessions where physical distancing can be practiced.

6.4 ASTC Community Survey

ACTION:

Community Development Officer to follow up on when the community survey report be released and will remove the survey which is still on the website despite it closing on 31 March. An update will be provided at the next meeting.

6.5 Resignation from Lowell Wood

Lowell Wood has resigned from Dementia Australia and today is her last SCC meeting. The Chair, on behalf of the Committee, thanked Lowell for her contribution on SCC and to the community and wished her well for the future.

6.6 Alice Springs Seniors' Lifestyle Accommodation Project

Councillor de Brenni would like to invite Chris Neck to the next meeting to provide update on the seniors' accommodation project. For further information on the expression of interest process, a brochure has been prepared by the Department of Trade, Business and Innovation for information.

ACTION:

Community Development Officer to email the information link to SCC, and invite Chris Neck to present at the next meeting.

7. **NEXT MEETING:**

Wednesday, **19 August 2020** at 4:00pm via teleconference

8. **CLOSURE OF THE MEETING:** The meeting closed at 4:32pm.