MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
SENIORS COORDINATING COMMITTEE
ON 18 JULY 2018 at 4:00PM
ANDY MCNEILL ROOM, CIVIC CENTRE, TODD STREET

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1. ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT:

Deputy Mayor Jamie de Brenni *(Chair)*
Mayor Damien Ryan
Councillor Glen Auricht
Fran Kilgariff AM, Council On The Ageing (NT) Inc.
Enid Harland, Probus Club of Alice Springs
Sue Jones, National Seniors of Central Australia
Kathleen Nitschke, University of the 3rd Age
Lowell Wood, General Member
Kate Lewis, Anglicare NT

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Rex Mooney, Chief Executive Officer
Biggi Gosling, Acting Director Corporate and Community Services
Jeanette Shepherd, Community Development Officer
Clare Fisher, Alice Springs Public Library Manager
Kiri Milne, Executive Assistant *(Minutes)*

13th Alice Springs Town Council Seniors Coordinating Committee	*Aug - 17*	*Sep - 17*	*Oct - 17*	*Nov - 17*	*Dec-17*	*Jan - 18*	*Feb - 18*	*Mar - 18*	*Apr - 18*	*May - 18*	*Jun - 18*	*Jul-18*
Mayor Damien Ryan	*No meeting held*	x	✓	✓	*No meeting held*	*No meeting held*	x	✓	x	✓	x	✓
Deputy Mayor Jamie de Brenni		✓	✓	x			✓	✓	x	✓	x	✓
Councillor Glen Auricht		✓	✓	✓			x	✓	✓	x	✓	✓
Enid Harland		✓	x	✓			x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kathleen Nitschke		✓	✓	x			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lowell Wood		✓	x	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Jenny Mostran		✓	✓	x			x	x	✓	x	x	✓
Fran Kilgariff										✓	x	✓
Shauna Hartig		✓	x	✓			✓	x	x	✓	✓	x
Sue Jones		✓	x	x			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kate Lewis		✓	x	x			✓	x	✓	x	x	✓
Jill Deer		x	x	✓			✓	✓	✓	x	✓	x
Geoff Sloan		x	✓	x			✓	✓	x	x	x	x

The meeting commenced at 4:00pm.

2. APOLOGIES:

Jill Deer, Alice Springs Senior Citizens
Shauna Hartig, Country Women's Association
Micheal Smith, Community and Cultural Development Manager

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

Nil.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED:
That it be a recommendation to Council:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 20 June 2018 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

Moved: Enid Harland
Seconded: Kathleen Nitschke

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

5.1 Senior Safety

The Community Development Officer confirmed that a report regarding Permitting Cyclists in Todd Mall went to Council and the Ranger Unit has been requested to enforce the Alice Springs Public Places By-Law, Part 3.4, 53 (a). An appropriate educational leaflet relating to the by-law was prepared and distributed to the businesses in the Todd Mall.

Councillor Auricht mentioned a report on the radio regarding the Alice Springs Public Places By-Law, Part 3.4, 53 (a), noting seniors calling the radio supporting the enforcement.

5.2 Alice Springs Cancer Care Nurse- Deputation

The Community Development Officer advised the Committee that Jemima Fritts from Cancer Council NT Alice Springs could no longer attend the July 18th Seniors Coordinating Committee meeting. It has been requested for her to attend the next Committee meeting on August 15th 2018.

5.3 Elder Abuse Awareness Day and Information

The Community Development Officer spoke to the two free legal information sessions arranged by the Darwin Community Legal Service.

The session planned for Wednesday 25 July 2018 regarding free legal information on advance personal plans, wills and adult guardianship at 11:00 am to 12:30 pm at the Alice Springs Town Council has been cancelled due to low numbers.

On Thursday 26 July 2018, Darwin Community Legal Service will deliver an Elder Abuse workshop from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm at the Alice Springs Town Council, in the Andy McNeil Room. After the workshop, there will be a Seniors Australia (50+) afternoon tea and information session from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm at the 50+ Community Centre.

Sue Jones reported that Sue Brownlee, Elder Abuse Project Worker from Darwin will be giving a talk at the 50+ Centre from 2.00pm to 3.00pm on July 25th on elder abuse.

