

KNOX ACTIVE AGEING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

28 February 2018

Time: 4:00-6:15pm

Meeting Room 4

Knox Civic Centre

511 Burwood Highway, Wantirna South, 3152

Phone 9298 8000

As this advisory committee has been established by Council and includes at least one Councillor and a staff member it is an Assembly of Councillors in accordance with the Local Government Act.

Councillors and staff are required to declare any conflict of interest that they may have in regards to any item discussed that is intended or likely to be the subject of a report to Council or a decision of an officer under delegation. In declaring a conflict of interest the Councillor or staff member must leave the meeting whilst the matter is being discussed.

A definition of conflict of interest in accordance with the Local Government Act is provided in the Active Ageing Advisory Committee Folder.

Community representatives on the committee are not subject to these provisions; however they are required under their terms of appointment to declare any conflicts of interest that may arise for them from time to time. It will be a matter for the Chair to determine if the community representative is required to leave the meeting whilst a particular matter that is subject to a conflict of interest is being discussed.

Present

Chairperson - Cr Nicole Seymour; Judy Chalkley, Manager Active Ageing and Disability Services Department; Suzi Hayes, Acting Coordinator Age Friendly Planning; Evelin Martin, Industry Member; Siah-Chuan Lim, Community Member; Edmond Wong, Industry Member; Michael Lo Bianco, Industry Member; Lynda Carroll, Community Member; Michael Blake, Community Member; Rita Lang, Industry Member; Arthur Lee, Industry Member; Lawrie Gaylard, Community Member; Monica Rosenkranz, Community Member.

1. Welcome and Apologies

Bronwyn Stephen, Community Member; Lou Zarro, Senior Program Lead-Economic Development; Mayor, Cr John Mortimore; Joy Chiavaroli, Community Members.

2. Conflict of Interest

None declared

3. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Moved by Lynda Carroll, seconded by Lawrie Gaylard

4. Items for Discussion

4.1 Gaming and older people, addictions in general, especially where grandparents are supporting their grandchildren

Presenters: Kate Harding (Community Educator/Community Development Worker) Gamblers Help Eastern, Ken and Gabi (ReSpin), Stephen Mason (Therapeutic Counsellor, EACH) and Kim Hubber (Financial Counsellor, EACH)

Kate provided an overview of research and trends, noting the popularity of traditional forms of gambling (pokies and horseracing) with older generations and popularity of online gambling with younger generations. Kate noted the rapid changes to the gambling environment, the impact of advertising and the different experiences of gambling for older and younger people. Kate also noted significant daily loses in Knox as a result of gambling.

Ken provided an overview of his lived experience of problem gambling.

Kim talked about EACH's financial counselling services and Stephen talked about EACH's general counselling services. Kim noted that Gamblers Help covers the entire EMR with a centralised intake for all EMR LGAs.

The group discussed predatory behaviour of local pokies outlets and the lure of these outlets for breaking social isolation. The group agreed that education and the need to promote public spaces where people can congregate without gambling as key.

Cr Seymour framed the problem as a social and design issue and encouraged the group to act as advocates for placed based management.

5. Business Arising from Previous Meeting

5.1 Stamford Parklands: Planning for All Abilities & Intergenerational Activity

Cr Seymour advised that the project will likely go to tender following the next Council meeting. Lots of work taking place around the homestead including accessible toilets, ramps etc.

5.2 KAAAC Terms of Reference and Extended Membership Terms

Following November’s KAAAC meeting letters were sent to eight KAAAC members regarding an automatic extension of membership till March 2019, endorsed by Council on 23rd October. The membership term for this group was due to expire prior to March 2019.

Three members have opted *not* to continue and five members have opted to continue, as follows:

Continuing	Not continuing
Edmond Wong (industry)	Lawrie Gaylard (community)
Evelin Martin (industry)	Arthur Lee (industry)
Michelle Dumble (community)	Michael Blake – (community)
Monika Rosenkranz (community)	
Siah-Chuan Lim (community)	

The five continuing members, combined with the additional six members with current terms ending in March 2019, will make a total of eleven community and industry representatives on the KAAAC. In total, six of these reps are from community and five are from industry. This split maintains the balance specified in the TOR, eg: ‘A maximum of eight (8) community members (of which at least one must have an understanding of the needs of a culturally diverse community); and A maximum of six (6) industry members (including relevant government agency representatives).’

Crs Mortimore and Seymour considered the matter and determined to maintain the committee until March 2019 with the current eleven representatives, rather than going to a recruitment process, given that a relative balance will be maintained and a full scale recruitment will be embarked on in the lead up to March 2019.

6. Other Business

6.1 Farewell to outgoing Committee Members (Councillor Chair Person)

Cr Seymour thanked the outgoing committee members and acknowledged the input these three have made over the term of their membership.

- Michael Blake
- Arthur Lee
- Lawrie Gaylard

Cr Seymour encouraged the outgoing members to stay in contact and keep sharing ideas. Lawrie thanked Cr Seymour and the Committee, giving thanks to Linda and best wishes to Suzi.

