

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
SENIORS COORDINATING COMMITTEE
ON WEDNESDAY 18 MAY 2022 4:00PM
ANDY MCNEILL ROOM, CIVIC CENTRE**

The adoption of the minutes does not imply the adoption of all recommendations. Refer to the accompanying recommendations document in the meeting agenda.

1. ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT:

Mayor Matt Paterson (*Acting Chair*)
Councillor Michael Liddle
Sue Jones, National Seniors of Central Australia
Fran Kilgariff, Council of the Ageing (COTA)
Shauna Hartig, Country Women's Association
Belinda Staniforth, Aged Care, Catholic NT
Anne-Marie Walker, Aged Care, Catholic NT

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Kate Walsh, Acting Manager Community and Cultural Development
Hara Carragher, Community Development Officer
Dunja Ganama, Manager Library Services, Alice Springs Public Library

14th Alice Springs Town Council Seniors Coordinating Committee	17 Nov - 2021	20 April - 2022	18 May -2022
Mayor Matt Paterson	✓	✓	✓
Councillor Steve Brown	✓	✓	A
Councillor Michael Liddle	✓	✓	✓
Edna Saunders	A	--	--
Russell North	✓	✓	A
Fran Kilgariff	✓	A	✓
Shauna Hartig	A	A	✓
Sue Jones	✓	✓	✓
Clarissa Tipene	A	A	A
Val Hoey	✓	✓	A
Geoff Sloan	A	✓	A
Belinda Staniforth	A	A	✓
Maricar Quitay	A	A	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:

Councillor Steve Brown, ASTC
Geoff Sloan, General Member
Val Hoey, Alice Springs Senior Citizens
Maricar Quitay, ARRCs
Russell North, University of the Third Age (U3A)
Clarissa Tipene from Anglicare NT
Robert Jennings, Chief Executive Officer
Sabine Taylor, Director Corporate Services
Dunja Ganama, Acting Manager Library 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 20 April 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Moved: Sue Jones
Seconded: Mayor Matt Paterson

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

4.1 Seniors Lifestyle Accommodation Update

Community Development Officer advised that development is still in the proposal stage and there is still no new update. Geoff Sloan at the last meeting invited Committee members to join a separate group who would provide feedback to Heenan Enterprises.

4.2 World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

Community Development Officer advised activities are in a planning stage. World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is on the 15th of June 2022. Council officers are working with other senior services to share promotional materials around raising awareness to the community and also looking to line up a few interviews for radio to discuss elder abuse from key services.

4.3 Seniors Month Update

Planning for the following Seniors Month events are underway:

- Mayoral Morning tea scheduled for 2 August 2022
- Still Got Rhythm and Seniors Expo on 30 August 2022 at the Alice Springs Convention Centre
- Aged Care Forum on 4 August at the Crowne Plaza
- Seniors Bingo in the Library

4.4 Committee Membership Update

The new Terms of Reference for the Committee have been adopted by Council on 26 April 2022, and expressions of interest have been advertised for new Seniors Coordinating Committee members. EOI closes by COB on 27 May 2022.

Mayor Paterson thanked all the Seniors Coordinating Committee members who have been part of the Committee and have provided their contribution over the years.

5. **DEPUTATION:**

Nil

6. **OTHER BUSINESS:**

6.1 Update from Alice Springs Public Library

The Manager Library Services asked the Committee for suggestions on what other services and programs the Library can offer and provide for seniors. Any feedback could be conveyed through email/phone call to the Manager Library or Library Coordinator.

The Library events and programs are promoted via Council Connects Newsletter distributed to different Council facilities, Seniors 50 Plus Centre, Alice Springs Hospital.

6.2 Community Members Update

Belinda Staniforth advised that Catholic Care NT is in the process of recruiting another advocate to join the team in doing bush remote work. Pop up stores are being held around town to promote the services and advocacies of Aged Care, Catholic Care NT, and also raising awareness for elder abuse.

6.3 SCC Meeting Cycle

The next SCC meetings will be held quarterly with the adoption of the new Terms of Reference. They will be held every third Wednesday of the following months:

- February
- May
- August
- November

7. **NEXT MEETING:** 17 August 2022

8. **CLOSURE OF THE MEETING:** The meeting closed at 4:31pm.