

MINUTES

Seniors Interests Advisory Committee

MINUTES OF THE SENIORS INTERESTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON

WEDNESDAY, 20 FEBRUARY 2008

MEETING DATE



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CITY OF JOONDALUP

MINUTES OF THE SENIORS INTERESTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN CONFERENCE ROOM 3, JOONDALUP CIVIC CENTRE, BOAS AVENUE, JOONDALUP ON WEDNESDAY, 20 FEBRUARY 2008

ATTENDANCE

Committee Members:

Cr Brian Corr	<i>Presiding Person</i>	South-East Ward
Cr Fiona Diaz	<i>Deputy Presiding Person</i>	South Ward
Ms Joy Coleman		Community Member
Ms Valerie Corey		Community Member
Ms Patricia Geary		Community Member
Ms Margaret March		Community Member
Mr Peter Boam		WA Retirement Complexes
Mr Allyn Bryant		Association of Independent Retirees
Ms Maria Bunn		Multicultural Aged Care Services WA
Ms Lynda Waterman		Senior Community Liaison Officer

Officers:

Mr Mike Smith	Manager, Marketing Communications & Council Support <i>to 0948 hrs</i>
Ms Rebecca Moore	Manager, Community Development & Libraries
Ms Julie Forrester	Coordinator, Community Services
Ms Pauline Sookloll	Community Development Officer Community Services
Ms Lesley Taylor	Administrative Secretary

DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Manager, Marketing Communications and Council Support declared the meeting open at 0939 hrs.

ELECTION OF PRESIDING PERSON

Section 5.12 of the Local Government Act 1995 requires a committee appointed by a local government, to elect a presiding person as the first item of business at its first meeting. Schedule 2.3 of the Act requires the Chief Executive Officer to preside.

Due to the unavailability of the CEO, the CEO delegated authority to Manager Marketing Communications & Council Support to oversee the election process of the Presiding Person and Deputy Presiding Person.

Mr Bryant nominated Cr Corr for the position of presiding person. Cr Corr accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations, Cr Corr was elected unopposed to the position of presiding person and assumed the Chair at 0946 hrs.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY PRESIDING PERSON

Cr Corr nominated Cr Diaz for the position of deputy presiding person. Cr Diaz accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations, Cr Diaz was elected unopposed to the position of deputy presiding person.

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Apology - Mr Alex Cilia La Corte National Seniors

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE SENIORS INTERESTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 3 OCTOBER 2007

MOVED Mr Peter Boam, SECONDED Ms Joy Coleman that the minutes of the meeting of the Seniors Interests Advisory Committee held on 3 October 2007 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED (10/0)

In favour of the motion: Crs Corr and Diaz, Peter Boam, Allyn Bryant, Maria Bunn, Joy Coleman, Valerie Corey, Patricia Geary, Margaret March, and Lynda Waterman

Manager, Marketing Communications & Council Support left the Room at 0948 hrs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

IDENTIFICATION OF MATTERS FOR WHICH THE MEETING MAY SIT BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Nil.

PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

Nil.

REPORTS

ITEM 1 SENIORS INTERESTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MEETING DATES 2008 - [55511]

WARD: All

**RESPONSIBLE
DIRECTOR:** Mr Clayton Higham
Planning and Community Development

PURPOSE

To propose meeting dates for the Seniors Interests Advisory Committee for 2008.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The terms of reference of the committee state “that the committee must meet bi-monthly.” The dates have been set to ensure that the terms of reference are adhered to.

BACKGROUND

During 2007 the committee met every two months on the first Wednesday of the month in which it fell. A majority of the 2008 members are continuing from last year, so the meeting dates have been set taking their past availability into consideration.

DETAILS

The meeting dates proposed for the committee are:

2 April 2008
4 June 2008
6 August 2008
1 October 2008
3 December 2008

COMMENT

It is important that the dates are set ahead of time to allow for the preparation of agenda items and information provided to the committee.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

MOVED Mr Allyn Bryant, SECONDED Mr Peter Boam that the Seniors Interests Advisory Committee ADOPTS the following dates for its meetings, to be held at 9.30 am in the Joondalup Civic Centre, Boas Avenue, Joondalup:

- **2 April 2008**
- **4 June 2008**
- **6 August 2008**
- **1 October 2008**
- **3 December 2008**

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED (10/0)

In favour of the motion: Crs Corr and Diaz, Peter Boam, Allyn Bryant, Maria Bunn, Joy Coleman, Valerie Corey, Patricia Geary, Margaret March, and Lynda Waterman

ITEM 2 THE ART OF AGEING - EVALUATION OF THE SENIORS EVENT HELD 9 TO 14 SEPTEMBER 2007 - [55511]

WARD: All

RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: Mr Clayton Higham
Planning and Community Development

PURPOSE

To provide the Seniors Interests Advisory Committee (SIAC) with an evaluation of “Seniors – The Art of Ageing” event held 9 to 14 September 2007 for information.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The response to “Seniors: The Art of Ageing” was very positive, providing an opportunity for seniors to attend and participate in a wide range of activities. Overall the week was very successful and provided an excellent opportunity to build on the event successes to date.

“It is recommended that the Seniors Interests Advisory Committee NOTES the evaluation report on the “Seniors: The Art of Ageing” event held 9 to 14 September 2007 forming Attachment 1 to this Report.”

BACKGROUND

Since 2004 a range of formats has been tested to celebrate seniors within the City. In 2004 the inaugural seniors event the “Live Life Festival: A Regional Event for Seniors” was held by the City. This event took place between 15 – 20 November 2004. In 2005 “Living Now: A Seminar for Seniors” was the second annual seniors event, held in a single venue on one day.

The third annual seniors event “Seniors: This is Your Life” was held during the week 11-15 September 2006. Members of the SIAC were involved in the organising committee for this event. Events were held in a range of venues.

The fourth annual seniors event “Seniors: The Art of Ageing” was held during the week 9-14 September 2007. Members of the SIAC were involved in the organising committee. Activities were also held in a number of venues.

DETAILS

The 2007 event continued to promote the principles of positive active ageing. The focus was on forming collaborative relationships and promoting existing City programs as well as involving external stakeholders.

The ‘Seniors: The Art of Ageing’ event was based at two central locations – City of Joondalup Leisure Centres, Craigie (CJLC) and the Joondalup Library. The event was launched on Sunday 9 September 2007 at CJLC and entertainment/activities were provided at CJLC and the Joondalup Library throughout the week.

