

Minutes

Seniors Reference Group Meeting

Camden Council
Administration Centre
Online (Zoom) meeting

7 July 2022



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MEETING COMMENCED AT 2:05PM**PRESENT**

Christine, Keith, Maria, Janice, Val, Gordon, Melody, James (Council staff).

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

N/A

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

James read the Acknowledgement of Country.

APOLOGIES AND LEAVES OF ABSENCES

Eliza.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

N/A.

BUSINESS ARISING

Nil.

1. Appointment of the Chairperson and Alternate Chairperson

There was a recommendation moved by Gordon to continue with the same chairperson and alternate chairperson as before. The recommendation was carried unanimously by the Group, with all in favour.

Action Items:

Keith Maddock appointed Chairperson

Val Moskvitch appointed Alternate Chairperson.

2. Terms of Reference

The terms of Reference were circulated throughout the Group prior to the meeting. All members acknowledged that they received the document. It was unanimously agreed that the wording below be incorporated into the objectives.

Action Items:

James will incorporate the following into the document:

2.2 The Seniors Reference Group assists Council to achieve the following Community Strategic Plan objectives:

- W1. Our community is welcoming and inclusive, everyone feels included and involved.
- W2. Our community is healthy and active with access to open space, facilities and services that support wellbeing.
- W3. Our community has opportunities to design and build safe and inviting places for all to enjoy.

2.3 The Seniors Reference Group assists Council to achieve the following Delivery Program objectives:

- W1.1 Support initiatives that build and foster community inclusion.
- W1.2 Celebrate creativity and growing diversity.

3. FORWARD MEETING PLAN

A forward meeting plan was shared prior to the meeting noting a Seniors Reference Group meeting on the first Thursday on each month. Some members noted potential absence in the future, but it was agreed to keep the dates. The exception was the January meeting which will be cancelled. This was agreed unanimously.

Action Items:

James will update this and attach the updated version to the minutes.

4. FUTURE PROJECT AND ACTIVITY PLANNING

There was general discussion around potential projects and activities. This included discussing:

- an awareness campaign around elder abuse
- potential information sessions focused on scam awareness for older people
- considering helping older people who are isolated and with mental health through activities such as book clubs during the day at libraries and celebrating 'thinking of you week' in June 2023, and promoting the men's shed
- running luncheons and a Christmas concert for seniors, and how they operated in the past

There was a lengthy discussion around these points and a unanimous decision was made to focus on specific projects and activities for the next 6 months.

Action Items:

It was agreed that 2 major events will be held and support will be given to the elder abuse awareness campaign.

The following tasks were set:

- Christine will contact Gledswood to check availability for a lunch with music on Wednesday 12 October (option 1); 13 October (option 2). A quote will be given to James.
- James will investigate cheaper pricing through Melody's contact.
- James will check for information about \$500 deposit on Council database.
- Christine will investigate music options once the date has been confirmed.
- James will investigate facilities to promote the event.
- James will work with Council design team to promote the event.
- Other roles around promotion and seating will be required closer to the time.

A second event will take place in December.

- Keith and Maria will check availability at Carrington (option 1), Civic Centre (option 2), Wednesday 7th (option 1); Thursday 8th (option 2); Tuesday 6th (option 3)

Elder abuse:

- James to distribute information about elder abuse to the rest of the group.
- James to work with other Council areas to invite businesses to support the elder abuse coaster campaign.
- James to leave elder abuse coasters for Christine to pick up.
- Christine to distribute the coasters to Probus group representatives and members.
- Gordon to investigate pubs that will be willing to use free coasters.
- Keith to check if coasters can be distributed through the liquor accord.
- All members to talk to local businesses and shops they use to ask if they would be willing to have elder abuse coasters.

Other tasks:

- James will investigate support options around scam awareness with Paul Brown.
- Mel to chase up the contacts from ANZ bank and Campbelltown police for scam awareness.
- James will enquire about current daytime reading groups at libraries.

MEETING CLOSED AT 4:25PM

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