

Queen Elizabeth II Seniors Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Name	Queen Elizabeth II Seniors Advisory Committee	Meeting No.	D-064583	
Meeting Date	Wednesday 16 June 2021			
Meeting Time	9:00am to 9:50am			
Meeting Location	Freeman Meeting Room, QEII Seniors & Community Centre			
Attendees	Cr Robert Hall	BH	By Invitation	
	Cr Natasha Colliver	NC	Apologies	
	Fiona Norling	FN	Cr Steve Douglas	SD
	Manager, Community & Cultural Development		Cr Kim Parker	KP
	Rosetta Finlay	RF	Peter Treharne	PT
	QEII Seniors Programming Officer		Acting Coordinator Community Development	
	Beryl Scott	BS	Betty Clark	BC
	National Seniors Inc		Over 50's Gentle Gym Class	
	Merrilyn Line	ML	Annie Townshend	AT
	Over 50's Gentle Gym Class		Pensioners Social Club Inc	
	Lina Mittoni	LM		
	Geraldton & Districts Seniors Action Group Inc			
	Jean Steer	JS	Distribution	As Above
	Seniors Recreation Council of WA Inc			
	Pat Parker	PP		
	Pensioners Social Club Inc			

1. WELCOME & APOLOGIES

Cr Hall welcomed the members and apologies were noted from the list above.

CARRIED

2. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting held Thursday 17 March 2021

Recommended that the minutes of the Queen Elizabeth II Seniors Advisory Committee held on Thursday 17 March 2021 as previously circulated, be accepted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

ADOPTED

3. Reports to be Received:

QEII Monthly Reports – March, April and May 2021
(As circulated and tabled)

Noted by the Committee:

Food Sensations for Adult Cooking Classes – Four sessions were held at the Centre by the Public Health Nutritionist Catherine Dumont.

Impact of Cyclone Seroja in April 2021 – Senior attendance figures were lower in April as senior programs were cancelled due to the Department of Communities using the centre as a Recovery centre. An estimated 2100 people attended for financial assistance and overnight occupancy was 99.

ABC Midwest & Wheatbelt Mornings with Glenn Barndon – Scheduled to broadcast at the Centre on Thursday 17 June from 10:00am to 11:00am the session will showcase centre programs.

Biggest Morning Tea for Cancer Research – The Centre hosted a morning tea with 75 attending and approximately \$1000 raised for cancer research.

New Centre Program - An expression of interest will be advertised for language lessons at the Centre

QEII Walking Football – An Over 55's team has been entered into the 5 aside competition played on a Friday night at Wonthella.

4. Corona Virus Risk Management

Noted by the Committee:

- The Centre has received a request in regards to the possibility of being utilised as a vaccination point. The Committee discussed minimal disruption of senior programs and a roll in / roll out clinic would be the preferred option during the weekend due to limited room availability.

5. 2021 Seniors Week Celebrations

Noted by the Committee:

- Planning for 2021 for Seniors Week has commenced and will be held from 7 to 14 November 2021. The Committee discussed holding the celebrations on a different time and requested the Department of Communities be contacted to clarify how dates are set.

ACTION: *RF to contact the Department of Communities to discuss Seniors Week dates.*

6. Other Business

Noted by the Committee:

Induction Cooktops and Pacemakers – Safety issues regarding induction ovens will be researched and further information to be distributed to Centre users.

Rise in Homeless using the Centre – Centacare has been allocated State funding to address the homeless issue in Geraldton to support and rehome those in need. Additionally City staff have received training.

Smoking at the Centre – A reminder is to be placed in the monthly QEII newsletter to advise smoking is 10 metres away from the building not just entrances.

7. Date of Next Meeting

15 September 2021

8. Close

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:50am

QEII SENIORS & COMMUNITY CENTRE REPORT – March 2021

The Department of Local Government & Communities provides grant funding for a Seniors Program Officer to facilitate senior programs and operate a Seniors Resource Centre.

