



**CITY OF ALBANY  
SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

CR.MEE.2 (AM1146414)

**MINUTES**

for the meeting to be held at 10.00am on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> May 2011  
in the Civic Rooms

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**DECLARATION OF OPENING AT 10.00am**

**1. ATTENDANCES:**

Cr Don Duffy	COA Councillor
Cr Chris Holden	COA Councillor
Esme' Justins	Albany Breaksea Ladies Probus Club
Kim Buttfild	WA Country Health Service (Injury Prevention)
Middy Dumper	Seniors Community Representative
Ruth Watson	Seniors Community Representative
Patsy Ranger	Over 50's Recreation Association
Rachel Oswald	COA Community Development Officer - Seniors

**2. APOLOGIES:**

Colleen Tombleson	Lions Community Care Centre
Celia Barnesby	Senior Citizen Centre (Meals on Wheels)
David Mattinson	Association of Independent Retirees
Michael Calton	National Seniors Australia

**3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**Recommendation:**

**THAT the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> April 2011 are CONFIRMED to be a true and accurate record of proceedings with the following correction, item 5.2.2 is changed to Rachel Oswald to confirm if the 10 new ACROD Bays have been installed.**

**Moved: Middy Dumper**

**Seconded: Ruth Watson**

**Carried: \_\_\_\_\_ 7/0 \_\_\_\_\_**

**4. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:**

NIL

**5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**5.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

**5.1.1 Housing for Life Guidelines**

Council would like clarification of the implications that the guidelines will have on council. The motion from the March minutes will go to June council.

**5.1.2 Peace Park**

Kevin Ketterer, Executive Director Works and Services advised via email that there is a tender currently out for the creation of concrete footpaths in Peace Park and for the erection of the Lone Pine Grove near the centre of the park. Councillor Dufty and Holden queried if the limestone path along the sea wall would become a concrete path as its current purpose is to soak up the sea water if it goes beyond the sea wall.

Patsy Ranger queried if there were any bench seats with backs at Peace Park. Many seniors need the back support.

Action: Rachel Oswald to investigate if the limestone path is part of the footpath upgrade and if the bench seats have back support.

**5.1.3 Seniors Circuit (playground for seniors)**

The committee agreed that the Centennial Precinct (near cricket grounds) would be the most suitable location due to the high senior's population in the area. It was also agreed that the exercise equipment be strategically placed along footpath network to encourage existing walking groups and general public to use the equipment as part of their exercise routine. The Committee would like further consultation about the type of equipment before it is chosen.

**Action:** Rachel Oswald to investigate further the feasibility of the Seniors Circuit being located in the Centennial Precinct.

**5.1.4 Seniors Week**

The Seniors Expo is scheduled for March 2012 which means there is currently no event planned for Seniors Week 2011. The committee discussed a number of ideas including a photo competition to raise the profile of seniors or an information stall. Possible funding options include seeking sponsorship from Council of the Ageing Western Australia Seniors Week Community Grants.

**5.2 SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACTION SHEET (ATTACHMENT 1)**

**5.2.1 Flashing Lights Indicating School Zones and Pedestrian Lights**

Please see attachment two for update.

**Action:** Kim Butfield to take to Roadwise Committee to investigate key priority areas.

**5.2.2 ACROD Bays**

Works on the ACROD Bays listed below were supposed to be complete by the end of March. Middy Dumper and Kim Butfield went to the locations (except Middleton Beach) and said that the works had not yet been done.

Four at Middleton Beach

- One at Peels Place Car Park at round about
- One at Stirling Terrace just before the car park at the roundabout
- One on York Street near the roundabout at Peels Place
- One on Serpentine Road near York Steert intersection (east side)
- One at the front of the Senior Citizen Building in bus bay

Four additional bays have been approved:

- Two at the Library
- One near York Street Post Office (angled parking Grey Street West)
- One on Peels Place near lane way entry to car park.

Kevin Ketterer informed the Committee via email that signs indicating a driver or passenger of the car must have an Australian Disability Parking Permit otherwise penalties will apply if parking in an ACROD Bay are not normally installed and that it is generally accepted that the driving public are aware of the restrictions on this kind of parking.

The Committee are aware of a number of ACROD Bay signs an example is the ACROD Bay on York Street in front of the Library. They also believe that the general public take advantage of the ACROD Bays and consensus is they should be policed.

**Action:** Rachel Oswald to follow up the status of the 10 new ACROD Bays and to investigate the status on the ACROD Bay on Duke Street near the church.

### **5.2.3 Seniors Expo**

Have advertised for additional committee members and have asked that Committee members distribute through their networks. Jenny Dodson from Silver Chain has agreed to sit on the Committee.

### **5.2.4 North Road Pedestrian Crossing Point**

The initial pedestrian crossing point identified by the Committee is where a right lane turn currently exists and cannot be accommodated there. Kevin Ketterer suggested retaining the current position of the pedestrian crossing slightly east of the suggested position. The committee believe that the existing position is confusing and dangerous to pedestrians because they have to negotiate the left turning traffic leaving the North Road Shopping Centre which is close to the pedestrian crossing point.

### **5.2.5 Smoke Alarm Project**

The project has been successful and will be wrapping up at the end of May. The project will begin again after winter.

**Action:** Kim Butfield to send Media Release through to the City for approval.

## **5.3 CORRESPONDENCE IN:**

- Email from Graeme Hoey, Principle Engineer Assets, City of Albany – 02/05/2011 (attachment 2)

## **5.4 CORRESPONDENCE OUT:**

**NIL**

## **6. NEW AGENDA ITEMS**

### **6.1 Restricted Drivers Licence Update**

The Department of Transport have reviewed their policy on people with a restricted licence and have decided that restricted licences will no longer be an option.

## AGENDA ITEM 1.1.2 REFERS

The Committee are concerned that this will lead to an increasing number of seniors not wanting to hand in their license especially because public transport in Albany is not adequate.

### **6.2 Access to Middleton Beach**

The Middleton Beach Group identified access issues on Middleton beach. The access ramp located up in the corner of Ellen Cove near Calamari's is always covered in seaweed and sand making it difficult for seniors to access. The only alternative access point is at the other end near the surf club where there is a ramp. There is considerable walking distance between the two points. The Committee agree with the Middleton Beach group that to provide better access there should be an access point half way between Calamari's and the Surf Club.

### **6.3 City of Albany Strategic Plan Review**

Rachel Oswald provided an update on the City's current Strategic Plan Review and invited the committee to attend one of the consultation forums (please see attachment 3) or to fill out one of the surveys (please see attachment 4).

## **7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2011 at 10.00am – Margaret Coates Boardroom

## **8. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

11:20am