

Minutes

Seniors Reference Group Meeting

Camden Council
Administration Centre
70 Central Avenue, Oran Park - Online

1th September 2022



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MEETING COMMENCED AT 2.10PM

PRESENT

Keith Maddock, Christine Crooks, Maria Campton, James Simmonds

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

James Simmonds read the Acknowledgement of Country.

APOLOGIES AND LEAVES OF ABSENCES

Gordon Low, Janice Low, Val Moskvitch, Melody Chime

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes from the July 7 and August 4 meeting were confirmed.

BUSINESS ARISING

Nil / That the business arising be noted.

1. REPORT TITLE

Seniors Reference Group Budget

An annual budgetary spending proposal was delivered by the Council Liaison Officer. It divided funds between major events and social and health programs that are to be supported. As part of the proposal a breakdown of costs for the upcoming Gledswood event was also provided. Approval is still needed for the budget.

A motion for the Group to support the proposal was forwarded by Maria Campton and seconded by Christine Crooks.

Gledswood Hills Spring Lunch

Members provided feedback regarding the Spring Luncheon project at Gledswood. Flyers and posters are printed and ready for distribution. The Terms and Conditions were discussed and still need to be confirmed by Council's legal department. A clause is to be added which states that in case of an 'act of god' within 14 days of the event, 50% of the costs will be covered by Gledswood. The Group would have to pay the other 50%, although measures would be taken to avoid this scenario if possible. A demonstration of the Trybooking site took place and the ease of use and access was discussed. Large group bookings will be offered to retirement villages and organised directly through Council.

Action Items:

Group members to promote event as of Monday 5 September throughout Camden LGA at key locations such as churches, RSL clubs, pubs, local businesses, shopping centres, health clinics and retirement villages. Members to also promote through social networks.

Council to promote through channels and actively engage with retirement villages for group bookings. Mayor and Councillors to be invited. Advertising through noticeboards to be investigated too. All ticketing enquires to be supported. Risk to be directly assessed at the venue.

Tasks on the day to be assigned at the next meeting.

Christmas Lunch

Council contacted Carrington and the Civic Centre for quotes and availability. Discussion concluded that Carrington was more appropriate due to food and the space. The inclusion of a diary for each person and have someone dress up as santa was also raised. Maria Campton put forward the motion to hold the Christmas lunch on Friday 9 December at Carrington. This was seconded by Keith Maddock.

Action Items:

Council confirm 9th December date with Carrington.

Christine to contact Glenda and Carol about playing. Other options to be investigated if they are unavailable.

Further tasks to be discussed at future meetings.

Elders Abuse Awareness Session and Coaster Campaign

Group discussed the recent event with Macarthur Legal Centre at the Civic Centre on 31 August. There were 24 people in total with many questions asked. Kim Handcock from Liverpool police was also there and answered questions related to policing and elder abuse. It was agreed that it is important to continue programs like this moving forward. These should however focus on a specific aspect of elder abuse or prevention, and be at different times and locations. It was proposed to investigate an evening session to allow people who work to attend and a broader cross-section of the community. 3rd November was proposed as a tentative date with 30minutes for police to talk and 30 minutes for Melissa from Macarthur Legal Centre. It was raised that it could coincide with, or promote the Lions Club launch of domestic violence prevention coasters. It was also raised that a video to show if nursing homes would be highly beneficial.

Action Items:

Council to investigate the date and location (Oran Park Library) as a possibility; the existence of elder abuse videos from government and other organisations; the possibility of working with aged care facilities, police and MLC to run a series of talks in various aged care facilities in Camden.

Members to continue to distribute coasters throughout networks and at local businesses.

Seniors Festival 2023

Members discussed several ideas for the festival. The two main ideas that were agreed on were: a double session about the history of Camden and photography/photography around Camden; and, a Valentine's Day music show at the Civic Centre with a light meal/heart-shaped cake. Space for dancing would be provided. A Stroke Awareness and Arthritis support talk were also suggested, but it was decided that these could be held at a later date.

Action Items:

Council to contact the Civic Centre and check appropriate dates.
Keith to talk to contact to present about the history of Camden.

Christine to Contact Eddy about photography workshop.
Gordon to chase up music options (a band/2 groups).

MEETING CLOSED AT 4:20PM.

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