Senior Programs Monthly Total Attendance

Art Class (weekly)	73
Balance Gym (four sessions per week)	341
Bereavement/Loss Group (monthly)	13
Bingo (monthly)	33
Bowls (weekly)	332
Boxing For Health	31
Cards (weekly)	96
Chess Group (weekly)	0
Chat n Do (Spalding Outreach) (weekly)	75
Computer lessons/assistance (daily)	0
Craft (weekly)	13
Crochet /Knitters Group (weekly)	73
Darts (weekly)	35
Drumming Workshops (Thursday) (two sessions weekly)	47
Drumming Workshops (Tuesday night) (weekly)	25
ESL Class (weekly)	29
Five Hundred Card Game / Rummikub (weekly)	61
Foodbank Van (twice a week)	20
Line Dancing (weekly)	70
Multicultural Choir	15
Mah-jongg (weekly)	32
National Seniors (monthly)	13
Over 50's Gentle Gym (three sessions a week)	470
Pensioners Social Club Meeting/ committee (monthly)	40
Pilates (weekly)	83
Pole Walking	41
QEII Advisory Committee (every three months)	8
QEII Gardening Club (monthly)	6
Rehab Gym (twice a week)	133
Scrabble /Canasta Group (twice a week)	75
Seniors Online (daily)	88
Seniors Action Group Meeting (monthly)	37
Seniors Recreation Council Inc. (bi-monthly)	8
Social Dancing	64
Switched on Seniors	74
Table Tennis (weekly)	57
Ukulele Dreamers Club (weekly)	88
Visibility Australia (monthly)	6
Walk Group (weekly)	71
Walking Football (weekly)	40
Zumba (weekly)	114
Additional Seniors Information Sessions/Event	
Multicultural Association Cooking Class – Chinese	25
Aged Care Navigator Services	20
Seniors Attendance Monthly Total	2975

Note: Totals do not include use of library and lounge room facilities only

Seniors Resource Centre

Enquiry	March
Centre program Information	42
Referral to other senior groups in the community	5
Assistance with accessing forms online/printing	25
Referral to senior service providers e.g. HACC	7
Seniors information e.g. seniors card, fuel card	5
New centre registrations	46

Senior Service Providers:

- Balance Gym - WA Country Health Service
- English as a Second Language Classes – Midwest Multicultural Association
- Over 50's Gentle Gym – Geraldton Health Service
- Rehabilitation Gym – Geraldton Health Service
- Grief & Loss Group – St John Palliative Care
- Visibility Australia

Senior Advertising/ Displays

- 350 hard copies of the QEII Senior Newsletter distributed and posted on the City of Greater Geraldton website and Over 50' Geraldton Life
- Dementia, Aged Care Navigator Services, Diabetes WA Information sessions, Morning Melodies advertised on Over 50's Geraldton Life Facebook page and centre noticeboards.

Regular Community User Groups

- Geraldton Orchid Society
- Sun City Four Square Church

Total for Regular Community Groups = 120

Occasional Community/Commercial Bookings

- Birthday Celebration 100
- Book Sale 100
- Hearing Australia Bus 20
- Champion By Seniors High School Ball 120
- Department of Communities – Neighbourhood Watch 20
- Dementia Australia 30
- Diabetes WA 10
- Geraldton Yoga Club 40

Total for Occasional Community/Commercial Bookings = 440

Total for QEII Seniors & Community Centre Attendance = 3535

Rosetta Finlay

QEII Seniors Programming Officer

QEII SENIORS & COMMUNITY CENTRE REPORT – April 2021

The Department of Local Government & Communities provides grant funding for a Seniors Program Officer to facilitate senior programs and operate a Seniors Resource Centre.

Senior Programs Monthly Total Attendance

Art Class (weekly)	28
Balance Gym (four sessions per week)	68
Bereavement/Loss Group (monthly)	0
Bingo (monthly)	22
Bowls (weekly)	109
Boxing For Health	13
Cards (weekly)	46
Chess Group (weekly)	0
Chat n Do (Spalding Outreach) (weekly)	48
Computer lessons/assistance (daily)	0
Craft (weekly)	12
Crochet /Knitters Group (weekly)	28
Darts (weekly)	0
Drumming Workshops (Thursday) (two sessions weekly)	33
Drumming Workshops (Tuesday night) (weekly)	0
ESL Class (weekly)	7
Five Hundred Card Game / Rummikub (weekly)	43
Foodbank Van (twice a week)	10
Line Dancing (weekly)	19
Multicultural Choir	4
Mah-jongg (weekly)	18
National Seniors (monthly)	0
Over 50's Gentle Gym (three sessions a week)	185
Pensioners Social Club Meeting/ committee (monthly)	41
Pilates (weekly)	21
Pole Walking	16
QEII Advisory Committee (every three months)	0
QEII Gardening Club (monthly)	0
Rehab Gym (twice a week)	72
Scrabble /Canasta Group (twice a week)	17
Seniors Online (daily)	30
Seniors Action Group Meeting (monthly)	0
Seniors Recreation Council Inc. (bi-monthly)	0
Social Dancing	18
Switched on Seniors	33
Table Tennis (weekly)	19
Ukulele Dreamers Club (weekly)	37
Visibility Australia (monthly)	11
Walk Group (weekly)	46
Walking Football (weekly)	17
Zumba (weekly)	69
Additional Seniors Information Sessions/Event	
Midwest Multicultural Association Inc Cooking Class – French	30
Aged Care Navigator Services (cancelled due to cyclone Seroja)	0
Seniors Attendance Monthly Total	1170

Note: The Department of Communities utilised the Centre as a Recovery Centre from the 11 to 23 April 2021 in response to Cyclone Seroja. All senior programs were suspended during this time frame are reflected in attendance figures.

