

**Seniors Reference Group Meeting**

**Wednesday 16 November 2011, 10am-12pm**

**Level 3, Function Room, Administration Building, Fisher Street, Petersham**

**Item 1: Attendance:**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Status</b>
Lyn Frankovich (minutes)	Strategic Community Project Officer - Marrickville Council
Enid Perkins	Resident
Graham Perkins (Chair)	Resident
Marion Eaton	Resident
Jim Skuthorpe	Resident and Volunteer in Policing
Cliff Wherry	Resident
Nigel Cadogan	Resident

**Apologies:** Susan O'Connor, Paul Bondin, Rikki Eckert

**Item 2: Previous Minutes**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion Points</b>	<b>Action by Whom</b>	<b>By When</b>
<b>Previous Minutes</b>	It was noted that the discount offered to the Annette Kellerman Aquatic Centre was 25% not 75% as stated under Item 4 Business Arising	Moved as a correct record with the amendment by Enid Perkins and Jim Skuthorpe.	

### Item 3: Business Arising:

Topic	Discussion Points	Action by whom	By When
<b>Ageing Well Roundtable</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heads of Government departments and large organisations with a focus on ageing have been invited to a Roundtable to discuss their policies and the implications and emerging issues for Marrickville Residents.</li> <li>• The Roundtable will be held on 25 November 2011 in the Function Room.</li> <li>• The Roundtable is the first step in the development of the new 2012 Marrickville Ageing Strategy and will ascertain strategic directions to incorporate into the revised Ageing Strategy.</li> <li>• Older residents, local service providers and older resident, members of seniors groups and the broader community will be consulted</li> </ul>		
<b>First Friday Group and Mens Shed updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Friday Group meets at Seaview Street Hall, Dulwich Hill on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month from 1.30pm-3.30pm. The group focus on board games, knitting/crochet and community singing.</li> <li>• It was suggested that the focus on knitting could put people off as there are several knitting groups in the area already.</li> <li>• The group recently decided to start singing the old standards (community singing). Lyrics have been printed and distributed. The next promotion to attract people to the group will focus on this new activity.</li> <li>• The Mens Shed has been meeting since July 2011 and has attracted a talented group of about 6 men who attend every week. They have completed the tidy up of the workshop and will soon start their projects, such as restoration of furniture. The facilitator produces a newsletter and this has been distributed widely.</li> </ul>	Lyn to promote First Friday Group community singing through Council's Media Officer.	January 2012
<b>Seniors Week 2012 Grants</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An application was submitted for a NSW Seniors Week grant and notification is usually in December.</li> <li>• Dates for the two events next year are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Tuesday 20 March 2012 Luncheon at Petersham RSL</li> <li>○ Wednesday 28 March 2012 Expo at Marrickville Town Hall from 10am-1pm.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• A survey could be prepared to gain information from Seniors Week participants on a range of local needs and issues.</li> <li>• A sample survey exploring the differences and commonalities of issues for younger and older people was tabled and completed by those present at the meeting. Another version of this survey will also be tested with Youth Council members.</li> </ul>	<p>Seniors Reference Group members were invited to help with the survey at the Expo.</p> <p>Results of the survey of Seniors Reference Group and Youth Council members to be discussed.</p>	

### Item 4: General Business

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<b>Telstra Grant and Social Media Classes at Marrickville Library</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Social Media project has started with the first session on 24 October.</li> <li>Anyone wishing to learn more about Facebook, Twitter and other social media must have a basic understanding of computers.</li> <li>The Library has computer classes in how to use email and the internet for beginners and these can be booked on 9335 2173.</li> </ul>		
<b>Council Elections 2011</b>	<p>Two Council representatives for the ensuing year are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clr Sam Iskandar, Deputy Mayor</li> <li>Clr Marika Kontellis</li> </ul>		
<b>Annual General Meeting, 7 March 2012</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The review of Council's Consultative Committees delayed the Annual General Meeting. The AGM will now be held on 7 March 2012.</li> <li>Nominations for membership will close on 22 February 2012 and be assessed by a panel as outlined in the Terms of Reference.</li> <li>Amending the Terms of Reference to reflect the difficulty of holding a meeting in December will be considered at the AGM.</li> <li>A press release has been prepared and nomination forms were tabled.</li> </ul>	<p>Lyn to send letters inviting former members of the Seniors Reference Group to consider rejoining.</p> <p>Letters will also be sent to current members inviting them to continue membership.</p>	January 2012
<b>Pedestrian-Cyclist Conflicts on Footways and Paths</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council has responded to community representations about pedestrian-cyclist crashes. Whilst the number and severity of these crashes is not as significant as may be perceived, the report outlined a number of actions Council will continue to undertake to address the issue.</li> <li>Actions revolve around safe walk/cycle messages in the Mayoral Column, on Council's website, in Marrickville Matters and to Council staff with a request they be used whenever opportunities arise.</li> <li>Council staff will also seek funding options for 2012/13 and beyond.</li> <li>Motorised scooters and skateboards were mentioned as also of concern to pedestrians.</li> </ul>		
<b>Marrickville Feasting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rikki was to be congratulated on work she has done in coordinating Marrickville Feasting. Approximately 30 people attend the monthly luncheon and the choice of restaurants offers participants a chance to try new food and go to places that they would otherwise never venture out to.</li> </ul>		
<b>New Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Newtown Walking Group: the group meet at Newtown Neighbourhood Centre at 8.20am on Thursdays for an hour and a half walk. Contact Emily 9564 7310.</li> <li>Badminton at the Debbie and Abbey Borgia Community Recreation Centre: Wednesdays from 2pm-4pm. Cost \$3. Equipment provided. Contact the PCYC on 9559 7833.</li> <li>Music Performance at Uniting Care. Public welcome to attend musical workshops at local residential care facility.</li> </ul>	Lyn to seek further details.	

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<b>Healthy Ageing Talk</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 23 November topics include Asthma and Sleeping.</li> </ul>		
<b>Project eyeWatch: A NSW Police Force Initiative</b>	<p>Project <b>eyewatch</b> will give community members the opportunity to participate in active crime prevention activities online in their own homes 24 hours a day, 7 days a week using social media.</p> <p><b>Eyewatch</b> presents an opportunity for residents to be aware of incidents that are occurring in their neighbourhood and provide them with the ability to voice their concerns to police, obtain feedback and to be part of the solution. The program is fully supported by the New South Wales Police Force and has the backing of the New South Wales Government.</p>		
<b>Thank You</b>	Thanks were extended to Graham Perkins for his role as Chairperson over the past year.		

**Dates for 2012:**

7 March (AGM), 20 June, 19 September, November (date to be confirmed),

**Time:** 10am – 11.30am

**Venue:** Function Room, Level 3, Administration Building, Fisher Street, Petersham