

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
SENIORS COORDINATING COMMITTEE
 ON WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2020 4:00PM
 Via Teleconference

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

1. ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT:

Councillor Catherine Satour, ASTC (*Chair*)
 Geoff Sloan, General Member
 Ian Towns, University of the 3rd Age
 Fran Kilgariff, Council of the Ageing (COTA)
 Belinda Staniforth, Catholic Care
 Sue Jones, National Seniors of Central Australia
 Chris Sanderson, Victims of Crime NT (*guest*)

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Kim Sutton, Director Community Development
 Felicity Waldock, Acting Manager Library, Alice Springs Public Library
 Kiri Milne, Community Development Officer
 Telly Ociones, Executive Assistant (*Minutes*)

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

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

The meeting commenced at 4:00pm.

APOLOGIES:

Mayor Damien Ryan
Councillor Jamie de Brenni
Kate Lewis, Anglicare NT
Robert Jennings, Chief Executive Officer

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:

Nil

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Seniors Coordinating Committee meeting held 19 August 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Moved: Geoff Sloan
Seconded: Councillor Catherine Satour

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

4.1 Seniors Month

- Seniors Still Got Talent winners were Dave Oakes, 1st prize; Eunice de Kock; 2nd prize; Edna Bradley, 3rd prize; and Ted Usense, highly commended. There were 112 people who attended the event.
- Ian Towns appreciated the relocation of COTA event from Yeperenye to the Council lawns. The event attracted a lot of people with fresh air, beautiful music and fantastic atmosphere. Thank you to Fran, Kiri and Council staff.

4.2 Alice Springs Seniors Lifestyle Accommodation Project

Community Development Officer advised that Chris Neck is awaiting advice on when the next meeting of Central Australian Economic Reconstruction Committee will take place. He will report back to the Seniors Coordinating Committee once the group has met.

Fran Kilgariff asked how many EOIs were lodged.

ACTION:

Community Development Officer will email the committee with the number of EOIs received.

5. DEPUTATIONS:

5.1 Chris Sanderson, Victims of Crime NT

Chris Sanderson provided a brief service profile of Victims of Crime NT and what it can offer to seniors.

- Founded in 1995 by a group of concerned citizens and operates across Darwin, Alice Springs and Tennant Creek.

- Assist people impacted by crime to recover and restore their lives, by providing them with support, advocacy and prevention strategies.
- 24/7 free-call helpline: 1800 672 242 and local number during business hours
- Work in partnership with Department of the Attorney-General and Justice, Department of Trade, Business and Innovation, Territory Families and NT Correctional Services.
- Provide information, referral, crisis support and counselling to assist with emotional coping and recovery
- Support those feeling traumatised or overwhelmed by the court process
- Provide victim support in restorative youth justice conferencing
- Provide financial assistance for victims of unlawful entry to clean-up and/or secure residential and business properties after the crime, as well as re-secure motor vehicles as a result of criminal damage.
- Provide a free home security assessment with limited assistance for security improvements to people who own a home or rent. Funding for security upgrades may be available for vulnerable or disadvantaged community members.

There is an upcoming free personal safety workshop for seniors in Alice Springs in response to build skills, awareness, confidence and lessen the chances of victimisation in the future. It is a fun and interactive workshop to learn practical strategies and information to support your personal safety in a range of situations. The workshop is delivered by Personal Protection Strategies, Neighbourhood Watch NT, Victims of Crime NT.

Free Seniors Personal Safety Workshop

Location: Alice Springs Community Youth Centre, 5 Wills Terrace

Time and Date: 9:30am to 12:30pm on 12 or 13 or 14 October 2020

Sessions run for three hours, followed by a light lunch

Contact Lauren Winter NHWNT on 0437 996 198 or Chris Sanderson VoCNT office on 8952 4466.

Questions and answers held regarding exclusion of people with comprehensive insurance and victim support in restorative youth justice conferencing service.

ACTION:

- A. Community Development Officer to email Victims of Crime NT brochure to Committee.
- B. Community Development Officer to provide information of Seniors Personal Safety Workshop on community calendar.

6. OTHER BUSINESS:

6.1 Upcoming Community Projects and Events

Community Development Officer provided the following updates:

- Pop up Park Series is designed to activate different parks with music and art related activities. This event is also targeted at promoting the local arts sector that has been affected by COVID-19. The first of the series was held last Sunday, 6 September at Ruffino Park in Kilgariff Estate with 200 attendees. Musicians were VJ and Rusty & the Infidels.

The second series will be held on Sunday, 20 September at 10:00am at Frances Smith Memorial Park, East Side. Music from Micaela & Madison and The Shavings. Activities include Hula Hoop workshop with Sarah Cook, Drumming workshop with King Marong and the Scouts doing the BBQ.

- Parrtjima Festival occurring until 20 September 2020
- Desert Festival will open Thursday, September 24 to coincide with the September Night Market

- Alice Art walk launch of the online public art map organised by Pat Ansell-Dodds as part of the Desert Festival.
- Movers and Groovers Dance Saturday class is back at the 50 Plus Centre.
- Dementia Action Week starts 21 to 27 September. The Manager of Dementia NT will be in Alice Springs next week to touch base with different organisations to talk about dementia advocacy.

ACTION:

Community Development Officer to provide information on these events to SCC and to send a link to subscribe to Council Newsletter.

- The Central Australian Art Society (CAAS) will be having an art exhibition from 31 local artist in the CAAS Art Shed in Crispe Street from 10am to 4-pm from 19 to 27 September. All the art works are for sale which will help local artists.

6.2 Update from the Alice Springs Public Library

The Acting Manager Library Services gave the following update:

- The Library is currently undergoing spring-cleaning hours as a temporary measure for its Stage 3 restrictions. New opening hours are **Monday to Friday | 10am to 1pm & 3pm to 6pm (closed 1pm-3pm for Spring Cleaning)**.
- 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.
- The Library is in the process of working with the NT Health Department following all the COVID-19 guidelines for Libraries bringing in some of the programs that the Library offers to the community, such as Connect to Tech and Spoken English.

7. NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, **21 October 2020** at 4:00pm

8. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING: The meeting closed at 4:37pm.