

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
SENIORS COORDINATING COMMITTEE
 ON WEDNESDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2020 4:00PM
 ARUNTA ROOM

1. ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT:

Mayor Damien Ryan
 Councillor Jamie de Brenni, ASTC (*Chair*)
 Councillor Glen Auricht
 Ian Towns, University of the 3rd Age
 Sue Jones, National Seniors of Central Australia
 Val Hoey, Alice Springs Senior Citizens

GUESTS:

Helena Wright Executive Director, Programs and Engagement, Territory Families (*via phone*)
 Peter Lena, Chief Correctional Centre Community Work Parties

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jeanette Shepherd, Manager Community and Cultural Development
 Felicity Waldock, Acting Manager Library, Alice Springs Public Library
 Telly Ociones, Executive Assistant (*Minutes*)

13th Alice Springs Town Council Seniors Coordinating Committee	15 July - 20	19 Aug - 20	16 Sept - 20	21 Oct - 20	18 Nov - 20
Mayor Damien Ryan	A		A	✓	✓
Councillor Jamie de Brenni	✓	✓	A	✓	✓
Councillor Catherine Satour			✓		
Councillor Glen Auricht				A	✓
Edna Saunders	--	--	--	✓	--
Ian Towns	✓	✓	✓	A	✓
Lowell Wood	✓				
Fran Kilgariff	✓	A	✓	✓	A
Shauna Hartig	--	--	--	--	--
Sue Jones	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kate Lewis	✓	✓	A	A	A
Val Hoey	--	--	--	✓	✓
Geoff Sloan	✓	✓	✓	✓	A
Rhiannon Fletcher / Belinda Staniforth	✓	✓	✓	--	--
Bronwyn Arnold	--	--	--	--	--

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

The meeting commenced at 4:00pm.

APOLOGIES:

Kate Lewis, Anglicare NT
Geoff Sloan, General Member
Fran Kilgariff, Council of the Ageing (COTA)
Robert Jennings, Chief Executive Officer
Kiri Milne, Community Development Officer

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:

Nil

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Seniors Coordinating Committee meeting held 21 October 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting, noting that Councillor Auricht was not present at this meeting.

Moved: Val Hoey
Seconded: Sue Jones

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

4.1 Alice Springs Seniors Lifestyle Accommodation Project

Rae Finlay, Manager, Economic Development Central Australia, will attend the Seniors Coordinating Committee meeting in February 2021 to discuss the status of the Seniors Lifestyle Accommodation Project and answer any additional queries from the Committee.

5. DEPUTATIONS:

5.1 Draft NT Seniors Policy 2021- 2025

Helena Wright, Executive Director, Programs and Engagement, Territory Families
Siobhan Okely, Director Community Engagement

Helena Wright provided an overview for the refreshed Seniors Policy to be reviewed. A draft Northern Territory Seniors Policy 2021-2025 has been compiled with the input of peak organisations for seniors and seniors' community representatives and it has been agreed that wider community feedback will be important to help shape the Policy. This will be placed for public consultation through the NT Government Have Your Say website in early December 2020.

The policy is grounded in acknowledging active ageing and age-friendly communities that support senior Territorians in their independence and well-being. Communities where all Territorians recognise and respond proactively to the growing senior population.

Discussion ensued about the role that local government play in assisting seniors. Most of the programs provided by Federal and State governments for seniors and the ageing population are delivered by local government, but it seems that local government missed out in the consultation process for the policy review. A question was raised about the age classification of seniors and the aspect of re-entering the workforce and how over 50s in the workforce are supported. Personal safety and security of seniors were also raised as priority areas to be reviewed.

Helena mentioned the four proposed priority areas and actions for senior Territorians, namely:

- Economic participation and financial security
- Safety and security
- Health and wellbeing
- Social inclusion and diversity

ACTION:

- A. Helena Wright to provide Council officers the link to the Draft NT Seniors Policy 2021-2025 as soon as the document is out for public comment.
- B. Elected Members on Seniors Coordinating Committee and Council officers to review the draft NT Seniors Policy and provide feedback to Territory Families.

5.2 Peter Lena, Chief Correctional Centre Community Work Parties

Peter Lena gave an overview of the Correctional Centre's community work parties participation in community works program for seniors and pensioners. Peter has a crew of five senior officers and manages 30 prisoners who are at their end of term sentence or with low minor offences. Each officer supervises six prisoners. Community work includes:

- Assisting 273 pensioners in cleaning their yards and removing their rubbish
- Setting up and packing down for major events e.g. Finke, Henley on Todd, Masters Games, Bush Bands
- Working with different sporting clubs
- Working with local council and their beautification projects
- Cleaning rubbish around town

Discussion ensued about giving offenders an opportunity to take responsibility for their offending and learn new skills and work habits. Correctional Centre participates in the Volunteer Employment program. The Corrections' community work crew can also assist seniors in disposing off their large items as well as tree pruning, but not basic maintenance, e.g. changing light bulbs.

6. OTHER BUSINESS:

6.1 Update from the Alice Springs Public Library

The Acting Manager Library Services gave the following update:

- The Library's community survey is taking place between 29 October and 29 November 2020. The survey is available online and Library staff members can perform the survey onsite, if requested. Interested seniors groups can contact the Community Development Officer to arrange this service.
- The Library is requiring volunteers for Old Timers residents to bring and collect books.
- Volunteers are also required to assist in the Adults literacy program for reading and writing, tech help and spoken English.
- The Library' spring-cleaning has concluded. The Library is now back to normal operating hours.
- The Library will be celebrating its 40th birthday on 18 October 2020, but this has been postponed due to COVID-19. The Library is working on collating stories and creating a book about the Library over its 40 years. Anyone who wants to share and contribute please contact the Library.

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ACTION:

Community Development Officer will send details to SCC members.

Felicity Waldock left the meeting at 4:50pm

6.2 Upcoming Community Projects and Events

Manager Community and Cultural Development provided an update on upcoming Council events and programs:

- Nominations for Mayoral Awards and Centralian Citizen Awards close Friday, 20 November 2020. Please consider nominating and sharing through your networks
- Mayoral Awards will be held in conjunction with International Day of People with Disability on 3 December. This is an RSVP only event to assist with contact tracing. Centralian Citizen Awards will be presented at the Australia Day Flag Raising and Citizenship ceremony on 26 January 2021.
- Applications for Council's Aged Pensioner Garden Waste Removal close at 4.30pm on Friday, 20 November 2020.
- NT Emergency Services (NTES) is offering a free flood safety briefing session, targeted at community groups, businesses, government agencies and high schools.
- Seniors Still Got Talent DVDs are finally ready for collection. The cos is \$10 to purchase and performers receive a copy for free.
- The third Pop Up Parks event is occurring Friday 30 October at Lewis Gilbert Park in Desert Springs, featuring live music from the World Chamber Orchestra and a film screening.
- The last Movers and Groovers session at the 50 Plus Centre will take place on Saturday 19 December 2020.
- Any particular areas of discussion that the Committee would like to focus on for the next year can be requested to the Community Development Officer to investigate and follow up.

7. **NEXT MEETING:**

Wednesday, **17 February 2021** at 4:00pm

8. **CLOSURE OF THE MEETING:** The meeting closed at 4:57pm.