

**CITY OF JOONDALUP**

**MINUTES OF THE SENIORS INTERESTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16 JUNE 2004 AT 9.30AM  
IN CONFERENCE ROOM 3, CIVIC CENTRE, BOAS AVENUE, JOONDALUP**

**1. ATTENDANCES AND APOLOGIES**

**Committee Members:**

Kevan Rowe	Chairperson / Community Representative
Lew Thorstensen	Community Representative
Audrey Poole	Industry Representative - Australian Red Cross
Allyn Bryant	Industry Representative – Association of Independent Retirees Inc
Lucy Morris	Executive Director, Community Vision
Margaret March	Community Representative
Robert Kinloch	Industry Representative – COTA/NSA

**Officers:**

Graeme Hall	Manager Community Development Services
Yvette Peterson	Community Development Officer

**Apologies:**

Diane Davies White	Industry Representative - Seniors Recreation Council
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The Chairperson declared the meeting open at 9.35am.

**2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**MOVED** Lew Thorstensen, **SECONDED** Audrey Poole that the minutes of the meeting held on 21 April 2004 is a true and accurate record.

**CARRIED**

**3. GUEST SPEAKERS – DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND AGEING**

Margaret Dixon (Executive Officer - Residential and Community Care – Aged Care) and Shirley McManus (Acting Executive Officer – Accountability) introduced themselves to the Committee and gave a presentation on Aged and Community Care.

Margaret Dixon and Shirley McManus spoke about Residential Aged Care and Community Aged Care Packages, with particular reference to the planning process.

Margaret Dixon pointed out that:

“Under section 12-7 of the Aged Care Act 1997 the Secretary may establish Aged Care Advisory Committees to assist in allocating aged care places”.

She further explained that individuals of the Seniors Interests Advisory Committee (SIAC) may wish to express an interest in joining this advisory committee or that SIAC as a Committee may wish to write a submission expressing the aged care needs for the City of Joondalup.

*Allyn Bryant entered the meeting at 9.40am*

Information sheets regarding the presentation were left to be circulated to committee members (see attached).

#### **4. REPORT FROM SUB COMMITTEE – Regional Seniors Event**

Community Development Officer informed the committee of the following timetable:

16 and 17 November 2004 – Aged Care Games  
19 and 20 November 2004 – Expo  
19 November 2004 – Concert

The sub committee is currently awaiting notification on the success of the grant applications.

Meetings with community groups have been scheduled with autumn centres, senior’s centres and community groups.

There will be various venues for the event “playoffs”, such as the Joondalup Golf Course.

Margaret March raised the issue of transport from the train station. Community Development Officer understood that this would be taken in to account.

#### **5. GENERAL BUSINESS**

##### **5.1 Research**

Low Thorstensen spoke about two research projects including:

- Beyond three score years and ten: Prospects for Longevity in Australia
- Optimum Strategies for Creativity and Longevity

The papers will be distributed to all committee members with the minutes.

## **5.2 Terms of Reference**

Manager Community Development Services advised the Seniors Interests Advisory Committee of discussions and recommendations from the Commissioners.

At a recent Council meeting, the Commissioners highlighted the need for the Seniors Interests Advisory Committee's discussion and direction to be kept at a strategic level, not an operational level. The Commissioners were looking for strategic guidance from the Seniors Interests Advisory Committee, and would like the Committee to work towards this.

## **5.3 Committee Membership**

Audrey Poole brought to the committee's attention the need to find a representative for seniors' accommodation.

The committee has heard presentations from the various accommodation bodies and there does not seem to be an umbrella organisation that includes residents.

The Community Development Officer will investigate a representative from the Retirement Villages and report back to the next meeting.

## **6. DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS AND CLOSE**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday the 21 July 2004.

The chair declared the meeting closed at 10.50am.