

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
SENIORS COORDINATING COMMITTEE
ON WEDNESDAY 21 JULY 2021 4:00PM
Via Zoom Teleconference

1. ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT:

Councillor Jamie de Brenni, ASTC (*Chair*)
Sue Jones, National Seniors of Central Australia
Geoff Sloan, General Member
Fran Kilgariff, Council of the Ageing (COTA)
Louise Banner, ARRCs
Maricar Quitay, ARRCs
Shauna Hartig, Country Women's Association
Val Hoey, Alice Springs Senior Citizens

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Kate Walsh, Acting Manager Community and Cultural Development
Kiri Milne, Community Development Officer
Alyssa Reid, Community Projects and Events Officer
Dunja Ganama, Acting Manager Library Services, Alice Springs Public Library

13th Alice Springs Town Council Seniors Coordinating Committee	15 July - 20	19 Aug - 20	16 Sept - 20	21 Oct - 20	18 Nov - 20	17 Feb - 21	17 Mar - 21	21 Apr - 21	16 June - 21	21 July - 21
Mayor Damien Ryan	A		A	✓	✓	A	A	A	✓	A
Councillor Jamie de Brenni	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Councillor Glen Auricht				A	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	A
Edna Saunders	--	--	--	✓	--	✓	--	✓	A	A
Ian Towns	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	A
Lowell Wood	✓									
Fran Kilgariff	✓	A	✓	✓	A	✓	A	✓	✓	✓
Shauna Hartig	--	--	--	--	--	--	✓	✓	--	✓
Sue Jones	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kate Lewis	✓	✓	A	A	A	✓	A	✓	A	A
Val Hoey	--	--	--	✓	✓	--	--	A	✓	✓
Geoff Sloan	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	A	✓	✓	✓
Rhiannon Fletcher / Belinda Staniforth	✓	✓	✓	--	--	✓	--	A	A	A
Maricar Quitay						✓	✓	--	✓	✓
Louise Banner						✓	✓	A	✓	✓

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

The meeting commenced at 4:05pm.

APOLOGIES:

Mayor Damien Ryan
Councillor Glen Auricht
Ian Towns, University of the 3rd Age
Kate Lewis, Anglicare NT
Belinda Staniforth, NT Catholic Care
Edna Saunders, Probus Club of Alice Springs
Robert Jennings, Chief Executive Officer
Sabine Taylor, Director Corporate Services
Telly Ociones, Executive Assistant (*Minutes from recording*)

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:

Nil

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Seniors Coordinating Committee meeting held 16 June 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Moved: Sue Jones
Seconded: Fran Kilgariff

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

4.1 Seniors Lifestyle Accommodation Update

The Community Development Officer advised that CEO Robert Jennings has met with the office of Economic Development headed by Ray Finlay. An update on the status of the project will be provided once known. Council officers will continue to liaise with Ray Finlay and the office of Economic Development on a monthly basis and provide update to the Seniors Coordinating Committee.

4.2 Terms of Reference and Committee Membership Update

The Committee will review the Seniors Coordinating Committee Terms of Reference at the next meeting.

It was noted that the former Charter is now called Terms of Reference, which has the same functionality.

ACTION:

Community Development Officer to resend the current Seniors Coordinating Committee Terms of Reference to SCC members.

4.3 Seniors Month

Council's Seniors month activities include:

- Seniors Mayoral Morning Tea, Tuesday 3 August

- High Tea Bingo in the Library, Saturday 14 August
- Tall Tales event in the Library, Tuesday 17 August
- Seniors Still Got Talent, Wednesday 25 August at the Convention Centre
Photos from previous years will be displayed to celebrate the 10th year of Still Got Talent.

Fran Kilgariff advised that the printed Seniors month calendars have been distributed to all the MLA offices yesterday.

The COTA Seniors Expo in Alice Springs is on Tuesday 31 August.

ACTION:

Community Development Officer to send the COTA Seniors Expo flyer to SCC members.

5. DEPUTATION:

5.1 Annette Hiscox, National Disability Insurance Agency

Annette Hiscox is on leave until 1 August. This deputation will be postponed to a later date this year.

6. OTHER BUSINESS:

6.1 Update from Community Projects and Events Officer, ASTC

Community Projects and Events Officer provided the following update:

- Citizenship Ceremony/50 years of Council – Thursday, 29 July on the Council Lawns. A free community BBQ and cupcakes will be available from 11:00am to celebrate the 50 years anniversary of Council.
- NAIDOC week – Due to the COVID outbreaks across the nation and the vulnerability of the target market, the NAIDOC Committee has decided to cancel all pre-existing plans for NAIDOC week. They will now only have an Awards Ceremony on 13 August on the United Church Lawns, where they will honour those people who were nominated and won an award.
- August Night Markets – Thursday, 26 August from 5pm to 9pm. Waiting for final confirmation from Bonie Maronies to perform.
- Territory Day – rescheduled to Sunday, 29 August 2021.
- Seniors Month Mayoral Morning Tea – Tuesday, 3 August in the Civic Centre Function room from 9am to 11am, with the Mayor and Councillors in attendance. Attendance is capped at 60pax due to COVID, and currently at 50% capacity so booking is essential.

6.2 Update from the Acting Manager Library Services, Alice Springs Public Library

The Acting Manager Library Services provided the following update:

- Seniors month in the Library – High Tea Bingo on Saturday, 14 August from 2:00pm to 4:30pm. Due to COVID protocols, the event is capped to 60 pax so booking is essential. There are 14 people booked to date.
- Tall Tales event in conjunction with Family History month as well – Tuesday, 17 August. This is based on people telling interesting stories about growing up and living in and around Alice Springs.

- Connect to Tech classes will be back soon in the Library.
The Committee suggested morning classes would be better for seniors.

6.3 Council Connect Newsletter

Community Development Officer asked some suggestions from the Committee in regard to other locations where printed copies of Council Connect newsletter should be delivered. The Committee suggested the Old Timers would be happy to receive copies of the newsletter.

6.4 Upcoming Local Government Elections

Community Development Officer provided the following timeline for the coming election.

- 5 August 2021 – Nominations close at 12:00 noon
- 16 August 2021 – Early voting commences in the Andy McNeill room
- 28 August 2021 – Election day (Initial count will occur after polling closes, but official results will be announced after a few weeks)
- 10 September 2021 – final voting count (including postal votes)
- 13 September 2021 – formal declaration of results. NTEC will formally introduce the newly elected 14th Council at 9am
- 15 to 17 September 2021 – three-day training for new Elected Members
- 21 September 2021 – first Council meeting and swearing in ceremony

6.5 Acknowledgement to Councillor de Brenni – Last SCC Meeting

Fran Kilgrariff on behalf of the Committee thanked Councillor de Brenni for Chairing the Seniors Coordinating Committee in the last two years, and his passion and interest for seniors' activities and the betterment of seniors in Alice Springs. The Committee wished him good luck in his future endeavours.

Councillor de Brenni thanked the Committee for their input and the staff for their support.

6.6 Seniors Concession Scheme and Seniors Recognition Scheme Membership

Geoff Sloan advised that those people who registered to carry on with both schemes will be registered. If membership cards have not been issued by the first week of August, people are asked to go to Territory Families to follow up.

Previously, businesses that would accept the Seniors Recognition Scheme card (orange card) needed to be registered with particular Eftpos machine, but now, any business that takes Visa card will accept the new Seniors Recognition Scheme card.

Alice Springs has 1,900 members of the Seniors Recognition Scheme.

7. **NEXT MEETING:** TBA

8. **CLOSURE OF THE MEETING:** The meeting closed at 5:10pm.