

Active and Healthy Ageing Advisory Board Meeting
5.00pm to 7:00pm Red Room
Meeting Minutes - Thursday 14th December 2017

Chair: Gillian Damonze
Minutes: Gillian Damonze/ Nicola Johnson

Community Representatives Attendance: Audrey Grace, Cindy Bux , Marika Bozinova, Nick Nicholaou, Geoff Richards, Draga Kostandinova, Virginia Herts, Fred Psaropoulos, Anne Learmonth

Darebin Council Representatives Attendance: Gillian Damonze (Co ordinator of Community Participation and Development), Nicola Johnson (Community Development Officer), Nick Matteo (Community Planner).

Apologies: Jan Goss, Robyn Vote, Mary Castellani, Wyn Stenton, Lyn Austin, Amanda Scott

Item	Key Discussion Points	Action – Who/When
1. Welcome, present, apologies	.Gillian welcomed all present.	
2. Matters arising from previous minutes	N/A	
3. Round table check in	St Georges Rd upgrade - Safety of users who do drive or ride a bike Age care reforms: numbers of people with aged care packages <u>living in Darebin</u> (those who currently have /have not packages- and number on wait list)	

<p>4. Housing Strategy</p>	<p>Housing Strategy Nick will have a Draft for AHAB by February 2018 meeting. Walker Street Public Housing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing advocacy regarding the Walker Street Public Housing estate. The public housing renewal program will mean potential selling of public land where public housing current is situated. Council concerned that there will not be sufficient housing for all residents wishing to return to Walker Street or nearby. • Council has been advocating for land situated on corner of St Georges Road and Normanby Road (near KFC) to subsequently house residents of Walker Street while public housing is being rebuilt at Walker Street. • The Minister has promised that all who wish to return will be able to do so. • The Victorian Government is planning to sell Public Housing land to pay for upgrades at Walker Street. – Council advocating for no sale of public land for private development. <p>Review of the Residential Tenancies Act Council is also advocating around Residential Tenancy Act which is biased in favour of landlords.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affordable housing stock in Darebin perilously low – only 37 dwellings could be identified by Council as affordable. 	<p>Nick Matteo to present Draft</p>
<p>5.AHAB Year Review and Plan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gillian presented a summary of the actions and achievements of the Board in 2017 and how these relate to the Goals of the Active and Healthy Ageing Strategy. 	<p>Possibility of inviting project officer for Public Art Review to speak to Board</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The presentation included initiatives identified by the Board and the connection of the work to the Council Plan and the Age Friendly Cities Declaration. Refer to attached presentation. • The Board discussed ongoing work and priorities for 2018 as follows: <p>Transport (Goal 2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further advocacy around safe footpaths – more push back on the M40 project issues • Connect with a National Pedestrian group • Input into Parking Management Strategy • Write to Vic roads to advocate for parking at railway stations and in busy precincts to be reserved for older people – recognising older people miss out on parking because they travel off peak • New Trams and trains with seats removed - impedes accessible travel <p>Housing(Goal 3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy around retirement villages • Input into draft Housing Strategy at February meeting • Building on knowledge from re-connection with Residential Aged Care Facilities in 2018 • Discussion around getting Housing for the Aged Action Group to present to Board on housing insecurity and their role (exploring what HAAG are engaging in with NSW office) <p>Respect and Social Inclusion (Goal 5)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploration of a local Elder Abuse Network/ accessing Council on the Ageing (COTA) as a resource on this issue. • Financial abuse of Elder Abuse - toolkit developed by CPA 	<p>Transport Strategy Department will present to Board re Parking Management Strategy - Date to be determined</p> <p>Further discussion re: Advocacy with PTV at February meeting</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploration of expansion of the Home Library Service 	
6. Sector Reform Updates	<p>Results from the community consultation survey How do you want to grow old in Darebin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The survey closed on 30 November • 709 responses were received, from a widely diverse cross section of the community. • The respondents' profile: 75% female; 6% below 50 years – 26% between 51-69 years - 48% 70-84 years – 20% over 85; most participants live in Reservoir: 39%, Preston 21%, or Northcote 16%; 38% spoke a language other than English at home (mostly Italian and Greek, but at least 36 languages represented); the majority were current users of council services (56%); 27% were carers for an older person. <p>Copy of report Review of the needs of older people in Darebin distributed in meeting provides an overview of the feedback received from the consultation.</p>	Send out information explaining different levels of packages and how to access
7. General business	<p>St Georges Rd upgrade - Safety of users who do drive or ride a bike.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ This issue to be explored further to determine how Aged and Disability could assist in progressing this advocacy through partnership with Transport Management. <p>Age care reforms: numbers of people with aged care packages living in Darebin (those who currently have /have not packages-</p>	

	<p>and number on wait list).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board were provided with further context around how packages had been allocated in the past which made it easier to track where packages were being allocated and used within any particularly LGA. In comparison to present day, where it is less transparent and harder to determine how many people in Darebin are allocated packages. The Board were also reminded of presentation in October made by Robyn Mitchell where there was discussion regarding the Tune Report. <p>The Tune report is a 5 year Legislative Review Report (aka the Tune report) has been released regarding progress to date and recommended (37) future developments and priorities of the Aged Care Reform.</p> <p>Link will be resent.</p> <p>Darebin Council also made a submission to the Dept of Health in response to the paper Future Reform – An Integrated care at home program. See attached.</p> <p>References are made in this paper about the unmet need regarding home care packages.</p>	
8. Meeting feedback		

Next Meeting Thursday 15th February 2018 at 5pm

Conference Room (enter from 350 High Street and take lift to first floor)

