

Seniors Network Meeting
School Of Arts Building 184 Bourbong Street
Commencing: 2.00 pm

(1) Welcome and introductions

Current Open Action Items

No.	Action	Comments	Date Raised	Date Due	Responsible Officer	Status (Date and Comments)
1.	Collating Action Plan	Action plan for the Seniors & Ageing plan to Seniors Groups	21.10.10	Next meeting	Margaret Wass	Data to be collated and reported
2.	Seniors Survey	Responses from Survey for Seniors received	21.10.10	Next meeting	Margaret Wass	Data to be collated and reported
3.	Community Centre Proposal	Peter Watling submitting application to Dept of Communities for a Seniors Centre incorporating evacuation centre concepts	14.04.11	On-going	Bruce Green	Awaiting application process
4.	Community Centre Proposal	Brian Snelling sourcing free designer for concept plan	18.08.11	On-going	Bruce Green	No further action as design plans likely to significantly change

New Action Items

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Minutes

18th August, 2011

Subject	Seniors Network Meeting
Where	School Of Arts Building – 184 Bourbong Street
When	Thursday 18 th August 2011
Attendees	Nina Higgins – U3A & COTA Toni Bartholdt – YMCA 60 & Better Margaret Wass - Bundaberg Regional Council Cr. Judy Peters - Bundaberg Regional Council Kirstin Harrison - Bundaberg Regional Council Brian Snelling – A.I.R Denise Hodder – Ozcare Dementia Advisory Service Ros McGillivray – Wide Bay TAFE Robert Maloney – Senior Fran Maloney – Senior Nigel Ryan – Commonwealth Respite & Carelink Centre
Apologies	Graham Jackson – A.I.R / COTA Marilyn King – Bundaberg Regional Arthritis Support Group & Bob Dieckmann - Bundaberg Regional Council Graham Jackson - COTA
Chair	Margaret Wass – Community Development Officer (BRC)
Minute Taker	Dolores Mudiman – Bundaberg Regional Council
Next Meeting	Thursday 15th September 2.00pm – School of Arts Building

(2) Previous minutes

- Accepted

(2a) business arising from the previous minutes

Current open Action items

- Action 1: Margaret has received information and will now collate and compile a report for presentation at the next meeting.
- Action 2: Responses from Survey for Seniors have been received and Margaret will collate and compile a report for presentation at the next meeting.
- Action 3: Peter Watling submitting application to Dept of Communities for a Seniors Centre incorporating evacuation centre concepts. He will report on the progress at the next meeting
- Action 4: Brian Snelling has sourced free designer for concept plan however Bruce has requested he hold off any action as the entire concept, plan and idea may dramatically change and become a larger project than originally planned.

(3) Correspondence

- Nil

(4) Agency Updates

Cr Judy Peters - Bundaberg Regional Council

Attended Healthy Lifestyle Conference at the Gold Coast where Qld Health was lobbied. Coral Coast pathways program has produced new map and promoting the enjoyment of our environment to all of the community.

Funding successes with Aged facilities has been achieved through Bundaberg Regional Council collectively implementing and being recognised by Federal Government as using "Best Practise" policies. Linking all of the community together as a collective partnership is achieving positive results. Good grant writing, access to land holdings and buildings and having staff on the ground 'ready to go' with projects has assisted approvals and recognition of our Region.

Assessors for the Healthy Lifestyle grants were also at the conference and Council lobbied them hard as Dave Field from Sport and Rec has a half million dollar grant application in the pipeline.

Peter Watling - Bundaberg Regional Council

- 8 Seniors Adaptable Units completed under Federal Nation Building Program (fully funded). Funding for a further 8 Units approved and application for a further 6 submitted
- Seniors Expo held in Gin Gin by Neighbourhood Centre - 70 attended. Very good feedback from participants
- Dementia Café` conducted by Gracie Dixon Respite Centre has held 2 very successful sessions at Café 1928.

Ros McGillivray - Wide Bay TAFE

Wide Bay TAFE is pleased to be involved in the Adult Learners activities in September by providing 3 free programs.

This will also be an opportunity for people who have not visited the Bundaberg College to come along and see our facilities and enjoy the training.

Another short course on offer on the 8th and 17th September is the 'Know Your Car' workshops. These practical workshops will include topics such as checking fluid levels, using a jack, spanners, spare tyres, and a general introduction to car maintenance. This is suitable for people of all ages from Year 11 school students through to seniors. You may choose not to undertake the assessment.

Toni Bartholdt - YMCA 60 & Better Program

Information sessions are proving to be very popular with the members. We have had speakers from Centrelink, COTA and Qld Police. Our September guest speaker will be from the Heart Foundation. We held our last soup day for the year last Tuesday. Over 50

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members attended. The 60 & Better members have also produced a cook book that they are selling to help raise money for their Christmas part. Some upcoming events include: 2 regional bus tours in September, BBQ in October and a trip on the Mary Valley Rattler in October. The caravan and camping group will also be having their next trip in September to Biggenden.