An Expo took place on Thursday 13 September 2007 at CJLC, providing an opportunity to involve external stakeholders and offer seniors information about programs and services available in the community.

Community-based activities offered during the week included: Joondalup Police Academy tours, blend(er) gallery – showcasing artworks created by seniors involved in the *Art Education Program for Seniors* and Centrelink seminars on various financial issues facing seniors.

Evaluation

Surveys were distributed and filled out at the completion of most sessions during the week. There was a 26.7% response rate to the evaluation surveys.

Highlights

Highlights of the event were the sessions conducted by Sabrina Hahn – the Gardening Guru and the Joys of Women – Italian Women’s Choir concert hosted by Woodvale Senior High School.

The Seniors Special Lunch at the West Coast TAFE Pavilion Restaurant was also a key attraction. TAFE Management reported that the restaurant was fully booked each day during the week.

Challenges

Strategies to overcome key challenges identified by the organising committee were –

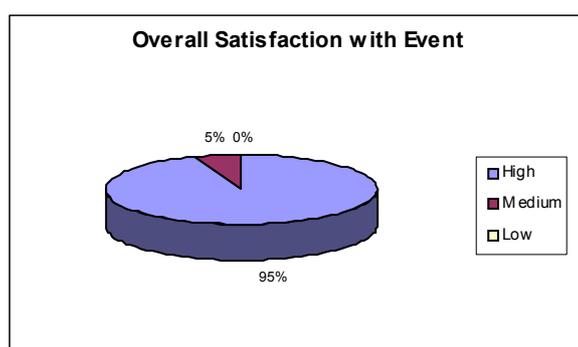
- Allow more time for printing and distribution of the program.
- City of Joondalup Leisure Centres, Craigie was not a suitable venue for some activities.
- Ensure that the restaurant gives priority to City of Joondalup residents while booking in the event week.

Attendance and Levels of Satisfaction

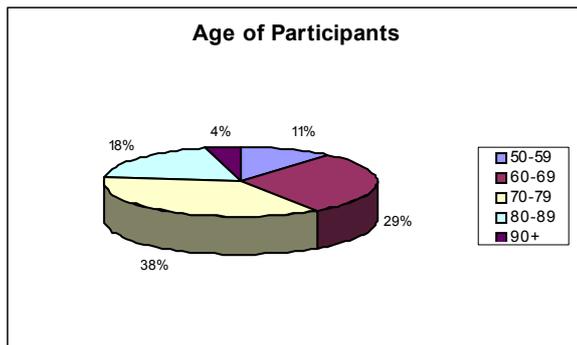
The table below lists key events during the week, the attendance rates and the satisfaction levels of participants.

Date	Time	Event	Attendance	Satisfaction Levels
10.09.07	10.00am	Bullseye Productions	44	100% high rating
	2.00pm	Police Academy tour	40	No evaluation
	2.30pm	Medicines	7	100% high rating
11.09.07	10.00am	Joys of Women	67	89% high rating
	11.00am	Police Academy Tour	40	No evaluation
	2.00pm	Wills	30	89% high rating
12.09.07	10.00am	Sabrina Hahn	42	100% high rating
	12.00pm	Equity Loans	3	100% high rating
	1.00pm	Shirley and the Starlets	66	79% high rating
	2.00pm	Silver Threads	56	100% high rating
13.09.07	All day	Expo	200	100% high rating
14.09.07	10.00am	Sabrina Hahn	30	100% high rating
Total			625	

Overall satisfaction of all activities is shown in the graph below. Respondents were asked to rate their satisfaction of the event at high, medium or low. The level of “low” had a 0% response rate.



The ages of participants are depicted in the graph below. The largest representation was in the 70 to 79 age bracket.



Link to Strategic Plan:

The provision of events and activities for seniors is linked to the current Strategic Plan through the outcomes, objectives and strategies under the Key Focus Area – Community Wellbeing.

Financial/Budget Implications:

\$7,600 was allocated in the 2006/2007 budget to enable the City to host a seniors event. The working group included activities that attracted either low or no cost in order to host an event that balanced quality with value for money.

Account No:	1.4500.5131.0001.A134
Budget Item:	
Budget Amount:	\$7,600
YTD Amount:	\$6,676 as at 30.10.07
Actual Cost:	\$7,700

COMMENT

Feedback from 625 participants' demonstrated high levels of satisfaction of the activities offered during the 2007 Seniors Event. The organising committee supports the continuation of the event in 2008.

The seniors event provides opportunities for the City to provide information and promote all of the relevant programs and services (from all areas of the City) to this growing sector of the community.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 Seniors Event Program

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

MOVED Ms Joy Coleman, SECONDED Ms Margaret March that the Seniors Interests Advisory Committee NOTES the evaluation report on the “Seniors: The Art of Ageing” event held 9 to 14 September 2007 forming Attachment 1 to this Report.

Discussion ensued.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED (10/0)

In favour of the motion: Crs Corr and Diaz, Peter Boam, Allyn Bryant, Maria Bunn, Joy Coleman, Valerie Corey, Patricia Geary, Margaret March, and Lynda Waterman

Appendix 1 refers

ITEM 3 SERVICES, EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES PROVIDED FOR SENIORS - [55511]

WARD: All

RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: Mr Clayton Higham
Planning and Community Development

PURPOSE

To provide the Seniors Interests Advisory Committee (SIAC) with information about services, events and activities provided by the City in 2007.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At its meeting in October 2007, the SIAC requested that a report be presented to the next meeting. The report was to be about services provided by the City to seniors in 2007.

It is recommended that the (SIAC) NOTES the report about services, events and activities provided by the City to seniors in the community in 2007.

BACKGROUND

The City of Joondalup currently provides a wide range of services, activities and subsidies that benefit senior members of the community. The information in this report provides an outline of what was offered in 2007 and summarises the attendance and satisfaction levels of participants.

DETAILS

Details of services, events and activities offered by the City are outlined below:

Seniors Interests Advisory Committee (SIAC)

The SIAC consists of 2 elected members, 6 representatives from not-for-profit or commercial organisations that provide services to seniors and 4 seniors who are members of the community who have an interest in seniors' issues.

The role of the SIAC is to provide advice to Council to ensure that the concerns of seniors are adequately represented in the City's planning processes and the strategic directions being developed for older people across the City.