Seniors Resource Centre

Enquiry	April
Centre program Information	17
Referral to other senior groups in the community	5
Assistance with accessing forms online/printing	9
Referral to senior service providers e.g. HACC	5
Seniors information e.g. seniors card, fuel card	7
New centre registrations	21

Senior Service Providers:

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- English as a Second Language Classes – Midwest Multicultural Association
- Over 50's Gentle Gym – Geraldton Health Service
- Rehabilitation Gym – Geraldton Health Service
- Grief & Loss Group – St John Palliative Care
- Visibility Australia

Senior Advertising/ Displays

- 350 hard copies of the QEII Senior Newsletter distributed and posted on the City of Greater Geraldton website and Over 50' Geraldton Life
- Dementia, Aged Care Navigator Services, Diabetes WA Information sessions, Morning Melodies advertised on Over 50's Geraldton Life Facebook page and centre noticeboards.

Regular Community User Groups

- Geraldton Orchid Society
- Sun City Four Square Church

Total for Regular Community Groups = 25

Department of Communities Recovery Centre Attendance:

- Financial Assistance 2146
- Overnight Occupancy 12 April to 15 April totalled 99

Total for QEII Seniors & Community Centre Attendance = 3440

Rosetta Finlay

QEII Seniors Programming Officer

QEII SENIORS & COMMUNITY CENTRE REPORT – MAY 2021

The Department of Local Government & Communities provides grant funding for a Seniors Program Officer to facilitate senior programs and operate a Seniors Resource Centre.

Senior Programs Monthly Total Attendance

Art Class (weekly)	53
Balance Gym (four sessions per week)	304
Bereavement/Loss Group (monthly)	11
Bingo (monthly)	28
Bowls (weekly)	351
Boxing For Health	23
Cards (weekly)	117
Chess Group (weekly)	0
Chat n Do (Spalding Outreach) (weekly)	78
Computer lessons/assistance (daily)	0
Craft (weekly)	21
Crochet /Knitters Group (weekly)	67
Darts (weekly)	40
Drumming Workshops (Thursday) (two sessions weekly)	42
Drumming Workshops (Tuesday night) (weekly)	0
ESL Class (weekly)	13
Five Hundred Card Game / Rummikub (weekly)	57
Foodbank Van (twice a week)	0
Line Dancing (weekly)	62
Multicultural Choir	12
Mah-jongg (weekly)	28
National Seniors (monthly)	17
Over 50's Gentle Gym (three sessions a week)	354
Pensioners Social Club Meeting/ committee (monthly)	46
Pilates (weekly)	44
Pole Walking	44
QEII Advisory Committee (every three months)	0
QEII Gardening Club (monthly)	5
Rehab Gym (twice a week)	136
Scrabble /Canasta Group (twice a week)	82
Seniors Online (daily)	126
Seniors Action Group Meeting (monthly)	42
Seniors Recreation Council Inc. (bi-monthly)	7
Social Dancing	40
Switched on Seniors	71
Table Tennis (weekly)	60
Ukulele Dreamers Club (weekly)	68
Visibility Australia (monthly)	11
Walk Group (weekly)	52
Walking Football (weekly)	28
Zumba (weekly)	102
Additional Seniors Information Sessions/Event	
Midwest Multicultural Association Inc Cooking Class – Italian	30
Food Sensations Cooking Class	24
Seniors Attendance Monthly Total	2696

Note: Attendance totals does not include use of library and lounge room facilities

Seniors Resource Centre

Enquiry	May
Centre program Information	57
Referral to other senior groups in the community	6
Assistance with accessing forms online/printing	12
Referral to senior service providers e.g. HACC	5
Seniors information e.g. seniors card, fuel card	7
New centre registrations	37

Senior Service Providers:

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Regular Community User Groups

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- Sun City Four Square Church

Total for Regular Community Groups = 105

Occasional Community/Commercial Bookings

- Church Service 60
- Tourism WA 100
- Conservation Council of WA Inc 60
- Community Respect & Equality Summit 110
- Midwest Chamber of Commerce 120
- Drumming Workshops for people with disabilities 10
- Sunset Yoga 480

Total for Occasional Community/Commercial Bookings= 940

Total for QEII Seniors & Community Centre May Attendance = 3741

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QEII Seniors Programming Officer