



Seniors Working Group

2 December 2021

MS Teams

6 – 7.45pm

Minutes

Meeting commenced 6pm and ended at 7.45pm.

1. Present

Community members	Staff	Councillors
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Graham Bennet – Chair2. Angelo Arulanandam3. Craig McMahon4. Michael Carney5. Shraddha Banthia6. Con Karais	Mary Ciantar	

2. Chairperson

1. Graham Bennet – Chair
2. Minutes – Mary Ciantar

3. Acknowledgment of Country

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting and provided an Acknowledgment of Country.



4. Apologies

Yash Sodhi

Vera Anne Hannaford

5. Disclosures of Interest

None

6. Quorum (minimum 4 members)

Yes

7. Confirmation of Minutes and Actions

Craig/Angelo

8. Business arising

- Financial sessions
- Healthy Ageing Strategy update – postponed for new council to review
- Revenue Policy -all read and comment for next meeting <https://www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/about/policies-plans-and-regulations/policies/policies-register>

Agenda items

Item	Summary	Recommendations / actions	Council's response
1. Election of Chair	<p>Craig and Angelo nominated that Graham Bennet be re-elected as Chair until June end 2022. Graham agreed to the nomination.</p> <p>It was tabled that Vera-Anne Hannaford emailed stating that pending not being elected as a Councillor in the 2021 Inner West Council elections, she would nominate for role as Chair or Deputy.</p> <p>All voted in favour of returning Graham to the role of Chair.</p>		

	<p>Elections for Deputy Chair role to be conducted at next meeting in 2022.</p> <p>Mary advised that a call out to increase membership will be conducted next year by the engagement team.</p>		
<p>2. Planning</p>	<p>Action plan for next year drafted</p> <p>Based on areas of interest:</p> <p>Community Hub</p> <p>What can people engage in when they come to a new LGA?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Table what is already available in the community such as at community centres like Hannaford, Summer Hill, Newtown, Addison Rd and Rozelle. To discuss best way to promote what exists in the community • Increase knowledge of what service clubs offer • Cost of Community transport prohibitive <p>Financial Literacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All online sessions received positive feedback in survey monkey and teams chat, although numbers low. More registered than attended • New sessions to be planned on reverse mortgages, aged care homes (retirement) , my aged care and costs, advanced care directives, enduring powers of attorney, and a repeat of ow to access aged care pension – better face to face • Wesley sessions available- managing your money • Schedule face to face in law week – May • Review Councils revenue policy and provide feedback in relation to hardship. <p>Public Transport infrastructure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite Council staff to an LDG meeting in 2022 – light rail out of action so what is plan to accommodate/ safety campaign for older people/ railway station upgrade 	<p>It is recommended that Council lobby the State Government to fast track the upgrade of railway stations for improved accessibility, especially lifts and at Lewisham station.</p> <p>Shraddha to liaise with Mary about contact for Financial Literacy session on Advanced Care Directive.</p> <p>Mary to provide a presentation about how programs and services are promoted and identify gaps and improvements.</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport to groups / programs to be factored in for council programs • Review community bus map and ensure aligned to where groups meet. <p>Housing and financial security especially for women</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite council staff (Homelessness and Affordable Housing portfolios) to present at a meeting in 2022 <p>Learning and Sharing knowledge as it overlaps with wellbeing, getting active.</p> <p>See actions community hub above</p> <p>Pamphlet, booklet, flyer, advertise pharmacies, rates notice</p> <p>Local newspaper now not active</p>		
<p>3. Seniors Festival 2022</p>	<p>Some thought be given to a regular working group being established for coming years. Previous time limited group suggested smaller events to address diversity of community and also this suits current COVID limitations and risks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not as many EOI's this year from external organisations for 2022. Dates 23 March to 3 April – Youth Week directly afterwards, so some intergenerational ideas • More internal business units hosting events • Draft program to be finalised before Xmas break: www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/SeniorsFestival 		
<p>4. Your Say - Community Strategic Plan (CSP) and Delivery Program engagement (DP) – consultation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Direction 4 https://yoursay.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/csp-review-2021 <p>Deliver actions in HA strategy: Key point</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved access to information about health and wellbeing programs and initiatives for older people in the community 	<p>Mary to send template to Engagement team with feedback</p> <p>All members to review CSP and other plans and email Mary comments by 11/12.21</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and implement a communication plan for older people to increase ways to receive information – e.g., using council channels to advertise such as the rates notice • People having information about what is available in the community they live in to foster inclusiveness, connection, and participation • Libraries and community centres as hubs • Older people being supported to get to places where activities and events are held – affordable community transport, accessible railways, and transport infrastructure . • What is good for older people is also useful for many sections of the population • Lobby State Government to fast track the program to make all railway stations accessible, especially inclusion of a lift at Lewisham • Lobby for improved transport where transport is cancelled or non-existent – e.g., light rail. <p>Priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lobby State Government to fast-track program to make all railway stations accessible, especially a lift at Lewisham • Cost of community transport is prohibitive and improved transport options to get people to programs, groups, events, and services • Improved communication for older people about what is available in the community e.g., use of rates notice or other mechanism within council to advertise programs as not all older people are tech savvy and lack of local newspaper • Safety and security of older people are considered in all aspects of planning and initiatives - (economic development, urban environment, transport etc) e.g., pedestrian safety campaign (food delivery drivers and increased outdoor dining • Address the issues of the increase number of older women that are homeless and in financial hardship. 		
5. Meeting dates 2022	Set dates in sync with other working groups for new year	Mary to send dates for meetings in 2022 in January	
6. General Business	Healthy Ageing Programs		

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