Seniors Plan

The Seniors Plan was developed to assist in the strategic development and planning of the current and future needs of seniors and address the City's changing population demographics. The Plan, which is reviewed regularly, guides the work of the City. It enables Council to make decisions on current and future seniors services and support the ongoing work of community groups, organisations and agencies in meeting the needs of seniors.

Use of Community Facilities

The City provides free use of its community facilities for senior citizen groups who are ratepayers of the City of Joondalup.

Seniors Centres

The City provides its buildings to seniors clubs and groups on a rent-free basis. The City also subsidises telephones and hairdressing services for seniors at various City facilities. Senior Citizens Centres and Clubs supported by the City of Joondalup are:

- Duncraig Seniors Citizens Club - 49 Beddi Road, Duncraig
- Greenwood / Warwick Senior Citizens Club - Dorchester Avenue, Warwick
- Whitfords Senior Citizens Club - Cnr Banks and Marmion Avenues, Hillarys
- Ocean Ridge Seniors Citizens Club - Constellation Drive, Beaumaris
- Kingsley Seniors Citizens Club - Kingsley Reserve Clubrooms 72 Kingsley Drive, Kingsley
- WANJOO Seniors - Timberlake Drive, Woodvale

Library Services

Seniors Circle - A monthly program where seniors can enjoy a presentation, information session or simply be entertained.

Seniors Games - A monthly event where seniors play games such as Scrabble, Chess, Rummikub, Mahjong, Upwords, Bridge and many more.

Internet and Catalogue training for seniors at Joondalup Library, provides an opportunity for seniors to learn and confidently use the internet and the Library's online computer catalogue.

Books on Wheels delivers books to people who are unable to reach their public library because they are house bound due to frail health or limited mobility.

Other programs offered by the Libraries to all ages but are predominantly utilised by Seniors are:

- Book Clubs
- Criminal Profiling Clubs
- Mahjong Club
- Discovery Sessions
- Book Launches
- Platinum 50+ Adventure

This year round program offers a wide range of activities from practical lifestyle leisure workshops to adventurous challenges. Activities for 2007 included snorkelling, archery, abseiling and walking the Bibbulmun Track. The City Leisure Centres program focuses on City of Joondalup residents and Leisure Centre members over 50 years of age. The cost is \$8.00 / person / activity.

Community Transport Program

The Community Transport Program provides a service for seniors in the City of Joondalup who experience difficulty accessing the public transport system. The bus service picks people up from their home, taking them to either local shopping centres for shopping excursions or to various senior clubs for social and leisure activities.

Seniors Events

The City regularly holds events for seniors to promote positive active ageing, health and wellbeing. In previous years, events have included: the “Live Life Festival”; “Living Now: A Seminar for Seniors”; and “Seniors: This is Your Life”. The City attempts to work in partnership with existing groups and services when planning events.

Through the wide range of activities offered, people are encouraged to remain connected and engaged with their community as they age, through social, physical, cultural, spiritual and economic participation. The City’s SIAC members are actively involved in planning and developing these major seniors events.

Prevention of Elder Abuse Network

This program initiated by the City, is unique in local government. The purpose of the network is to provide a networking forum for service providers and to raise awareness of elder abuse / elder rights in the community. The network meets on a quarterly basis.

Sunday Serenades

The series is an ongoing initiative of the Arts Development Scheme, following feedback from the community requesting more events for seniors. Presenting musical performances in the City’s Civic Chambers is also an audience development initiative in advance of the opening of proposed performing arts facilities.

Tickets are \$9 adults / \$7 concession and are available at the door only.

Community Funding Program

Grants are available to not-for-profit incorporated community organisations for projects that benefit the community. Seniors are identified as a priority group in the objectives of the grant. Numerous seniors groups have received grants over the years for projects that benefit the local community.

Attendance and satisfaction levels of the programs targeted specifically to seniors are listed in the table below. All information relates to activity from 1 January to 30 October 2007.

Activity	Attendance	Satisfaction Level
Seniors Circle	469	90% of participants rated the program very good or excellent
Seniors Games	257	94% of participants rated the program very good or excellent
Internet Training	77	96% of participants rated the program very good or excellent
Catalogue Training	9	98% of participants rated the program very good or excellent
Books on Wheels	251	94% of participants rated the program very good or excellent
Platinum 50+	3,694	73% of participants were extremely or very satisfied
Community Transport Program	245 per week	85% of participants rated the service at high or very high
Sunday Serenades	691	Information not available

Link to Strategic Plan:

The provision of services, events and activities by the City is linked to the current Strategic Plan through the outcomes, objectives and strategies under the Key Focus Area – Community Wellbeing.

COMMENT

The City offers excellent opportunities for seniors to engage with their community through the provision of its current services, events and activities. This engagement promotes positive active ageing and encourages optimal wellbeing in the growing seniors demographic.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

MOVED Mr Allyn Bryant, SECONDED Ms Margaret March that the Seniors Interests Advisory Committee NOTES the report about services, events and activities provided by the City to seniors in the community in 2007.

Discussion ensued.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED (10/0)

In favour of the motion: Crs Corr and Diaz, Peter Boam, Allyn Bryant, Maria Bunn, Joy Coleman, Valerie Corey, Patricia Geary, Margaret March, and Lynda Waterman

ITEM 4 REVIEW OF SENIORS PLAN 2004 – 2008 - [55511]

WARD: All

RESPONSIBLE Mr Clayton Higham
DIRECTOR: Planning and Community Development

PURPOSE

To present a timeline for the review of the Seniors Plan to the Seniors Interests Advisory Committee (SIAC) for information.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Seniors Plan, which was developed to guide the City in its work with seniors, is required to be reviewed every three years. The SIAC is integral to the review process as its objective is to ensure that seniors' concerns are adequately represented in planning and strategic processes being developed by the City for older people. The SIAC participated in discussions in 2007 and identified areas of priority for the City's seniors.

"It is recommended that the Seniors Interests Advisory Committee CONTINUES to contribute to the review of the Seniors Plan 2004 – 2008 forming Attachment 1 to this Report."

BACKGROUND

The Committee's Terms of Reference Objective 3.1 states:

"Provide advice to Council to ensure that the concerns of seniors are adequately represented in the City's planning processes and the strategic directions being developed for older people across the City."

In 2007, Committee members identified the following issues as being important for seniors:

- Health
- Personal safety
- Transport – accessible and affordable
- Access to information – what services are available, appropriateness of print (size etc), internet, life issues
- Entertainment
- Family support
- Social isolation – loneliness, language barriers, health
- Financial difficulties – lack of finances
- Positive image of ageing
- Staying active - exercise
- Future accommodation needs – contract advice/legal advice issues, retirement, access to aged care facilities.

