

## Community Inclusion and Wellbeing Reference Group

Date	30 September 2021	Time	10:00am – 11:30
Venue	Barrington Room and Zoom	Note-taker	Lyndie Hepple
Present	Lyndie Hepple, Felicity Carter, John Price, Katheryn Smith, Liz Green, Calypso Watson, David Isbel		
Apologies	Paul De Szell, Mark Norris, Judy Hollingworth, Hannah Earley		

### Meeting items

#### 1. Meeting opened welcome and Acknowledgement of Country

Lyndie Hepple

#### 2. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

None

#### 3. Action Items Update

- Most actions are now complete

#### 4. Community Transport

Claudia Ferraro was scheduled to attend this meeting to provide an update on the changes that have occurred at Community Transport, and the change of name to Care 'N' Go.

Claudia advised last week that she has resigned from her position effective Friday 1 October. It was agreed that she would still attend this meeting as the Group was keen to understand the changes that have occurred.

Since then, Claudia has advised that she is unwell and is unable to attend today's meeting.

#### 5. Ageing Strategy

Calypso Watson advised that on 22 September 2021 Council endorsed the Ageing Strategy for public exhibition. Public exhibition will be for 28 working days, effective from the date it's been uploaded to the website. Our Communications Team is currently short staffed, but that should happen in the next few days.

Copies of the Strategy were circulated to the Group. Calypso highlighted results from consultation and ran through the strategies included in the Strategy and explained how they addressed concerns raised during consultation.

Regarding housing, Cr Smith suggested we lobby for a review of social housing, encourage lone people living in larger houses to downsize so that families can move into larger homes.

Benefits for older people living alone with less maintenance. Discussion about liveable housing guidelines, incentives or education for building single story accessible housing.  
**Action:** Check if Gary Mead or Michael Fox could run an info session during Seniors Festival

Regarding footpaths it was Cr Smith advised that there used to be an app that identified where to find water bubblers. Toilets, benches and shade are all important in relation to footpaths and were identified in consultation for the PAMP (Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan) but have not been included in the list of works in the Plan. We will continue to try to identify ways to improve this. The Group wondered if this could be improved if people paid for benches to memorialise loved ones. A 'Memorialisation Policy' is currently under development.

**Action:** LH/CW talk to Parks and the team working on the Memorialisation Policy regarding this suggestion, to fast track seating along footpaths.

Regarding access to and training for technology for older people - Neighbourhood centres can help with information technology for Seniors (Connected Seniors program)

Lyndie will send the link to the Have Your Say page for the Ageing Strategy exhibition as soon as it's up and running. The Group was encouraged to submit feedback, good and bad.

## 6. Disability Inclusion Action Plan

Calypso provided an overview of plans for consultation for the development of the next iteration of the Disability Inclusion Action Plan. We are legislated to have a plan in place and is due by the end of June 2022. We hope to have the new version in place sooner.

A key component of consultation will be two surveys – one for people with disability, and one for carers of people with disability. A program is being developed to consult with people with disability in other ways to suit their needs and will progress over the next couple of months.

Link to surveys will be sent to the Group.

## 7. General

- Include tour of Yalawanyi Ganya at next meeting.
- Invite Isaac Simon to the next meeting.

## 8. Meeting review and Close

### Next meeting

Date	Thursday 25 November 2021	Time	10.00am
Venue	Barrington Room, Yalawanyi Ganya, Taree + Zoom for those who can't attend in person		

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#### Action items update

Item No	Description	Date Raised	Action for	Due Date/ Timeframe	Status Update as at 27/09/19
1	Invite Isaac Simon to November meeting	30/9/21	Felicity Carter	Nov meeting	Ongoing
2	Invite new caretaker CEO of community transport to attend next meeting	28/02/20	LH/Cr KS		Claudia Ferraro has resigned effective 1/10/21. We will invite new CEO to attend once an appointment has been made.
3	Housing Forum – set date, identify relevant stakeholders, MC	15/12/20	LH	December 2021	Consultation with stakeholders continues. Date to be determined.
4	Disability Inclusion Action Plan – bring consultation outcomes to CIWRG for information	15/12/20	CW	June 2022	Consultation has commenced
5	MidCoast Awards/Inclusion Award	28/1/2021	LH	June 2021	LH spoke to MidCoast Awards exploring possibility of an Access Award. They advised that they recently reduced the number of awards as it was felt there were too many but agreed to discuss at next meeting. Awaiting response.
6	Ageing Strategy	27/5/21	Group	End Nov	Provide feedback on Ageing Strategy during 28-day exhibition period
7	Housing/Seniors Festival	30/09/21	LH	Feb 2021	Workshops/info sessions on Liveable Housing Guidelines during Seniors Week
8	Seating along footpaths	30/09/21	LH	Nov 21	Inclusion of Memorialisation bench options to provide seating along footpaths

Key:

	Not yet scheduled for commencement		Commenced and on schedule		Commenced and not on schedule or overdue		Complete	→	Deferred	W	Withdrawn
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