



PALMERSTON SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

CITY OF PALMERSTON

**Minutes of Palmerston Seniors Advisory Committee Meeting
held in Palmerston Recreation Centre,
The Boulevard, Palmerston
on Monday 4 February 2019 at 12:00 pm.**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Alderman Sarah Henderson (Chair)
Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell (ex-officio)
Ann Brown
Neville Driver
Lillian Mann
Anne Coutts
Trevor Miller
Anna Durbridge
Dot Chapman
Barbara Crane
Sandra Parker
Avril Smith

GUESTS

Lia Finocchiaro – MLA Member for Spillett
Angie Walker, Electorate of Spillett
Kirby Bolton, Electorate of Drysdale

STAFF

Amelia Vellar, Director Lifestyle and Community
Jan Peters, Manager Community Services
Tess Riches, Community Services Officer

1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Chair declared the meeting open at 12.10 pm.

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Mary Oliffe
Maggie Grave
Margaret Moore
Marg Lee

Committee member
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Pam Smith
Olga Dalrymple

Committee member
Electorate of Brennan

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved: Ann Brown
Seconded: Trevor Miller

THAT the amended minutes of the Palmerston Seniors Advisory Committee Meeting held on Monday, 12 November 2018 be confirmed.

4 PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Presentation: nil

5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

5.1 Actions

Action Table Items were discussed; amended table below.

Issues contributed by Palmerston Seniors	Possible solution ideas provided by public/ PSAC	Action	Responsibility	When	Status
"Suitable space required for Palmerston seniors to meet, to socialise, and source information"	Continue to liaise with Council on either a purpose-built (or extended/renovated existing) community centre to provide spaces suitable for seniors only OR a shared-use facility.	1. Provide update on progress of municipality-wide land use planning. 2. Provide update on report regarding viability of extending Gray Hall.	Director Lifestyle and Community/ Chair	As available 13 May Meeting	Ongoing (Report due April)
"Paid Parking in CBD means seniors are forced to shop elsewhere."	Seek feedback from Council re: possible amendments to parking strategy: e.g. Extend time, better policing of disabled parking, cancel parking meters	Consider issues following Council review of paid parking in the City Centre. As per Council Minutes 9/0094 - 05/06/2018	Chair to report back to PSAC outcome of Council review	13 May Meeting	(Review due March)

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"Concerns about safe access to Gateway shopping Centre from bus stops and on foot."	See what the new entrance plans are, Stage Two is nearing completion; this may answer concerns.	1. PSAC meeting Invite speaker from Dept of Transport re Gateway bus parking and pedestrian access. 2. Put new access info into Grey Goss	Community Services Officer Community Services Officer	When Stage 2 and new entry/ exit open As available	Ongoing: review issues when Gateway Shopping Centre complete (No date for outside restaurants)
Seniors parking at Gateway Shopping Centre	A number of dedicated spaces for seniors parking.	Request dedicated spaces for seniors parking. Report response to group.	MLA Member for Spillett, Mrs Lia Finocchiaro	February 2019 13 May Meeting	In progress
ICE: In Case of Emergency contact details for persons requiring assistance	Print business cards to allow people to record the name and contact number of a person to call if required	Council will provide an amount to trial	Community Services Officer	13 May Meeting	In progress

Removed from table:

"Living support for seniors in their own homes required."

Remove from table: revisited each Grey Goss edition

"Laneway* safety – need Council security cameras" and "Cars broken into in Gary Hall carpark, possible thief access via laneway?"

Remove from table: issues addressed with public lighting Project and better lighting installed at Gray Hall carpark.

5.2 Designated Seniors Parking

Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett, lead a discussion to determine direction regarding the groups' wish for dedicated seniors parking at Gateway Shopping Centre. Information gathered will be used by Mrs Finocchiaro in a request to the management of Gateway Shopping Centre to provide (unenforceable) dedicated seniors parking spaces. (Added to Action Table.)

6 CHAIR'S REPORT

6.1 Verbal Report:

Chair Alderman Sarah Henderson

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Alderman Henderson advised the new community centre planned for Zuccoli Community Hub may provide space for seniors' groups, and this could influence the outcome of Council initiatives such as the Gray Hall extension viability report.

Alderman Henderson has initiated a Facebook account for Palmerston and Rural Seniors, to post relevant events, activities etc.

Members are encouraged to learn more about Project, including Smart Cities (technology), Splashing Out (pool precinct), Making the Switch (lighting); Liveable Cities (greening and upgrades), Where We Live Matters, (place-making) and It's Always Brighter! (solar farm).

<https://www.palmerston.nt.gov.au/operations/planning/major-projects>

7 NEW BUSINESS

- 7.1 Members are encouraged to report to Council any locations in Palmerston that they identify as having access issues. The following areas were raised as access issues:
- Zenith Circuit – no footpath
 - Tilston Ave – narrow footpath, footpath required on pool side.
 - Priest Circuit – no footpath
- 7.2 Members are encouraged to discuss the changes to the NT Concession Scheme and Seniors Recognition Scheme and remind fellow seniors that their details need to be confirmed with Territory Families as soon as possible if they have not already done so. NT Concession and Recognition unit - 1800 777 704
ntconcessionandrecognition@nt.gov.au
- 7.3 Seniors Morning Tea will begin from 14 February at Cazaly's Club. These will be held on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. The later event will also include bingo.
- 7.4 The hospital shuttle bus now travels to all hospitals plus Healthy Living NT.
- 7.5 Palmerston's Own Writers' book is available for the MLA's offices.
- 7.6 A simple card for seniors (and others) to carry in their wallets/purses to provide Next-Of-Kin contact details was suggested. (Added to Action Table.)

8 CORRESPONDENCE

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An email from the Events Coordinator at the Palmerston Tavern was shared with members. The organisation offers discounted lunch for seniors, daily, and would like senior residents to offer feedback regarding making the venue more comfortable for seniors.

9 CLOSURE

The Palmerston Seniors Advisory Committee meeting, held in the Palmerston Recreation Centre, The Boulevard, Palmerston on Monday, 4 February 2019 closed at 1:20pm



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