DETAILS

The table below outlines a framework for the comprehensive review of the seniors Plan. It includes a timeline, stakeholder groups, consultation method and comments.

Consultation Framework

Timeline	Stakeholder Group	Method	Comment
<i>February 2008</i>	<i>SIAC members</i>	<i>Workshop</i>	<i>The SIAC will review the priorities as discussed in 2007</i>
<i>March to May 2008</i>	<i>Seniors Groups in the community i.e. Senior Citizens Clubs, Probus Clubs etc</i>	<i>Awareness raising on issues that impact on seniors Focus Groups Workshops Questionnaires</i>	<i>Workshops to be facilitated by suitably qualified personnel. Workshops to be held in different locations in the community.</i>
<i>March to May 2008</i>	<i>Service providers, government and peak agencies</i>	<i>Focus Groups Workshops Questionnaires</i>	<i>Groups could be clustered into geographic regions</i>
<i>March to May 2008</i>	<i>Individual seniors in the community</i>	<i>Telephone/mail survey</i>	<i>Questions targeted to identify future needs as well as review of Plan</i>
<i>June 2008</i>		<i>Report preparation</i>	<i>Officers will prepare the report for Council</i>

City officers will facilitate consultation sessions with groups identified above, which will enable the members to participate in a process that will be meaningful, effective and useful.

This consultation will:

- Identify the strengths and limitations of the Seniors Plan 2004 - 2008;
- Provide an opportunity for participants to contribute their knowledge, expertise and ideas for the new Plan;
- Produce an outcome that includes the identification of issues and strategies for contribution towards the development of a new Plan that reflects and incorporates contemporary concepts and trends whilst acknowledging any uniquely local issues and concerns.

Link to Strategic Plan:

The Seniors Plan is linked to the current Strategic Plan through the outcomes, objectives and strategies under the Key Focus Area – Community Wellbeing.

Risk Management considerations:

The City has an ageing population and by implementing the tasks of the Seniors Plan, it is implementing measures that will benefit residents now and in the future, as well as assisting in preventing relevant issues from escalating.

Financial/Budget Implications:

Budget Amount: \$ 2000

Associated costs of the review will include advertising and printing of posters and pamphlets to promote the review to community members. Funds have been allocated in the 2007/08 budget to assist with the implementation of the Seniors Plan.

Any future initiatives that are to be undertaken by the City as a result of their inclusion in the Seniors Plan would need to seek funding approval through normal Council budget allocation processes.

Policy Implications:

The existing policies that are deemed to have the most impact on seniors are:

- Access and inclusion (access to community facilities and public space: overcoming barriers that could prevent participation in community activities)
- Rates (reduced rates for seniors)
- Fees and Charges (reduced fees for seniors for some services)
- Use of community facilities (accommodation provided free of charge to seniors groups under the “subsidised use” policy).

Consultation:

A consultation plan has been developed to ensure that the Plan captures current issues, trends and concerns.

COMMENT

The SIAC consultation is the first component of a community-wide consultation process designed to review the Seniors Plan 2004 –2008. Additionally, a reviewed Plan, delivered after wide consultation, will provide the City with a working document, aligned with other components of the Community Development Strategy.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 Seniors Plan 2004 -2008

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION: That the Seniors Interests Advisory Committee CONTINUES to contribute to the review of the Seniors Plan 2004 – 2008 forming Attachment 1 to this Report.

Discussion ensued with a view to forming a group of members of the committee to review what is included in the current Seniors Plan against the type of information it may now be pertinent to include in any future plan.

MOVED Ms Joy Coleman, SECONDED Mr Peter Boam that the Seniors Interests Advisory Committee:

- 1 CONTINUES to contribute to the review of the Seniors Plan 2004 – 2008 forming Attachment 1 to this Report;**
- 2 APPOINTS the following Seniors Interests Advisory Committee members to a Review Sub-Committee:**

**Ms Maria Bunn
Ms Joy Coleman
Ms Valerie Corey
Ms Patricia Geary**

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED (10/0)

In favour of the motion: Crs Corr and Diaz, Peter Boam, Allyn Bryant, Maria Bunn, Joy Coleman, Valerie Corey, Patricia Geary, Margaret March, and Lynda Waterman

Appendix 2 refers

ITEM 5 RESOURCE FOR SENIORS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES - [55511]

WARD: All

RESPONSIBLE Mr Clayton Higham
DIRECTOR: Planning and Community Development

PURPOSE

For the Seniors Interests Advisory Committee (SIAC) to review the content of the Seniors Directory and suggest direction for an updated publication.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Directory for Older People and People with Disabilities was last printed in 2003 and is in need of review and updating. Since last published it has been identified as a valuable source of local services and programs for seniors and people with disabilities.

“It is recommended that the Seniors Interest Advisory Committee:

- 1 *DISCUSSES elements of the Directory for Seniors and People with Disabilities;*
- 2 *OFFERS direction about the content and format of the publication.”*

BACKGROUND

The City of Joondalup Directory for Older People and People with Disabilities was first developed and printed in 1999. During a 2003 update and reprint, 5000 copies were printed and distributed to individuals at their request, through Seniors Citizens Clubs and organisations that provide services to seniors and people with disabilities. The City's Seniors Plan 2004-2008 highlights key strategies associated with information dissemination and provision of resources. The objectives in the Plan underpin the reasons for producing the Directory.

DETAILS

The City previously sought input from the (SIAC) and from various disability sources, completed a review and evaluation of the Directory for Seniors and People with Disabilities. During this process the Officer identified gaps in the Directory and recommended changes, which will enhance the resource and make it a more socially relevant and user-friendly resource.

Research into directories offering similar information was undertaken in 2008 in order to finalise the review and evaluation of the Directory for Seniors and People with Disabilities. This investigation found that though the information was useful it is not specific to the City of Joondalup local community.