Mayor Damien Ryan requested that the Alice Springs Town Council Media and Communications Unit also distribute information regarding the workshops.

ACTION:
The Community Development Officer to liaise with Council's Media and Communications Unit to distribute information regarding the workshops.

5.4 Seniors Month

The Community Development Officer presented an update on Council Seniors Month Events to the committee:

5.4.1 Mayoral Morning Tea

The Community Development Officer reported that Debbie Page, Centralian Citizen of the Year will be speaking at the event in regards to healthy active living for seniors. A school group to perform music at the event has not been confirmed. The Community Development Officer reiterates that the event will be held on the 10th of August, between 10.30am-12pm at the Function Room and recommends RSVP's, as it was well-attended last year.

Deputy Mayor de Brenni suggested looking to school groups that performed in Eisteddfod, as they may have a performance prepared suitable for the Mayoral Morning Tea. Sue Jones put forward 'Sing Australia' also as an entertainment group suitable for the event.

5.4.2 Still Got Talent

The Community Development Officer reported that planning is continuing for Still Got Talent. As this is also a popular event, the Officer encouraged RSVP's and for Committee member share amongst their networks.

5.4.3 Health and Wellness Expo
Yeperenye Shopping Centre is holding a Health and Wellness expo, on August 24th 10am to 2pm during Seniors Month. Council will have a presence at the expo, particularly through the Healthy Living Communities unit. The Officer will report back to the committee with further information in the next meeting.

5.4.4 Library

The Manager of Library Services spoke to the events being held at the Library:

- Workshop about Cyber Safety for seniors:
  Alice Springs Public Library
  Thursday 30th August 2018, 1pm – 3pm
- Up-cycling workshops, including 'plarning', yarn work with plastic yarn.
- Free internet for all seniors during the month of August

ACTION:
The Community Development Officer to distribute the list of activities being held at the Library to the Seniors Coordinating Committee.

6. DEPUTATIONS:

Nil

7. OTHER BUSINESS:

7.1 Fran Kilgariff – Seniors Month calendars

Fran Kilgariff (Council On The Ageing (NT) spoke to the calendars distributed in the meeting, and noted that there are many available for circulating. Acting Director Corporate and Community Services suggested the front counter area at Council and the Library. Discussion ensued in regards to other places for distribution.

Fran to arrange an advertisement insert for the issue July 29th with additional information pertaining to Seniors Month that wasn't able to be included on the calendar.

ACTION:

The Community Development Officer to assist in distributing calendars to Council front counter and other areas for the public to collect.

7.2 Kathleen Nitschke - Seniors Support Program

Kathleen Nitschke (U3A) offered a thank you to the Seniors Support Program that is offered through the Alice Springs Correctional Centre, a garden service offered to the senior community of Alice Springs. Kathleen requested a letter of acknowledgement to the works manager that runs the program at the jail from the Seniors Coordinating Committee.

The Chair suggested an invitation be extended to Mr Yan and representatives from the jail to speak at a future Seniors Coordinating Committee Meeting in regards to the services offered to the community.

Further to this, Kathleen sought clarification on information available to the community on hazardous waste disposal and if there is a leaflet that could be distributed.

ACTION:

Community Development Officer to invite Alice Springs Correctional Centre representative to discuss services available to the community through their Works Program.

ACTION:

Community Development Officer to explore what printed material is available in regards to recycling hazardous waste.

7.3 Lowell Woods – NDIS program rollout

Lowell Woods (Alzheimer's Australia NT) reported that the National Disability Insurance Scheme was rolled out in Central Australia as of July 1st 2018, noted that there have been multiple problems in the rollout.

Discussion ensued.

7.4 Lowell Woods - Dementia Friends Interactive Function

Lowell reported the Dementia Friends Interactive Function will be held Tuesday 25th September at the Gillen Club.

ACTION:

Lowell to email the Community Development Officer with information on how to RSVP to the event

7.5 'Choose Your Care. Use Your Rights':

Manager Library Services reported that the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission contacted the Northern Territory Library and asked them to distribute the information in regards to the 'Choose Your Care. Use Your Rights' campaign. The campaign will run for the week beginning Monday 16th July.

8. NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, **15 August 2018** at 4:00pm in the Andy McNeill Room

9. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING:

The meeting closed at 16.47 pm.