

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
SENIORS COORDINATING COMMITTEE
 ON WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER 2020 4:00PM
 ARUNTA ROOM

1. ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT:

Mayor Damien Ryan (*via phone*)
 Councillor Jamie de Brenni, ASTC (*Chair*)
 Councillor Glen Auricht
 Geoff Sloan, General Member
 Fran Kilgariff, Council of the Ageing (COTA)
 Sue Jones, National Seniors of Central Australia
 Edna Saunders, Probus Club of Alice Springs
 Val Hoey, Alice Springs Senior Citizens

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jeanette Shepherd, Manager Community and Cultural Development
 Felicity Waldock, Acting Manager Library, Alice Springs Public Library
 Kiri Milne, Community Development Officer (*Minutes*)

13th Alice Springs Town Council Seniors Coordinating Committee	15 July - 20	19 Aug - 20	16 Sept - 20	21 Oct - 20
Mayor Damien Ryan	A		A	✓
Councillor Jamie de Brenni	✓	✓	A	✓
Councillor Catherine Satour			✓	
Councillor Glen Auricht				
Edna Saunders	--	--	--	✓
Ian Towns	✓	✓	✓	A
Lowell Wood	✓			
Fran Kilgariff	✓	A	✓	✓
Shauna Hartig	--	--	--	--
Sue Jones	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kate Lewis	✓	✓	A	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		

The meeting commenced at 4:00pm.

APOLOGIES:

Ian Towns, University of the 3rd Age
Kate Lewis, Anglicare NT
Robert Jennings, Chief Executive Officer
Telly Ociones, Executive Assistant

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR:

Councillor Jamie de Brenni was nominated as Chair and accepted.

Moved: Councillor Auricht
Seconded: Geoff Sloan

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:

Nil

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the Seniors Coordinating Committee meeting held 16 September 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Moved: Geoff Sloan
Seconded: Sue Jones

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:**5.1 Alice Springs Seniors Lifestyle Accommodation Project**

Community Development Officer advised that no further updates have been provided from Chris Neck regarding the meeting of the Central Australian Economic Reconstruction Committee.

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

5.2 Personal Safety Workshops

Sue Jones provided positive feedback to the Committee regarding the Personal Safety Workshops delivered by Personal Protection Strategies, Neighbourhood Watch NT, Victims of Crime NT. Discussion ensued regarding the free home security assessments offered from Victims of Crime NT and the *How Safe is my Place?* online self-assessment tool, an alternative to a face to face home assessment.

ACTION:

Community Development Officer to investigate the possibility of holding Personal Safety Workshops at Council.

6. DEPUTATIONS:

Nil

7. OTHER BUSINESS:

7.1 Mayoral Awards and Centralian Citizen Awards

Community Development Officer reported that nominations for Council's Mayoral Awards are now open. The Alice Springs Mayoral Awards are celebrated annually 3 December, International Day of People with Disability (IDPwD), to highlight the contributions made by individuals with disability and by individuals for disability communities.

There are two categories – the Noteworthy Award, awarded to a person with disability who has made a noteworthy contribution to the community and the Champion Award, awarded to a person with or without a disability who has advocated for the rights and well-being of people with disability. Nominations for the awards close 20 November 2020.

Nominations for the Centralian Citizen Awards – run in conjunction with and presented at the Australia Day ceremony – have been extended to 20 November. The categories for the awards are Centralian Citizen of the Year, Young Centralian of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Event of the Year and Senior Citizen of the Year.

Discussion ensued regarding the adjudication process of the awards. Committee members were encouraged to share information about the awards with their networks.

7.2 Strong Seniors: Participation Framework

Community Development Officer reported that the update of the Strong Seniors: Seniors Participation Framework is underway, with a draft confirmed in August following consultation with government stakeholders. The framework is to be discussed at the upcoming meeting of the Ministerial Council, 27 October 2020.

The 2016-2019 edition of the framework was provided to Committee for discussion:

- Feedback from the Committee was that the document was too long.
- Mayor Ryan queried the timeline of the report and commented that the update was significantly delayed. Geoff Sloan answered that it was originally scheduled for completion end June 2020, but the COVID-19 pandemic had delayed meetings and consultations.
- Mayor Ryan raised the Masters Games and its inclusion in the 2016-2019 framework edition. It was noted that seniors were not included in recent consultation meetings regarding the Masters Games.
- Discussion ensued regarding the appropriate labelling for seniors and older aged people.
- Mayor Ryan raised that local government was not included in the consultation document.
- Councillor de Brenni raised age-related employment discrimination.

The Committee was encouraged to email questions or feedback to Geoff Sloan to raise at the 27 October Ministerial Council meeting.

ACTION:

Community Development Officer to invite Helena Wright, Executive Director, Programs and Engagement, Territory Families, to present the draft Seniors Policy document for discussion at the November SCC meeting.

7.3 Upcoming Community Projects and Events

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

- Night Market – Thursday 22 October 5pm to 9pm
- 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.
- Council's Aged Pensioner Garden Waste Removal Service is open from Tuesday, 24 November to Thursday, 26 November – Applications close at 4.30pm on Friday, 20 November 2020.
- Fran Kilgariff asked the Committee if they knew of any organisations or groups that could assist with general yard work, maintenance and disposal of rubbish. Community Development Officer answered that the Community Work Parties Program (through the Alice Springs Correctional Centre) had offered this service, but had temporarily ceased due to COVID-19.

ACTION:

Community Development Officer to contact the Alice Springs Correctional Centre and confirm if the Community Work Parties Program has recommenced.

6.2 Update from the Alice Springs Public Library

The Acting Manager Library Services gave the following update:

- The Library's 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.
- 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 to arrange this service.

7. **NEXT MEETING:**

Wednesday, **18 November 2020** at 4:00pm

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