Similar resources researched and identified:

Title	Publisher	Content
Western Australian Guide to Planning for an Active Retirement	Office of Seniors Interests & Volunteering	Format: 45 pages A5 directory Target: West Australian seniors Overview: finance, living arrangements, relationships, health, life long learning, safety, legal matters
Seniors Directory	City of Armadale	Format: A4 guide 28 pages Target: Albany seniors Overview: emergencies, care and support, rights, active living, health matters, special needs, spiritual health, quick website guide
Australian Government Directory of Services for Older People 2007/2008	Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing	Format: 156 pages A5 directory Target: Australian seniors Overview: employment, health, care, finances, CaLD information
A Guide to services for older people in Western Australia	West Australian Council on the Ageing (no longer in print)	Format: A5 booklet Target: West Australian seniors Overview: home support services, health and welfare services and accommodation
Access and Inclusion Community Guide	City of Melville	Format: A4 booklet 51 pages Target: Melville carers and residents with disabilities. Overview: emergencies, security, hospitals, support services, information services, mobility, access to buildings, advocacy, equipment, carers support, employment, volunteers, training, legal support, recreation, transport, CaLD services
Commonwealth Carelink Centre	Community Care Branch, Aged and Community Care Division, Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing	Format: database accessible online www9.health.gov.au/ccsd/ or via freecall 1800 052 222 Target: older people, people with disabilities and those who provide care and services Overview: Free and confidential information on community aged care, disability and other support services available locally, interstate or anywhere within Australia

Resources for seniors and/or people with disabilities with specific content were:

Title	Publisher	Content
Western Australian Seniors and the Law	Office of Seniors Interests & Volunteering	Format: A5 booklet 73 pages Target: Western Australian Seniors and the Law Overview: Legal information relating to accommodation, debts/guarantor, decision making, disputes, community safety, elder abuse, grandparents, volunteering
2007/2008 Add Life to Your Years	Seniors Recreation Council of WA	Format: A5 booklet 96 pages Target: Western Australian older people Overview: a directory of sport & recreation for older adults
Safety Advice for Seniors	WA Police	Format: A5 booklet 51 pages Target: Western Australian seniors Overview: Safety advice at home, out and about, financial, legal, elder abuse, computer technology, emergency contacts
Stay On Your Feet	Department of Health	Format: A5 booklet 54 pages Target: Western Australian seniors Overview: Falling preventative Information and advice
Grandfamilies: A Resource Guide for Western Australian Grandparents raising Grandchildren	Department of Seniors Interests and Volunteering	Format: Target: Western Australian grandparents raising grandchildren Overview: Resource Guide to assist grand parents in meeting the needs of their grandchildren while maintaining their own lifestyle needs and well being
WA Seniors Card Directory	Office for Seniors Interests and Volunteering	Format: DL booklet 148 pages Target: Western Australian seniors Overview: directory of discounts for senior card holders
Active People with a Disability	The National Information Communication Awareness Network (NICAN)	Format: Database accessible online www.nican.com.au or via freecall 1800 806 796 Target: Australian people with disabilities and those who provide care and services Overview: Directory of organisations, activities and services relating to sports, recreation, tourism, and the arts

Choose Health: Be Active booklet	Department of Veterans Affairs	Format: A5 booklet 29 pages Target: older Australians Overview: Information to promote exercise and activity as integral to healthy aging
Commonwealth Carelink Centre	Community Care Branch, Aged and Community Care Division, Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing	Format: database accessible online www9.health.gov.au/ccsd/ or via freecall 1800 052 222 Target: older people, people with disabilities and those who provide care and services Overview: Free and confidential information on community aged care, disability and other support services available locally, interstate or anywhere within Australia
HACC Directory of Services	Aged Care Policy Directorate, Federal Department of Health	Format: A4 booklet 63 pages Target: Australian Seniors and their care providers Overview: home and community care providers directory of services

Link to Strategic Plan:

The Seniors Plan 2004–2008 and therefore the Directory is linked to the current Strategic Plan through the outcomes, objectives and strategies under the Key Focus Area – Community Wellbeing.

Legislation – Statutory Provisions:

The directory is produced and distributed as a community service.

The Seniors Interests Advisory Committee is an official Council Committee.

Financial/Budget Implications:

Funding has been allocated in the Community Development budget to meet publication costs. Grant funding to assist with the cost of producing the directory (\$3,000) has also been secured as a component of the “You’re Welcome” grant which is provided by the Disability Services Commission and administered by WALGA.

Sustainability Implications:

The Directory is a living resource, sustainable in that it continues through revision and development according to research to be relevant.

The Directory will be amended to reflect the diverse, growing and changing needs of the community, specifically seniors, people with disabilities and people with culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

Revenue raised through City funding, grants, advertising fees and sponsorship will contribute to the sustainability of reviewing, developing and publishing this resource.

The development and design of a holistic resource that promotes active ageing and living beyond a simple directory has the potential for broader application across WALGA. The resource could be adopted by other Western Australian local governments to integrate their local community services information into this resource.

COMMENT

Current community services resources and directories available are useful but do not provide the local information specific to the needs of the City's community. This identified gap has confirmed the need to produce a directory as outlined in the 2004-2008 Seniors Plan which was developed in consultation with the community.

From the evaluation and research conducted an opportunity to produce a resource that reflects locally relevant contemporary ideas and information has been identified in the following recommendations:

- A positive holistic approach to be taken in promoting active aging and living;
- Greater focus on the readability of information provided (presentation, style, format, print size, plain English) and general user-friendliness;
- The inclusion of information on relevant social issues for the directory's target group/s;
- The inclusion of full colour visual agency spreads would add to the "user-friendliness" of the resource;
- Information on how to access further resources (including those referenced above);
- Include information for people with culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds;
- The resource is distributed directly to seniors, people with disabilities and relevant agencies in Joondalup.

Format

The directory size is consistent with directories reviewed, which appears to be universal for similar types of resources.

Suggested improvements of the general "user-friendliness" of the directory by making changes that relate to:

- print size and colour (larger print)
- page finish (matt - no gloss)
- information presentation (succinct/dot points)
- availability of space for recording important additional information
- index/content directions
- basic practical ease of use (spiral bound)
- dual covers – both leading to centre

Living Now: A Positive Ageing Resource

Living Now: A Resource for People with Disabilities

All of these suggested changes are consistent with the intent of the Access and Inclusion Plan 2008 –2011 which was adopted by Council on 19 December 2007.

Agency Information

Examples of Agencies that could be approached for paid advertising space:

- Commonwealth Carelink
- Community Vision Inc
- Seniors Recreation Council
- Department of Veterans Affairs
- Office of Seniors Interests & Volunteering
- Joondalup Volunteer Centre
- Office of Multicultural Interest
- Disabilities Services Commission

Social Issues

The current directory lacks some agency information and actual information on some key social issues. The publication of an updated directory provides the opportunity for the directory to be a more holistic and meaningful resource, by the inclusion of information on various relevant social issues that are important as people make transitions through life-cycle stages.

