

CITY OF JOONDALUP

**MINUTES OF THE SENIORS INTERESTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2005 AT 9.30AM
IN CONFERENCE ROOM 3, CIVIC CENTRE, BOAS AVENUE, JOONDALUP**

1. ATTENDANCES AND APOLOGIES

Committee Members:

Kevan Rowe	Chairperson / Community Representative
Allyn Bryant	Industry Representative – Association of Independent Retirees Inc
Audrey Poole	Industry Representative - Australian Red Cross
Robert Kinloch	Industry Representative – NSA
Lew Thorstensen	Community Representative
Diane Davies White	Industry Representative - Seniors Recreation Council
Margaret March	Community Representative

Officers:

Graeme Hall	Manager Community Development Services
Lanie Pianta	Community Development Officer
Gillian Hampson	Administration Officer (Minutes)

Apologies:

Lucy Morris	Executive Director, Community Vision Inc
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The Chairperson declared the meeting open at 9.35am.

Graeme Hall, Manager Community Development Services introduced the new Community Development Officer, Lanie Pianta to the committee. The Community Development Officer gave the committee a brief overview of her background.

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOVED Allyn Bryant, **SECONDED** Lew Thorstensen that the minutes of the meeting held on 15 December 2004 is a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

3. PRESENTATION – KEVAN ROWE

What are the strategies of the two main political parties with regards to aged care and seniors (Liberal vs Labor)?

Kevan advised the committee that he had written to both parties requesting information for today's presentation but had received no response to date.

Manager Community Development Services suggested that the committee forward a list of issues to the successful candidates from the State General Election to be held on 26 February 2005. Community Development Officer to contact the successful candidates with an invitation for them to attend a future meeting to talk about their party, policy/platform on seniors and ageing issues in WA.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1 GOLD Programme

Confusion about the GOLD programme offered by the Craigie Leisure Centre was raised. Manager Community Development Services clarified that there are two different types of GOLD programmes. The first is called the GOLD Fitness Programme which is held on a daily basis. The second is called GOLD Adventure and is held annually (middle to late year).

4.2 Sorrento Duncraig Leisure Centre – Exercise Classes

Margaret March advised she had been approached by several people who asked why the long-term female instructor had been replaced by a male instructor at some of the exercise classes held at the Sorrento Duncraig Leisure Centre. Manager Community Development Services commented that this is a human resource issue. He advised that while the long-term female instructor still taught some classes at the Sorrento Duncraig Leisure Centre the male instructor had many years experience particularly with exercise programmes for seniors.

4.3 Annual Seminar

The committee discussed several ideas for an annual seminar including an exhibition showcasing such things as fitness, health and mental wellbeing. It was suggested that a guest speaker be invited to talk at the seminar. It was also discussed that local stakeholders such as the Police Academy, ECU and West Coast College of TAFE could be invited to provide information for the seminar.

Manager Community Development Services advised that the City would assist with the provision of a venue for the seminar. The committee discussed a number of appropriate venues including the library, community halls and the function centre (Joondalup Reception Centre). Manager Community Development Services suggested the Joondalup Reception Centre at the Civic Chambers would possibly be a suitable venue.

It was agreed that a half-day seminar would be favourable with morning tea or lunch being provided. It was thought that the idea of a shorter seminar would attract more people.

It was suggested that local businesses be approached to fund the seminar.

The timeframe of the seminar was discussed with several ideas being put forward. Lew Thorstensen commented that the timing of the seminar is critical, as several of the committee members would be retiring in May. It was agreed that the May elections would need to be taken into consideration when setting the date. Lew suggested that a brief for the upcoming committee would be a valuable resource.

It was suggested that Community Vision Inc be approached to determine the extent of their involvement.

It was agreed that the Community Development Officer would provide some proposals for a seminar to the next Seniors Interests Advisory Committee meeting.

4.4 Joondalup Shuttle Bus Service

Margaret Marsh commented that she had read about a proposed CAT bus service in a local newspaper and wondered whether any progress had been made.

Manager Community Development Services stated that the City supported a proposed shuttle bus service operating every 15 minutes from the Joondalup bus station via ECU and the Joondalup Health Campus. Funding for this service has been listed in the 2004/05 mid year budget review.

4.5 Sunset Valentine Concert

Lew Thorstensen spoke of the outstanding success of the Sunset Valentine Concert held at the Joondalup Resort on Monday evening 14 February. Lew asked if the committee agrees he would like to put forward a recommendation to Council for this concert to be held annually.

MOVED Lew Thorstensen, **SECONDED** Allyn Bryant that the Seniors Interests Advisory Committee extends congratulations to Commissioners and Council officers on the outstanding success of the Sunset Valentine Concert, and recommends it is held annually.

CARRIED

4.6 Premiers Award

Manager Community Development Services congratulated Allyn Bryant on receiving the Premiers Award for the "Senior Citizen of the Year."

5. DATE OF FUTURE MEETING AND CLOSE

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 16 March 2005.

Apologies for the next meeting were taken from Robert Kinloch and Diane Davies White.

The meeting was declared closed at 10.55am

ACTION ITEMS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE

Allyn Bryant	Craigie Leisure Centre – Discounted Fees for Seniors That the Seniors Interests Advisory Committee be involved in the development of an overall policy position for the City of Joondalup with regard to the level and manner in which discounts can be provided to seniors within the City of Joondalup.	16/2/05
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