

## CITY OF JOONDALUP

MINUTES OF THE SENIORS INTERESTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21 JULY 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
Diane Davies White	Industry Representative - Seniors Recreation Council
Audrey Poole	Industry Representative - Australian Red Cross
Allyn Bryant	Industry Representative – Association of Independent Retirees Inc
Margaret March	Community Representative
Robert Kinloch	Industry Representative – COTA/NSA
Heather Graham	Australia Red Cross (Guest of Audrey Poole)

#### Officers:

Jeremy Manning	Acting Community Services Coordinator
Dana Anderson	Acting Team Leader – Youth Activities
Gill Hampson	Minute Clerk

#### Apologies:

Lucy Morris	Executive Director, Community Vision
Yvette Peterson	Community Development Officer

The Chairperson declared the meeting open at 9.30am.

The committee was introduced to Jeremy Manning who was standing in for Yvette Peterson. Yvette is currently on annual leave. The committee was also introduced to Dana Anderson who would be conducting a presentation and workshop.

### 2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

**MOVED** Allyn Bryant, **SECONDED** Lew Thorstensen that the minutes of the meeting held on 16 June 2004 is a true and accurate record.

**CARRIED**

### 3. VISIONING SESSION PRESENTATION

Prior to this meeting each member of the committee was given a copy of a questionnaire (attachment 1). The aim of the questionnaire is to assist in the development of future directions for the committee. Dana Anderson gave a presentation of the findings and asked the committee to think about what practices and procedures they would like to see in place to achieve their preferred view. Discussion occurred including a brainstorming session with the findings summarised below.

#### **Practices that will reflect the committee's preferred qualities and attributes**

- Raise awareness of the committee within the community
- To use own networks and interests to bring seniors interests to committee
- Highlighting the concerns of other seniors groups
- Use Seniors Action Plan as the foundation for future actions (changing the "WHO" from Council departments to the Committee)

#### **Procedures**

- To have procedures for two-way communication between the Committee and Commissioners / Council staff.
- Committee to prepare a press statement each month to be included in media- opportunities could be in 'Have a Go' and local newspaper
- Include section in Chairman's column in local News- report recommendations
- An annual seminar to allow larger groups of seniors to voice their concerns, goals, aspirations
- Project subcommittees/working groups
- Learn more about each other through CV's and presentations
- Extend an invitation for a Commissioner to attend meeting(s)

Members were asked to place the committee on a continuum of 1 to 10. (1 represented that the committee exhibited none of the qualities and attributes of their preferred view and 10 represented that the committee exhibited all of these preferred qualities both internally and externally). After some discussion the committee believed they were currently rated as a 5 because of the following achievements;

- Directory for Seniors and People with Disabilities
- 'Live Life' event
- Trying to find a representative from residential associations
- Attending and holding meetings
- Passion for representing the interests of seniors in the Joondalup community.

The question was posed that if the committee were to reassess their position in six months time and find that the group had moved at least one point on the scale towards their preferred view, what changes would have occurred? What behaviours would be exhibited?

- Advertising would be a regular occurrence.
- “Live Life” event will be a great success.
- Addressed at least some of the points on the Seniors Interests Advisory Committee’s Action Plan.
- Had guest speakers including someone from seniors department and the Office of Seniors Interests.

Dana Anderson asked members to consider developing an appropriate “Vision” for the committee. She gave an example of a vision for the Seniors Interests Advisory Committee that was as follows:

“A strategic committee that aims to create a vibrant and active community for the senior residents of the City of Joondalup.”

It was agreed that the committee would give consideration to what they wanted to be included in the committees “vision” to be discussed at the next meeting.

#### **4. GENERAL BUSINESS**

##### **4.1 Seniors Interests Advisory Committee Minutes**

Allyn raised a concern that the minutes of the Seniors Interests Advisory Committee did not seem to be discussed at any level within Council.

Acting Community Services Coordinator advised that generally the minutes are discussed at various levels as they progressed through to the Briefing Session and finally to the Council meeting.

##### **4.2 Craigie Leisure Centre**

The committee discussed the removal by Council of the off peak memberships and seniors discounts at the Craigie Leisure Centre. It was agreed by the committee that the following recommendation be put forward to Council.

**MOVED** Allyn Bryant, **SECONDED** Robert Kinloch that the Joint Commissioners:

“Reinstate the off peak memberships and discounts for seniors using the Craigie Leisure Centre.”

**The Motion was Put and**

**CARRIED**

### **4.3 Strategic Directions**

Lew spoke of the Commissioners seeking strategic guidance by the committee that was raised by the Manager Community Development Services at the Seniors Interests Advisory Committee meeting held on 16 June 2004.

Lew asked for his papers that outlined his thoughts on strategic directions to be tabled for the next agenda.

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

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday the 18 August 2004.

The chair declared the meeting closed at 11.12am.