

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
SENIORS COORDINATING COMMITTEE
 ON WEDNESDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2019 4:00PM
 ANDY MCNEILL ROOM, CIVIC CENTRE, TODD STREET

1. ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT:

Mayor Damien Ryan (*phone-in*)
 Councillor Jamie de Brenni (*Chair*)
 Councillor Glen Auricht
 Sue Jones, National Seniors of Central Australia
 Enid Harland, Probus
 Fran Kilgariff, COTA
 Debbie Pepper, COTA

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Rex Mooney, Chief Executive Officer
 Skye Price, Director Corporate and Community Services
 Jeanette Shepherd, Manager Community and Cultural Development
 Clare Fisher, Alice Springs Public Library Manager
 Kiri Milne, Community Development Officer
 Telly Ociones, Executive Assistant (*Minutes*)

13th Alice Springs Town Council Seniors Coordinating Committee	Oct - 18	Nov- 19	Dec - 19	Jan - 19	Feb - 19	Mar - 19	Apr - 19	May - 19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug - 19	Sep - 19	
Mayor Damien Ryan	A	✓	No meeting held	No meeting held	✓								
Councillor Jamie de Brenni	✓	✓			✓								
Councillor Glen Auricht	✓	✓			✓								
Enid Harland	✓	-			✓								
Kathleen Nitschke	✓	✓			--								
Lowell Wood	✓	✓			A								
Fran Kilgariff	✓	✓			✓								
Shauna Hartig	A	✓			--								
Sue Jones	✓	✓			✓								
Kate Lewis	✓	✓			A								
Jill Deer	✓	A			A								
Geoff Sloan	A	A			A								
Belinda Staniforth	A	A			--								
Bronwyn Arnold	A	A	--										

✓	Attended
✓ <i>Proxy</i>	Proxy attended in place of committee member
A	Apology received
--	No attendance and no apology recorded

The meeting commenced at 4:00pm.

APOLOGIES:

Geoff Sloan, Community Member
Lowell Wood, Dementia Australia
Jill Deer, Alice Springs Senior Citizens Association
Kate Lewis, Anglicare NT

2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

Nil

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

That it be a recommendation to Council:

There being no quorum the minutes of the meeting held 21 November 2018 were noted.

Moved: Sue Jones
Seconded: Mayor Ryan

Councillor de Brenni congratulated Kiri Milne for her appointment to the position of Community Development Officer.

Councillor de Brenni welcomed Debbie Pepper as a guest to the meeting and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:**4.1 COOLmob Energy Efficiency Project**

Mayor Ryan enquired if anyone has taken up the free home energy efficiency audit that was offered by COOLmob. No one from the Committee has taken up the offer.

ACTION:

The Community Development Officer will forward the information again to the Committee.

4.2 'Pass it On' Programme

This topic was brought up last year, where seniors pass on and share their knowledge across a variety of different areas to different groups. Some of the proposed workshops are surviving outdoors, gardening, DIY spice rack, making kimchi, bushfood, doll making, cross stitching, darning and bicycle maintenance.

Councillor Jamie de Brenni is interested in sharing his skills about basic home maintenance. Sue Jones advised that U3A offers similar program, so they are another group to reach out to. The Manager Library Services offered the library space to host any of these workshops.

ACTION:

The Community Development Officer will get in touch with U3A and will send more information about the program to the Committee once finalised.

4.3 Workshops for Seniors

The Community Development Officer advised that there is a seniors budget available, and discussed organising workshops specifically for seniors. Committee members can contact the Community Development Officer if there are any particular ideas that the seniors would be interested in learning.

The Library holds Connect to Tech every Thursday from 10.30am to 12.30pm. The Manager Library Services advised that this program has been revamped to no longer offer set learning tasks. It will now be an informal drop-in session where attendees can come for help with specific requests.

4.4 Community Grants from Council

The Community Grants Program opened 1 February 2019. Applications close 1 March 2019 at 4:00pm. Organisations can apply for the following grants:

- Community Assistance Grant – up to \$1,500 for small specific projects
- Community Development Grant – up to \$5,000 for projects that address high priority local needs
- Araluen Access Grant – up to \$2,000 to support local community initiatives that require access to the Araluen Arts Centre
- Youth Development Grant – up to \$5,000 for innovative youth development projects and programs

The Community Development Officer can be contacted for any queries about community grant application.