Identified relevant social issues:

Carers
Decision Making
Depression
Elder Abuse
Finances
Grandparents Raising Grandchildren
Health and Well Being
Lifecourse Transitions Loss and Grief
Safety
Technology
Volunteering
Loneliness and Social Isolation
Inclusion Versus Discrimination
Protecting your Right

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 Directory for Seniors and People with Disabilities – 2003

(Please Note: This attachment has been distributed to committee members under separate cover)

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

MOVED Mr Peter Boam, SECONDED Mr Allyn Bryant that the Seniors Interest Advisory Committee:

- 1 DISCUSSES elements of the Directory for Seniors and People with Disabilities;**
- 2 OFFERS direction about the content and format of the publication.**

Discussion ensued with respect to the appropriate format and layout of the new Directory. It was advised that the deadline for provision of information for inclusion in the directory was the end of March 2008, with anticipated completion/printing of the directory to be finalised by June 2008.

The Motion was Put and CARRIED (10/0)

In favour of the motion: Crs Corr and Diaz, Peter Boam, Allyn Bryant, Maria Bunn, Joy Coleman, Valerie Corey, Patricia Geary, Margaret March, and Lynda Waterman

Appendix 5 refers

**ITEM 6 SENIORS INTERESTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVE VACANCY -
[55511]**

WARD: All

RESPONSIBLE Mr Clayton Higham

DIRECTOR: Planning and Community Development

PURPOSE

To provide the Seniors Interests Advisory Committee (SIAC) with options for filling the “industry representative” vacancy.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A committee vacancy exists because one community organisation declined its representation during the reformation which occurred after Council elections in 2007.

According to the terms of reference an industry representative is a person nominated from a commercial or not for profit organisation that provide services to seniors within the City. This report provides information about a number of community organisations that would be eligible for membership of the SIAC.

It is recommended that the Seniors Interests Advisory Committee ENDORSES a preferred organisation to be invited to nominate a representative to join the Committee as a member.

BACKGROUND

The SIAC Terms of Reference, which outlines membership and terms of appointment, informs the process of filling Committee vacancies. The Terms of Reference state that:

“If a casual vacancy is created, the Committee shall recommend the appointment of a person for the remainder of the Committee’s term of office.”

DETAILS

City officers have researched organisations that provide services to seniors at a local level. Details of the organisations are outlined in the table below. The SIAC will nominate an organisation to be invited to nominate a representative to join the committee from those listed.

Organisation	Services Provided	Comment
Community Vision Inc	Home Support Services Adult Day Centre - Woodvale Meals service Podiatry Community Aged care packages Veterans Home care	Currently invited member to the SIAC
Silver Chain	Variety of services including home nursing, respite care and home help.	Provided a representative 2005 and 2006
Senior Citizens Clubs	Social activities for seniors held in various Council buildings	6 clubs in CoJ Whitfords Ocean Ridge (Beaumaris) Duncraig Greenwood/Warwick Kingsley Wanjoo (Woodvale)
Retirement Homes	Independent Units, Hostel and Nursing Home accommodation	16 organisations in CoJ
Wanneroo/Joondalup RSL	The chief concern of the Wanneroo/Joondalup RSL Sub-Branch is the welfare of members. The group provides visits to members who are in hospital or house bound.	Eligibility to join - ex-service men and women who have served in all conflicts which Australians have participated in; also ex-service men and women who have served in the reserves of the services.
Edith Cowan University – Occupational Therapy Department	Provide education to Occupational Therapists. Seniors is specialised area of study and research.	Nominated a representative in 2007 – were not successful.

Red Cross	Variety of support services for seniors	Provided a representative in 2004 and 2005
Seniors Recreation Council of WA	Support the establishment of new groups wishing to provide active recreation for the over fifties and provide advice to the community where required.	Provided representative 2005 and 2006
Church groups	Social activities and excursions for seniors. Some provide support services.	13 groups in CoJ
Older People's Rights Service	Legal service for people aged 60 years and over. Deals with Financial Abuse Psychological Abuse Physical Abuse Sexual Abuse Social/Spiritual Abuse Neglect	This service is provided in partnership with the Northern Suburbs Community Legal Centre Inc. and Advocare, Inc.

Link to Strategic Plan:

The Seniors Interests Advisory Committee is linked to the current Strategic Plan through the outcomes, objectives and strategies under the Key Focus Area – Community Wellbeing.

Legislation – Statutory Provisions:

The SIAC is a Council Committee; therefore membership needs to be endorsed by Council. The Committee's Terms of Reference require that the tenure of the Committee be for a period of two years and that the two-year period coincide with the election cycle of the elected Council.

COMMENT

All organisations listed provide services to seniors in the community and would nominate a representative who can advocate on the needs of seniors. This is an excellent opportunity for the Committee to endorse a quality representative, adding to the depth of knowledge and experience and importantly, the diversity of industry representation on the SIAC.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION: That the Seniors Interests Advisory Committee ENDORSES a preferred organisation to be invited to nominate a representative to join the Committee as a member.

MOVED Ms Maria Bunn, SECONDED Mr Allyn Bryant that the vacancy on the committee be advertised in the newspaper and by direct mail seeking nominations for the position; with a report back to the Seniors Interests Advisory Committee.

Discussion ensued with respect to appropriate groups to approach seeking nominations for a representative to the committee. It was agreed that letters should be sent to those organisations as discussed, together with an advertisement being placed in the local newspaper calling for expressions of interest.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED (10/0)

In favour of the motion: Crs Corr and Diaz, Peter Boam, Allyn Bryant, Maria Bunn, Joy Coleman, Valerie Corey, Patricia Geary, Margaret March, and Lynda Waterman

ITEM 7 2008 SENIORS EVENT/S - [55511]

WARD: All

RESPONSIBLE Mr Clayton Higham

DIRECTOR: Planning and Community Development

PURPOSE

To seek the endorsement of the Seniors Interests Advisory Committee (SIAC) for the format, budget and name for the City's 2008 Seniors event/s.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A seniors event will be held in 2008, reflecting the objectives of the Seniors Plan 2004 – 2008 to hold an annual seniors event for residents of the City. The event will continue to promote the principles of holistic positive active ageing, with a theme, activities and a name complementing this concept.