Brian Snelling – A.I.R

We have informed our executive committee, with Eddie Childs as President Phone: - 4155 2171. The Committee will be expanded to include two new port folios; social organiser and guest speaker previously not on the committee. We are also currently seeking someone to act as political liaison officer which is very important in view of the impending elections. WE welcome Graham Jackson active again after his recent shoulder reconstruction. We have planned an exhibition for Senior's Week.

Frank Baker – Burnett Senior Citizens

The Burnett Senior Citizens will be providing the first event at the Moncrieff Theatre on Sunday with our dance routine. Our Tuesday Dance will be preceded with a-learn-to-dance starting at 8 - 30AM. On Monday we will be starting a special class teaching 500 card game to those interested in learning. On Sunday 28th August we will be holding a Sunday afternoon dance at Coronation Hall Corner High Street and Targo Street from 1 PM to 4 PM. Last Saturday some 60 members attended the Ball at Hervey Bay

Denise Hodder – Ozcare (Dementia Advisory Support Service)

The dementia support service is available to HACC eligible persons living with dementia and their Carers. The service offers advice, information and ongoing referrals as required .All DASS services are completely free. Education and information sessions are also available free to organisations and community groups Coming Soon! In conjunction with Alzheimer's Australia DASS is pleased to offer free dementia education workshops for carers and also for direct care staff. Flyers are attached with details of how to get further information and to register Places are limited so get in early!

Nina – U3A & COTA

We are offering at Senior's Expo \$10.00 membership for last term. This is to encourage those who are keen to learn "Computers for the Terrified" a chance to be on their way to conquering the fear of not being able to use a the computer.

Margaret Wass - Bundaberg Regional Council

Adult Learners Month September – As part of Adult Learner's Month over 50 free learning sessions will be available to the community. These will be delivered during the month of September and will give people a chance to try out a range of learning experiences in a variety of settings. To participate, you will need to obtain a Learning Passport which includes details about each learning session and how to register. Attached is a flyer detailing all the learning sessions.

Seniors Week – Many activities during Seniors Week including Multicultural Intergenerational Concert at the Moncrieff Theatre to launch Seniors Week Sunday

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August 21 at 2pm, Seniors and Healthy Lifestyle Expo on Tuesday August 23 at the Civic Centre 9am to 1pm, Jazz n Jam Tarts in U3A rooms and in the Park 80A Woongarra Street. Flyer Attached.

Online Directory – www.bundyregionconnect.qld.gov.au – Online directory of all community groups, organisations and government agencies to name a few including all the entries in the Seniors Directory.

(5) General Business

- Seniors Webpage – new information? Seniors can provide information to comdev@bundaberg.qld.gov.au for inclusion onto the site.
- Digital switchover (for your T.V.) will be happening in our region in December. Funding is available for full pensioners and they will receive a letter in the mail regarding what that funding entitles them too i.e. Aerial set up; Digital set top box. Information has been getting to seniors and a guest speaker discussed the topic at the Gin Gin Expo and the Bundaberg Seniors Forum. Advice has been received that people in retirement homes can now have their own personal TV sets converted to digital ready under this scheme. Murray Smith remains the main contact person for the Digital switchover.
- Seniors week launch 21st August 2011; Seniors Expo in Bundaberg, 23 August, 2011 and Gin Gin was held on the 3rd August 2011
- Learners Month - Margaret Wass introduced the new Directory, Community Development Unit brochure, the Bundy Region Connect site, Adult Learning Month including the Learning Passport and discussed the Fast & Furious learning week at Tom Quinn Centre. New brochures and booklets for Bundy in Bloom, Coral Coast Pathways and Jazz festival were distributed and discussed. The learning month information will be provided to the Service Centres over the next week and will be uploaded to our website.
- Men's Shed - Tony Bartholdt advised the YMCA is in discussions at the moment for the creation of a Men's Shed at the YMCA. This project will develop over the next couple of months.
- Disaster Management – Bruce advised a new staff position had been advertised within Disaster Management with applications closing Monday
- General Attendance – members agreed a push for higher level of attendance by various agencies should be undertaken to increase quality of information being made available to seniors.
- Guest Speaker – Margaret suggested reintroducing guest speakers at the meetings and everyone was asked to give some thought to topics or organisations that

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would be beneficial. Tony advised the BMW ladies will be returning to the meetings. Requested feedback from all members.

- New attendees – Bruce thanked Robert and Fran Maloney for attending the meeting after attending the Seniors Forum and learning about the Seniors Network Meeting opportunity. Request for a broader and larger involvement from people and organisations to attend the forum
- Seniors Forum – Bruce advised the forum was the largest by number of attendees to date. Collated feedback form information was provided to all members which indicated an overall opinion that the forum was excellent / Very Good. No negative feedback was received. The scams information session delivered by Janet Lindsay was the best received.

(6) Project Opportunities

Developing the Network - Ongoing

- Nil

(7) Other Business

Forum working group progress

- The Seniors Forum was a successful event and feedback forms have been collected and provided to all committee members.

(8) Next Meeting:

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