

Age Friendly Advisory Committee Meeting | Minutes



Meeting details

Date of meeting	Thursday, 23 June 2022
Time	10.00-12pm
Venue	Microsoft Teams
Chair/Facilitator	Cr Tom Melican
Minutes	Nadia Massarotti/Ria Thompson

Acknowledgement of the Traditional Custodians

"Banyule City Council is proud to acknowledge the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people as traditional custodians of the land and we pay respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Elders, past, present and emerging, who have resided in the area and have been an integral part of the region's history."

Inclusive Banyule Statement

"Our community is made up of diverse cultures, beliefs, abilities, bodies, sexualities, ages and genders. We are committed to access, equity, participation and rights for everyone: principles which empower, foster harmony and increase the wellbeing of an inclusive community."

Attendee

Attendee name	Affiliation/Organisation
Jo Wilson	Banyule City Council - Manager Resilient and Connected Communities
Ria Thompson	Banyule City Council - Acting Community Connections Coordinator
Nadia Massarotti	Banyule City Council - Acting Age Friendly Team Leader
Stewart Moritt	Banyule Leisure
Glenn Swafford	Age Friendly Advisory Committee member
Mary Stringer	Age Friendly Advisory Committee member
Jim Brewer	Age Friendly Advisory Committee member

Apologies

Name	Affiliation/Organisation
Karlene Lang	Emergency Care Coordinator, Austin Health
Kath Brackett	Banyule City Council - Director Community Wellbeing
Veronica Lee	Age Friendly Advisory Committee member
Marcello D'Amico	Age Friendly Advisory Committee member

Items

1. Introduction 10.00 – 10.30

Acknowledgement of traditional custodians

Diversity Statement

Follow up regarding shade cloth at Ivanhoe park. Ria has contacted coordinator of Open Spaces and Parks about the shade sails and is awaiting a response.

Mary stated she's not keen on shade cloth and not sure many people actually use the park.

Ria stated there is a robust program to encourage usage - Austin CRC rehab patients; BCH falls and balance clinic; Stewart mentioned a 6 weeks program with fitness instructors. Gaining popularity within the community. New Age Friendly Project Officer to reinvigorate the programming to encourage people to use.

Whitehorse U3A bringing people over to use the park.

Stewart – Had feedback in the past that people wanted shade. Keep telling people what's available and the benefits. About to roll out a 6 week program in July and August.

Catherine Corbett is new Age Friendly Project Officer who will encourage more usage of the park.

2. Community Programs Update 10.30 – 10.45

Ria Thompson

- Split of Aged Services. Service Delivery moving off to different service unit and Assessment and Age Friendly teams staying under Jo Wilson's area Resilient and Connected Communities.
- As Catherine Corbett has moved over to council there is now a vacancy on the committee and U3A has expressed an interest in attending. Ria will make contact with the president and will go through the terms of reference with them.

- Age Friendly actions:

Discussion around whether committee prefers to meet in person or continues to be online. Decision that next meeting will be on line and will discuss again.

Catherine Corbett from Advisory Committee is now employed at Council as Age Friendly Project Officer – working on a few projects – Wiser Driver Wiser Walker program. 4 session x 2hrs. Learn to drive safely, advise on safer cars. Popular program. 1st course starts in July. To be hosted across the municipality not just Greensborough – Bellfield and ILCH. Outing have resumed – Elvis exhibition, Silo art, The Lume. Partnership with Vic Pol, they took older Adults to the city and taught them how to use MYKI. This was featured on Channel 9 news.

Elder Abuse awareness training provided by Seniors Rights Victoria to Council staff. Other promotional and community awareness activities undertaken.

Looking at possibility of trialling a community bus, exploration stage.

Administered Seniors club grants. New process involved through Smartygrants. All groups who applied has received funds.

Planning for Seniors Festival is underway.

First aid training delivered to staff in Community Connections team. Important for outing in case of emergency.

Partnership with the environment team to reach out to members of senior's clubs to show case what's available with rebates through environment team that people can access to make one's home more efficient. Community energy Officer who can look through power bills.

Liaising with social support team leader and Leisure and Recreation Team around feedback from local bowls clubs – they would like to promote their services to older people. Some attendees of Council's social support group will attend local bowls clubs for a Come and Try.

- Budget

Budget has to be adopted before the 1 July. Budget looking reasonable, biggest issue is materials being more expensive. Most projects won't be finished. Ones that do proceed cost more.

Banyule splitting out the waste charge. Most councils have a waste charge where everyone pays the same, Banyule will have a waste rate. What you pay for your waste depends on the value of your house.

Waste processing services has gone up.

State Gov states the maximum rate rise we can have is 1.75%. Council can absorb those costs for a while. Some regional councils are closing facilities like pools.

Council's main expenses are staff, materials and fuel.

- FOGO – 40% in rubbish bins is food waste.
- Rising waste costs. Has council given consideration on household size when setting rates? Do we then need to look at other services not used by all and deduct from rates?
- No recycling in apartments. They use Private rubbish collection

- Participation data

Glenn - Will there be a bounce back in the community to social Support groups? How many groups survived?

Ria – 4 senior citizen clubs folded over Covid. 9 out of 13 clubs survived. Heidelberg has folded. U3A is going strong. Sporting clubs is also suffering, volunteers have not returned. Some churches have closed. Too costly to maintain.

- Air quality in buildings.

Ria to follow up with Gwyn Gooley. Carried over to next meeting.

3. Inclusive Banyule Presentation 10:45-11.00am

- Community Impact team to provide update

Ria – Community Impact Team is no longer going to present given this meeting had to be postponed and it is outside of feedback timeframe.

4. Any other business 11.00-11.10am

- Transport.

Michelle Herbert not able to attend meeting, Ria to share the briefing paper.

5. Community Updates 11.10 – 11.40am

- Emerging issues
- Advocacy opportunities

6. Close and date of next meeting 22/9/22 10-12pm.