It is recommended that the Seniors Interests Advisory Committee:

- 1 *ENDORSES one of the listed options for the running of Seniors event/s for 2008;*
- 2 *ENDORSES the name "The Art of Ageing" for the event/s; and*
- 3 *NOMINATES a subcommittee which will oversee the organisation of the event/s.*

BACKGROUND

The City has hosted events around September each year since 2004. The fourth annual seniors event "Seniors: The Art of Ageing" was held during the week 9-14 September 2007. Members of the SIAC Committee were involved in the organising committee. Activities were held over five days and in a number of venues around the City.

An evaluation report has been provided as information for this SIAC meeting and will be used as a basis for making decisions about the 2008 event.

DETAILS

It is proposed that the 2008 event will continue to promote the principles of positive active ageing, with a focus on forming collaborative relationships, promoting existing City programs as well as involving external stakeholders. As a result of discussions with the SIAC in 2007, however it proposed that the event be held on more occasions, each with fewer days, throughout the year.

Options for hosting of a seniors event or events are outlined below:

Option	Description	Advantages	Disadvantages
Option 1	One five-day event in September/October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Higher profile • Greater ability to market event as a whole 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resource intensive over a longer period of time • Many seniors will only attend a select one or two morning or afternoon of activities that interest them due to energy levels or prior commitments.
Option 2	Two x two-day event in May and September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More manageable in terms of staff time and resources • Seniors more likely to attend two days than a program of week-long activities • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesser profile from a marketing perspective
Option 3	Four x one-day of activities held in May, August, October and December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More manageable in terms of staff time and resources • More manageable for seniors to schedule attendance • Gives seniors a highlight event to look forward to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decreased profile within the broader community

		<p>throughout the year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen the profile from the perspective of the target market 	
Option 4	Do not hold events or activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Save money and staff time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not comply with the Seniors Plan • Seniors will lose the benefits associated with events held

Budget

The funds allocated in the 2007/08 budget will be expended in full for a five-day event or distributed evenly over a number of days if the event is offered in accordance with one of the options outlined in the table above.

Suggested Name for 2008 Seniors Event

The “Art of Ageing” name was positively received last year, it is proposed the City retains this brand for the series of Senior’s events into the future, this will increase brand recognition of the City’s Seniors events within the community.

Consistency is an important element to building ownership, trust and recognition within the community to expect quality events.

Keeping the name consistent will not limit the City in terms of flexibility in programming.

Link to Strategic Plan:

The seniors’ event is linked to the current Strategic Plan through the outcomes, objectives and strategies under the Key Focus Area – Community Wellbeing.

Budget Implications:

\$7,600 was allocated in the 2007/2008 budget to enable the City to host a seniors event.

Further planning will be undertaken and will form part of a budget submission for the 2008/2009 budget.

COMMENT

The City’s seniors events provide excellent opportunities for the City and includes opportunities to engage with seniors in the community through the provision of events and activities which promote positive active ageing and wellbeing; facilitating connections, links and relationships with the community; and enabling the development and building of collaborative partnerships with groups, agencies, and service providers.

Having considered the advantages and disadvantages, Option 3 is recommended.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION: That the Seniors Interests Advisory Committee:

- 1 ENDORSES one of the listed options for the running of Seniors event/s for 2008';
- 2 ENDORSES the name "The Art of Ageing" for the event/s; and
- 3 NOMINATES a subcommittee which will oversee the organisation of the event/s.

Discussion ensued in relation to the most appropriate Option for the staging of events for seniors during the 2008 calendar year and how best these events could be marketed in the community.

MOVED Mr Allyn Bryant, SECONDED Mr Peter Boam that the Seniors Interests Advisory Committee ENDORSES the modification of Option 3 (4 X 2 ½ days) for the running of seniors events for 2008.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED (10/0)

In favour of the motion: Crs Corr and Diaz, Peter Boam, Allyn Bryant, Maria Bunn, Joy Coleman, Valerie Corey, Patricia Geary, Margaret March, and Lynda Waterman

MOVED Ms Patricia Geary, SECONDED Ms Joy Coleman that the Seniors Interests Advisory Committee ENDORSES the name "The Art of Ageing" for the events.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED (10/0)

In favour of the motion: Crs Corr and Diaz, Peter Boam, Allyn Bryant, Maria Bunn, Joy Coleman, Valerie Corey, Patricia Geary, Margaret March, and Lynda Waterman

MOVED Ms Patricia Geary, SECONDED Ms Joy Coleman that the Seniors Interests Advisory Committee NOMINATES the following Committee members to oversee the organisation of the event/s:

**Ms Maria Bunn
Mr Peter Boam
Ms Joy Coleman
Ms Valerie Corey
Ms Patricia Geary
Ms Lynda Waterman**

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED (10/0)

In favour of the motion: Crs Corr and Diaz, Peter Boam, Allyn Bryant, Maria Bunn, Joy Coleman, Valerie Corey, Patricia Geary, Margaret March, and Lynda Waterman

ITEM 8 WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY - [55511]

WARD: All

RESPONSIBLE Mr Clayton Higham
DIRECTOR: Director Planning and Community Development

PURPOSE

To provide information to the Seniors Interests Advisory Committee about World Elder Abuse Awareness Day for its consideration.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is an international event to promote awareness of the recognition and prevention of abuse to older adults. The awareness day is conducted on 15 June each year with the aim of raising awareness in communities.

“It is recommended that the Seniors Interests Advisory Committee CONSIDERS ways in which it can incorporate activities into its program of seniors events and promote awareness of elder abuse on 15 June 2008.”

BACKGROUND

Older people have the right to live in a safe environment and not be fearful that they will be abused, neglected or taken advantage of because of their age. Elder Abuse can be physical, psychological, financial or result due to neglect. Elder Abuse can go unreported because it is often carried out by family members and the older person is vulnerable to potential repercussions if a report is made.

The City created an Elder Abuse Network in 2000 and the group continues to be active. The Network was the first of its kind in Western Australia and was the forerunner to the formation of a state government group known as the Alliance for the Prevention of Elder Abuse WA (APEA-WA). The alliance promotes a whole-of-

government policy framework that values older people and supports the rights of older people.

World Elder Abuse Awareness day is for raising awareness of the mistreatment of older adults and the need to take appropriate action. Organisations throughout the world participate in a variety of ways with the primary objective of providing information about the types of abuse and the resources available to people when they want help.

