

Notes from the Aged Task Force Meeting

7th November 2006

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 13th February 2007 at Healthy Cities Illawarra, 63 Auburn Street, Wollongong. RSVP on 42265000

Other Meeting Dates: Tuesday 15th May,
 Tuesday 14th August
 Tuesday 13th November

Welcome to the final addition of the “Aged Task Force Meeting Notes” for 2006.

Meeting Attendance

Pam Hennan, Pauline Milton, Nancie Melvin, Jenny Farinella, Jan Rosen (Vice-Chair), Caitlin Marshall, Gordana Spirovska, Rosemary Gunns.

Apologies: Sarah Varley, Peter Hutten, Milo Vilevski, Franca Cortesi, Norm Melvin, Mark Sewell

Aged Accommodation Task Force merger with Aged Taskforce

Jenny Farinella spoke about the AATF – originally set up to ensure that enough land for residential facilities was made available throughout the region. The region is now in a situation of over-supply of aged care residential places.

As this group has continued to meet despite decline in numbers it was suggested that the AATF come together with the Aged Taskforce and join as new members.

Nancie, Pam and Pauline shared their experiences of being long term members with particular reference to the action focus of the ATF and the commitment to community participation and involvement rather than it being directed and led by organizational representatives.

Action:

- *Caitlin to draft a Terms of Reference document that incorporates current documents of both the Aged Taskforce, and the Aged Accommodation Taskforce for review at February meeting*
- *Jenny to forward AATF mailing list to add to ATF mailing list*

Seniors Week 2007: Challenging social attitudes project

Caitlin submitted a Seniors Week grant to conduct the visual campaign project challenging stereotypes and attitudes about Older People. We hope to be notified about this grant application in early December.

The project would involve engaging a professional designer to work with a group of ATF members and friends to come up with a series of images. The project would target local businesses, bus companies and shopping forums encouraging them to place the posters in visible spaces to raise the awareness of the way society generalizes and stereotypes Older People.

The project's life can extend beyond Seniors Week, which is in March 2007.

Anyone interested in being part of the working group for this project please come along to Healthy Cities on Tuesday 12th December at 9.30am. RSVP to Caitlin on 4226 5000

Mobile Phones and Seniors

Figtree Youth Crew representatives requested a meeting for tomorrow (8th November). Caitlin will attend and report back. Hopefully Mobile phone workshop will be scheduled for December.

LATE NEWSFLASH: "How to Use Your Mobile Phone" – workshop for Older People will be held at Figtree Community Hall, Thursday 14th December at 4pm. See flyer enclosed.

Oral Health project

Report back on Carer Training workshops which were beneficial for those attending however there was a poor response in terms of numbers.

Action: revisit plan for expenditure of project money in the New Year

Other Business

Our first meeting in 2007 will discuss action plans for the rest of the year. Bring your ideas!

Wishing you all a lovely Christmas and Summer Holidays and look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

Interested in joining the taskforce?

Is there an issue you would like to raise? The Aged Task Force has open membership and always welcomes new members. Meeting dates for 2007 are: Tuesday 13th February, Tuesday 15th May, Tuesday 14th August and Tuesday 13th November.

Our aims are:

- To have a taskforce that is broadly representative of all stakeholders, including older people, aged care service providers, government and non-government agencies.
- To provide a forum for the exchange of information between service providers, older people and those with an interest in matters which affect older adults.
- To increase community awareness and response about the issues which affect the health and well being of older people in the Illawarra.
- To listen to the needs and concerns of the older community and prioritise and develop strategies to address them.
- To advocate for the best possible level of service provision for older people.

Aged Task Force Review of Mailing Details

Do you still want to receive information about ATF activities?

If you wish to continue receiving correspondence.....do nothing!!! If you wish to be removed from the mailing list or have a new address please inform us by calling **(02) 4226 5000.**