



Seniors Local Democracy Group

19th October 2023

Ashfield

Minutes

Meeting commenced at 6pm and concluded 8pm

1. Present

Community members	Staff	Councillors
Michael Carney	Karena Alexander	
Gretchen Gamble	Mary Ciantar	
Craig Mc Mahon		
Rosanne Hunt		
Suzanne Fitzpatrick		

2. Chairperson: Craig McMahon

3. Acknowledgment of Country

4. Apologies:

Jeff Furolo

Jill Ellen

Rachael Wass



5. Disclosures of Interest: N/A

6. Quorum:

7. Endorse previous meeting minutes:

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8. Report on previous meeting actions (if required):

- Feedback from LDG (Local Democracy Groups) provided to Communication and Marketing Team
- Communication Strategy suggested and feedback from LDG was included in the report to Council.
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Discussion items

Agenda Item		Proposed action (if required)	Action owner*	Date for action to be finalised
1	Isolation and loneliness (connection and compassion). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion about this being a global issue. - Discussion regarding impacts including covid-19 / working from home / frail aged - Discussion regarding successful initiatives including IW initiative during covid: secured a Keeping Seniors Connected Grant was successful and created interest and uptake from other Councils. This work can be ongoing and assists in reducing isolation. 	Co-design an age friendly accessible picnic: aiming to launch in 2024 and host 4 times per year. Draft a project proposal for consideration	Mary / Kareenna	December 2023

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion regarding vulnerable people: isolation of migrant women who cannot speak English issues arising with no literature in language or access to translation services. - Discussed how to connect isolated communities and people - Discussed the Seniors W.G. to act on one or two activities, to not be overwhelmed by the vastness of topic. - Discussed connection via activities: pickle ball / tai chi / ping pong / utilising parks to be outdoor/ socialising, - Discussed a travelling picnic for seniors to create social connections - Need to consider diversity of interests and needs. - Consider seating / accessibility / shade / social inclusion / socially and culturally safe <p>Aim to have a picnic launch early 2024</p>			
2	<p>Input into draft hub map:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presented the list of the information being included on the Hub Map - Discussed what information would be useful to include 	Council staff to follow up with development of the hub map	Mary	
3	<p>Seniors Festival 2024: 11th -24th March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Theme is Reach Beyond. - Council event: Rise and Thrive (working title) 	No Action		

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	More details to come once program is finalised Consider intergenerational activities e.g. older people and teens			
4	TORS and attendance - Discussed membership and missing meetings without apologies QUORUM: 5.5 people to make a Quorum			
Other Business	Communication with Seniors in Community (Seniors LDG Policy Item) - Noted reports on the website are still out of date - Request to remove outdated information - Improve Search Engine Optimisation - Navigation and web design not user friendly or intuitive - Discussion regarding FOGO (Food Organics Garden Organics) and request for information in hard copy for households	- Request for response from Communications team regarding recommendations about IWC (Inner West Council) website and improving the search engine, to improve navigation & accessibility	Mary / Karena	December 2023

Next Meeting: December 2023 Date to be confirmed