DETAILS

In order to promote awareness, organisations are encouraged to –

- Hold a ceremony
- Support a declaration or proclamation
- Present an award
- Join or form a group
- Host a workshop or conference
- Host a lecture or debate
- Submit an article or letter to the editor
- Use a quote or develop a slogan
- Hold a community event
- Create a display or mural
- Produce an artwork

The SIAC could choose one of these options and incorporate it into its program of events for seniors for 2008.

Link to Strategic Plan:

The provision of services, events and activities by the City is linked to the current Strategic Plan through the outcomes, objectives and strategies under the Key Focus Area – Community Wellbeing.

Financial/Budget Implications:

There are funds allocated in the City's budget for the implementation of seniors events throughout the year. If the World Awareness Day is incorporated into the program of seniors events costs be expended from this allocation.

COMMENT

The City is well-placed to take some action for Elder Abuse awareness through the work of the SIAC, the program of events for seniors or the review of the Seniors Plan.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Brochure

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION: That the Seniors Interests Advisory Committee CONSIDERS ways in which it could contribute to World Elder Abuse Awareness day on 15 June 2008.

MOVED Ms Maria Bunn, SECONDED Ms Lynda Waterman that the Seniors Interests Advisory Committee RECOMMENDS that a Forum be held to inform interest groups and persons on the issues surrounding World Elders Abuse Awareness Day.

Discussion ensued in relation to methods of distributing information with regard to abuse of the elderly in the community, which would include the appropriate agencies to approach to seek help in addressing this issue.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED (10/0)

In favour of the motion: Crs Corr and Diaz, Peter Boam, Allyn Bryant, Maria Bunn, Joy Coleman, Valerie Corey, Patricia Geary, Margaret March, and Lynda Waterman

Appendix 3 refers

ITEM 9 NEIGHBOUR DAY - [55511]

WARD: All

RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: Mr Clayton Higham
Planning and Community Development

PURPOSE

To provide information to the Seniors Interests Advisory Committee (SIAC) about Neighbour Day and to consider how the concept could be supported by the City.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Office of Seniors Interests and Volunteering lead a "Neighbour Day" in the last week in March each year. The aim is to encourage people to develop a greater sense of community caring, looking after the vulnerable and isolated – especially those who are growing older and living alone.

The concept can be easily promoted by word-of-mouth and in local newspapers and does not cost money to implement. It relies on people taking action and developing ongoing interactions with their neighbours.

"It is recommended that the Seniors Interests Advisory Committee SUPPORTS the City's participation in the promotion of Neighbour Day."

BACKGROUND

In 2007, the SIAC discussed the issue of Social Isolation of Seniors. Officers have been researching ways in which the City can reduce isolation and make a difference

in the lives of the residents. The concept of Neighbour Day is simple and effective. People are encouraged to make contact with their neighbours, get to know them and keep an eye out for those who are living on their own, in their senior years or noticeably isolated.

The City can contribute to reducing the isolation of seniors, simply by promoting the concept and encouraging people to participate in their neighbourhoods. The concept could be listed as an objective in the revised Seniors Plan, thus ensuring it is implemented.

DETAILS

Neighbour Day can be promoted leading up to the last day in March and the concept then prompted in various ways throughout the year. Once people have made contact with their neighbours, there is potential for long-lasting relationships to develop. The Neighbour Day concept encourages people to consider taking the following actions –

- Hold a street party or get-together in the local park for the whole community - this could be a breakfast, picnic lunch or family fun day.
- Organise a group tour activity, such as a visit to a winery, historical place of interest or eco tour.
- Hold a group activity to clean up their suburb or street.
- Take the time to knock on a neighbour's door and say 'hello'
- Be welcoming - if someone new moves into the neighbourhood, make that first move to welcome them and make them feel included.
- Organise a get-together; inviting neighbours to their house for an afternoon tea or BBQ could be the start of a regular social network. Find out their neighbours' favourite activities and hobbies.
- Offer their services - would the neighbour like a little assistance in the garden, some help with the weekly shopping, or even someone to keep an eye on the house while they are away?
- Organise a Neighbourhood Watch scheme - this helps to foster unity and a sense of safety.

Link to Strategic Plan:

The seniors' event is directly linked to the following key focus areas of the City's Strategic Plan.

Community Wellbeing

Outcome:

The City of Joondalup is recognised as a community that values and facilitates Lifelong Learning.

Objective 1.1:

To develop, provide and promote a diverse range of lifelong learning opportunities.

Outcome:

The City of Joondalup provides social opportunities that meet community needs.

Objective 1.3:

To continue to provide services that meet changing needs of a diverse and growing community.

Strategy 1.3.1:

Provide leisure and recreational activities aligned to community expectations, incorporating innovative opportunities for today's environment.

Strategy 1.3.2:

Provide quality of life opportunities for all community members.

Financial/Budget Implications:

There are funds allocated in the City's budget for the implementation of key objectives of the Seniors Plan. Other methods of promoting the concept are word-of-mouth and inclusion in newsletters published by organisations which provide services to seniors. There is no cost associated with the latter two methods of promotion.

COMMENT

The Neighbour Day concept is simple and cost effective. If people in the community take it on board and look out for a neighbour, the potential for reduction of isolation of seniors could be significant.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 Neighbour Day brochure 2007

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

MOVED Ms Lynda Waterman, SECONDED Ms Margaret March that the Seniors Interests Advisory Committee SUPPORTS the City's participation in the promotion of Neighbour Day.

Discussion ensued.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED (10/0)

In favour of the motion: Crs Corr and Diaz, Peter Boam, Allyn Bryant, Maria Bunn, Joy Coleman, Valerie Corey, Patricia Geary, Margaret March, and Lynda Waterman

Appendix 4 refers

MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil.

REQUESTS FOR REPORTS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Tables and Chairs in Council Run Facilities

Concerns were raised at the style and shape of the new tables and chairs that have been provided in facilities run by the City. It was stated the new chairs are small, with legs that protrude outwards, causing a danger for seniors.

Manager, Community Development and Libraries advised inquiries would be undertaken to ascertain whether this was a widespread problem amongst other Council run facilities.

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Presiding Person declared the Meeting closed at 1113 hrs; the following committee members being present at that time:

Cr Brian Corr
Cr Fiona Diaz
Mr Peter Boam
Mr Allyn Bryant
Ms Maria Bunn
Ms Joy Coleman
Ms Valerie Corey
Ms Patricia Geary
Ms Margaret March
Ms Lynda Waterman