6.2 Joint committee and meeting schedule 2018 (Suzi Hayes)

As discussed at the November meeting Council is currently developing a new committees model and policy which will involve an annual ‘super committee’ meeting of *all* Council committees, along with an annual group committee, which in the case of KAAAC will be the ‘Key Life Stages Committee’. The policy will be going to council in the coming months and the program will likely come into effect by the end of the year.

The policy will include a template for advisory committee terms of reference, which will be used when next reviewing the KAAAC TOR.

At this stage the 'key life stages committee' looks likely to be scheduled for November. The first 'super committee' will most likely take place in 2019.

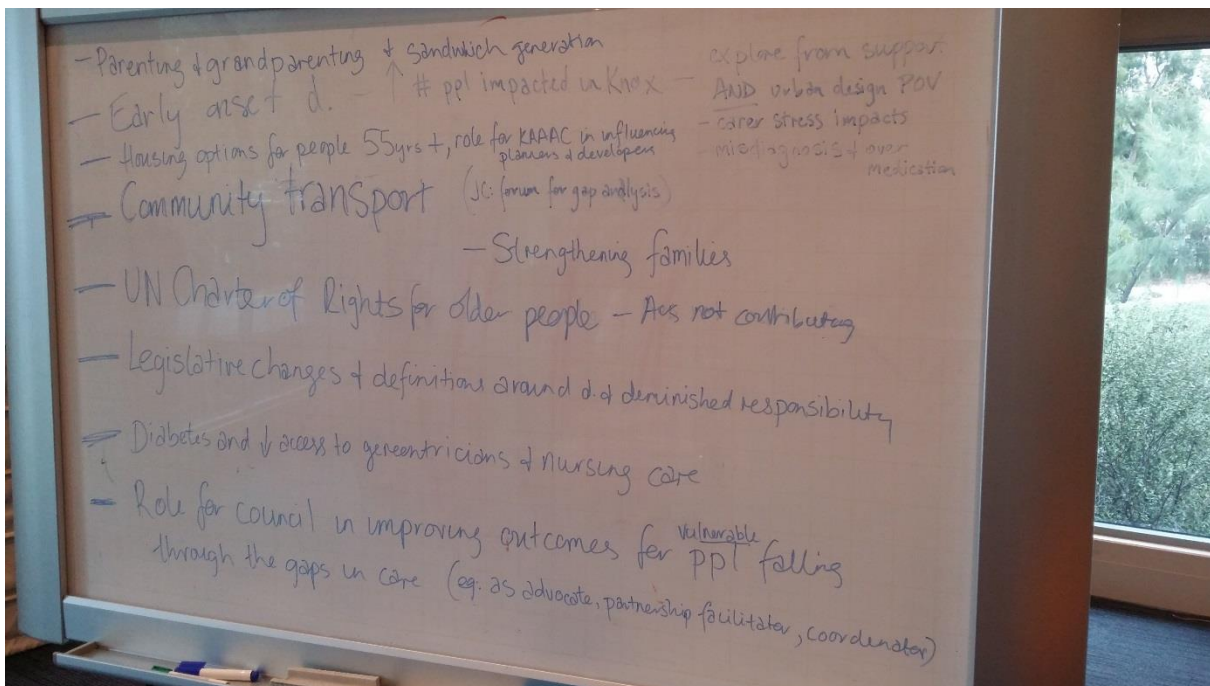
Invitations have been issued for 5x KAAAC meetings for 2018 with dates as follows:

- 28th Feb
- 21st March
- 16th May
- 4th July
- 5th September
- November – TBC – Life Stages Committee (combined KAAAC, EYAC, Youth)

Invites for the joint meetings will be sent in due course

6.3 Annual agenda: Key topics for discussion in 2018

The group discussed a range of ideas for meeting discussion as follows:



Cr Seymour noted the challenge of taking these topics and shaping them into actions.

6.4 Active Communities update

Linda noted the upcoming Knox Active Ageing expo 30th May and outlined the EOI process. EOI form is available for download from Council's website with exhibitor applications closing 23rd March. Cr Seymour suggested Carrington Park be explored as an alternate venue; Linda to discuss with Judy.

The next 'Zest for Life' brochure will be issued on 23rd March.

6.5 Emerging issues from Committee Members (Committee Members)

Several emerging and ongoing issues were discussed including:

- MAC – system issues, operator service and inaccurate information provided to the public.
- National Seniors Australia budget – notes the rising cost of health cover, policy issues, increase to work bonus, energy prices, Centrelink wait time, anesthetic procedures and difference between scheduled prices and prices being charged.

Judy noted the ongoing issues with MAC and informed the group that the NDIS transition has been fairly positive, with more people than anticipated transitioning across. Judy noted concerns regarding the likelihood of people 63-4 getting a package, underscoring the fact that once a person turns 65 they go back to the Commonwealth and the packages won't be as comprehensive as NDIS packages. Judy also noted that Council is yet to determine what supports will be available for the HACC/PYP client group going forward.

Cr Seymour noted that Council is currently preparing budgets.

7. Next Meeting

21st March 2018

Meeting Room 3

A light supper will be available from 5.30pm

Meeting scheduled to commence at 5.45pm, concluding at 7.45pm

Meeting Coordinator: Suzi Hayes Ph 9298 8394 mob 0427 814 032