

Queen Elizabeth II Seniors Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Name	Queen Elizabeth II Seniors Advisory Committee	Meeting No.	D-15-42319
Meeting Date	Wednesday 15 July 2015		
Meeting Time	9:05am – 9:55am		
Meeting Location	Queen Elizabeth II Seniors & Community Centre		
Attendees	Cr Bob Hall (chairperson) Beryl Scott (National Seniors Inc) Edna Freeman (Over 50's Gentle Gym Class) Sue Hunter (Piccadilly Dance Club) Christine Mullender (Geraldton & Districts Seniors Action Group) Annie Townshend (Pensioners Social Club) Gae Slade (Friendly Squares Dance Club) Yvonne Lovedee (Coordinator Community Development) Rosetta Finlay (QEII Seniors & Community Centre Coordinator) (minute taker)	By Invitation	
		Apologies	
		Distribution	

1. Welcome & Apologies The chair welcomed all to the meeting. No apologies were received.	
2. Confirmations of Minutes of Previous Meeting Passed by S Hunter and seconded by E Freeman	
3. QEII Monthly Reports and Attendance Figures for May, June 2015 Passed by C Mullender and seconded by B Scott	
5 Patio Update The patio area has been completed and the individuals/groups who contributed to the refurbishment have been acknowledged in the QEII July newsletter.	
6 Seniors Recreation Council of WA Inc An information session was held by the Seniors Recreation of WA Inc at the centre on the 25 June with 26 seniors attending the presentation. A decision was made to establish a Geraldton branch. The committee was formed and will hold their first formal meeting on the 15 July.	

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<p>7 Dementia Friendly City</p> <p>The QEII Centre, WA Art Gallery and WA Museum in Geraldton have been chosen as pilot sites by Alzheimer's Australia to be assessed as Dementia Friendly.</p> <p>A representative from the organisation will be visiting the QEII Centre on the 28 July to provide further information.</p>	
<p>8 Stay on Your Feet Grant Application</p> <p>The City in collaboration with the Day Therapy Unit (Geraldton Regional Hospital) has submitted a grant application to commence a three month exercise program suitable for clients at risk of falls. It will be extension of the services provided by the Day Therapy Unit and will be conducted twice a week at the QEII Centre.</p> <p>The proposal includes a bus to pick up/drop off clients to the centre and train peer volunteers in the "Otago Exercise Method" so the program can continue beyond the funding period.</p> <p>Advice of the outcome of the grant application is expected by the end of July.</p>	
<p>9 Our Home, Our Streets, Spalding Project</p> <p>The City of Greater Geraldton is partnering with stakeholders such as Police, Dept of Housing, Bundiyarra to present a concerted effort in the community by energising the residents to come together to make a difference in their neighbourhood.</p> <p>A Hip Hop, Art and a senior's outreach program starting in the week on 22 July are initial ten week pilot programs aimed at bringing residents together.</p> <p>Louise, O'Malley (QEII relief staff) will be facilitating the ten week seniors program which will include craft, games days etc. The goal is for seniors in the Spalding area to take ownership of program to become sustainable after the pilot period.</p>	
<p>10. Tax Help Program</p> <p>A tax help volunteer trained by the Australia Taxation Department will be available for free tax help from the 27 July until the 31 October at the QEII Centre. The service is available for seniors and low income earners who meet eligibility criteria.</p>	
<p>11. Seniors Week Mayor's Mystery Bus Tour</p> <p>The City of Greater Geraldton Events Team have requested the committee's input into the annual Seniors Week event and the following suggestions were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delete the name 'Mystery' and change the event name to Mayor's Community Tour • Showcase new developments/ changes within the City – Webberton industrial area, Airport etc <p>R Finlay will provide comments to the Mayor's office and CGG Events Team</p>	
<p>12. Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upcoming new seniors programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Book Club – Will be advertised in the QEII August newsletter to gauge interest. Pole walking – The cost of the poles are \$100 each. Y Lovedee has enquired in regards to applying for a Seniors Week Grant however the purchase of equipment Doesn't meet the criteria. She suggested asking the Seniors Week Committee for a donation towards purchase of the poles with the application for the Seniors Week Grant (if successful) being utilised to offset costs of other activities. • 2015/16 QEII Fees & Charges <p>The 2015/16 senior hire fees are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upper Hall \$125.00 Lower Hall \$75.00 Meeting Room \$25.00 Activity Room \$25.00 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seniors Information Sessions The following seniors information sessions are scheduled at the centre: Thursday 16 July: Making Informed Housing Decisions – Presented by COTA (Council of the Ageing) Seniors Housing Centre in partnership with the Department of Commerce (Consumer Protection) the session gives seniors an overview of housing options e.g. retirement villages, strata titles, granny flats etc. Thursday 13 & 20 August: Wills & Estates Information – Silvereye Legal will be providing information on Power of Guardianship, Advanced Health Directive, Power of Attorney and Wills.• QEII Refurbishment Projects R Finlay advised in the next couple of months work will commence on the following with the assistance of volunteers: QEII lounge room - requires an update e.g. new library shelves, painting walls etc. Garden Beds at the front of the centre – refurbishment to plants and mulch• Antennae Connection and Upper Hall Sound System C Mullender requested an antennae port is installed into the Lower Hall for the annual Melbourne Cup function their club organises. R Finlay will follow up. C Mullender advised two of the speakers in the Upper Hall have been removed and need to be replaced. R Finlay will follow up.	
<p>4. Next Meeting Wednesday 16 September at 9:00am at the QEII Seniors & Community Centre</p>	
<p>5. Close Meeting closed at 9:55am</p>	

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