



## Seniors LDG Meeting Minutes

Thurs 10 April 2025

Meeting Minutes

Ashfield Civic Centre – 260 Liverpool Rd, Ashfield

Meeting commenced at 6:10pm and concluded at 7:55pm

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### Attendees

#### Community Members:

Gabor, Craig, Lucy, Judith, Glenda, Mary (via Teams)

#### Council Officers:

Mark Jones (Acting Community Wellbeing Manager)

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#### Councillors:

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### Acknowledgement of Country

An Acknowledgement of Country was made to recognise the traditional custodians of the land, the Gadigal and Wangal peoples of the Sydney Basin.

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### Chairperson Election

- Craig was elected as **Chairperson**.
- Glenda was elected as **Vice-Chairperson**.

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### Apologies and Membership Changes

Apologies received from: Roseanne, Diana, Georgia, Anita.

No membership changes noted.

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### Disclosures of Conflicts of Interest

- None declared.

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## Endorsement of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Not applicable.

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## Discussion Items

### 1. Previous Term – Challenges and Wins

#### Key points raised:

- Communication with older people remains a challenge.
- Concerns around accessibility and navigation of the Inner West Council (IWC) website.
- Glenda mentioned the need for a review; Craig noted his prior involvement in a working group that reviewed the website.
- Suggestions included:
  - Dedicated seniors section in the Council newsletter.
  - Surveying older residents on how they access and interact with digital platforms.
- Community Hub pilot – prototype was shared with group
- Loneliness strategies: roving picnics, morning teas, "coffee roulette" concept (Lucy).
- Leveraging existing Council events to increase seniors' participation.
- Seniors Directory shared

#### Actions:

- Mark to follow up with the Web/UX team on the website redesign and accessibility.
- Investigate if engagement or user testing has occurred with seniors during the redesign.
- Obtain data on how seniors are using the website, and which sections are most visited.
- Mark to circulate the Voices of Solitude report and Little BIG House link to the group.

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### 2. Healthy Ageing Strategy and Team Update

- A brief update was provided on the Healthy Ageing Strategy.

#### Action:

- None required at this stage.

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### 3. Digital Literacy and Online Safety

- Glenda raised the importance of digital literacy and scams targeting seniors.

- Noted: CommBank's digital literacy programs.

**Action:**

- Mark to bring information about CommBank's digital literacy resources to the next meeting.

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#### **4. Brainstorming: Future Focus for the Group**

**Discussion highlights:**

- Craig queried what other LDGs are currently discussing.
- Interest in increasing collaboration between LDGs – suggestion for Chairperson catch-ups – meeting minutes from all 13 LDG's are available on Council website
- Other ideas included:
  - Linking picnics and small gatherings with key calendar events.
  - Activities as part of Seniors Festival.
  - Initiatives like street parties to promote social connections.
  - Financial literacy workshops focusing on superannuation, retirement living, and long-term financial planning (Lucy).
  - Discussion around the term "Healthy Ageing" – is it exclusionary?
  - Lucy raised concerns about people being denied the opportunity to age in place due to issues with My Aged Care and NSW Health's COMPACT.
  - Suggested looking at alternative language and addressing systemic challenges.

**Action:**

- Consider establishing inter-LDG communication between Chairs.
- Explore activity ideas aligned with the group's interests for upcoming terms.
- Guest speakers

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#### **5. WhatsApp Group for LDG Members**

- Proposal for setting up a WhatsApp group for more informal communication.

**Action:**

- Mark to circulate an email to all LDG members seeking consent to share contact details for group creation.

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#### **Next Meeting**

Thursday 12 June at 6:00pm

Ashfield Civic Centre