Councillor de Brenni reminded everyone that it is a requirement for successful grant recipients to present a deputation to Council and to report how the grant helped their organisation.

Enid Harland advised that Prison Fellowship Australia received a grant from Council which helped towards the running of their bus service in Alice Springs. Ian Townsend, Manager of Prison Fellowship Australia, sent a letter of gratitude to Council and this was confirmed by the Community Development Officer.

4.5 Heart Foundation Walk

The Community Development Officer reminded the Committee about the Heart Foundation Walk every Saturday morning and encouraged everyone and their networks to participate in this health and wellness initiative.

Council's Healthy Communities Program delivers free exercise programs at organisations such as Alice Springs Hospital, Old Timers, Life without Barriers and Aquatic and Leisure Centre.

4.6 Seniors Month Planning

Planning for activities for the Seniors Month, scheduled August 2019, will start soon.

The Seniors Still Got Talent event last year was extremely well attended. Council officers are looking for a bigger venue this year. The Seniors Still Got Talent event is scheduled 28 August. The Mayor's morning tea is 2 August.

Fran Kilgariff advised that applications for the 2019 grants for Seniors Month events are through the Northern Territory Government's My Grants website, from 1 to 29 March 2019. For more information contact the Office of Senior Territorians.

The due date for organisations to confirm events for inclusion in the 2019 Seniors Month calendar is 7 June.

ACTION:

The Community Development Officer will clarify the application process for the 2019 Seniors Month grants with the Office of Senior Territorians and will report back to the Committee.

The Centralian Advocate newspaper has started publishing seniors focused content every Tuesday. Councillor de Brenni will contact Steve Menzies so he can promote Seniors Month information, i.e. grants for Seniors Month, in the newspaper.

5. DEPUTATIONS:

Nil

6. OTHER BUSINESS:

6.1 Seniors Lifestyle Village

Sue Jones asked for an update.

Councillor de Brenni advised that negotiations are ongoing. The preferred site of the village is the northern side of Stephens Road.

6.2 Albrecht Oval Fencing

Sue Jones asked whether the public will be able to access Albrecht Oval anytime, after the new infrastructure is built.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that there is a public consultation tonight at 5:30pm at Albrecht Oval, seeking community input on the Albrecht Oval Environmental Management Plan, regarding the recent decision to install lighting at the oval. Residents are invited to view the document and provide feedback by 2 April 2019. The Chief Executive Officer will feed Sue's concern into tonight's discussion.

The Director Corporate and Community Services advised that at present, Albrecht Oval is a designated public open space for people and an off leash area for dogs, not just for sports but also for the community.

Sue Jones asked if the fencing is being upgraded because the facilities are being upgraded due to vandalism.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that the fencing upgrade in Albrecht Oval is different from the Anzac Hill Oval type of fencing.

6.3 Library Upcoming Events

The Manager Library Services advised that regular events at the Library have started again. Some activities of interest include:

- Chess club - every Sunday, 10:00am to 12:00pm
- All About Women Livestream from the Sydney Opera House (inspirational women talk about women's issues) - 10 March, 11:30am to 4:30pm
- Adult literacy class/training – weekly drop-in session. This will run as needed by the community. A library staff is being trained to tutor behind the scene.

Sue Jones would like to teach English to migrants, but the Language Centre don't provide this. She will give the Manager Library Services the contact details of the lady in Darwin who can teach online. The Manager Library Services advised that the Library runs 'Spoken English Meet Up' for people who don't speak English as a first language, every Monday from 5:00pm to 6:00pm. The Manager Community and Cultural Development advised that Multicultural Services of Central Australia runs a Homework Club for children from migrant families.

6.4 Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety

Councillor de Brenni enquired for any update.

Fran Kilgariff advised that the first hearing in Adelaide has started.

6.5 National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)

Councillor de Brenni asked for any feedback from NDIS.

The Director Corporate and Community Services advised that regional councils who provide aged care services and community services are having difficulties with the scheme.

8. **NEXT MEETING:**

Wednesday, **20 March 2019** at 4:00pm in the Andy McNeill Room

9. **CLOSURE OF THE MEETING:**

The meeting closed at 4:50pm.