

OBERON COUNCIL

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PRESENT: Councillor Keith Sullivan, (in the chair); Councillor Kerry Gibbons; Jill Evans; Janice Musgrave; Ian Davis; Mark Boffa; Joanne Campbell; Graham Parker and Ian Whalan.

OBSERVERS: Community and Customer Services Manager, Peta Heffernan; Community Liaison Officer, Kathy Beesley and Amanda O'Brien,

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received and accepted for the non-attendance of Councillor Bob O'Bernier, Belinda Massey and Ray Mawhood.

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2011 were read and accepted. (M Boffa/J Evans)

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

Senior Expo – Revised Plans

Arranged for Saturday 17th March 2012 at the Oberon RSL Club 10am to 2pm. A copy of the initial flyer was presented, it was decided that the following should be included on the flyer:

- A list of the stall holders.
- Outline what the day is about e.g.: Planning for your retirement.
- Highlight that the expo is also for carer's and family members.
- Mention that there is an opportunity for questions to be asked on a one-on-one basis.
- Ensure that the header is 'attention getting'.

Suggested inclusions for stall holders.

- Ann Tucker from Columbia – they may wish to have their planned drawings available for perusal.
- A representative from the 355 Committee – Seniors Welfare.
- A representative for the self-care units.
- A representative from Meals on Wheels.
- A representative for the care car/ community transport.
- A representative from the Men's Shed.
- A representative from the Oberon Health Council.

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Other suggestions were:

- Stall holders need to notify Council if they wish to participate by the end of February
- Approach Oberon Multipurpose Centre to obtain the use of their bus to transport seniors to and from the Expo – Kerry Gibbons offered to drive the bus.
- Joanne Barton will have discussions with “Startle Art” and forward a revised copy of the flyer to all committee members via email.

Recommendation to Council: That provision be made by Council for a stand to accommodate “Seniors Welfare Committee” at the Seniors Expo and further be promoted through a brochure to go out with the Expo flyer. (J Musgrave/M Boffa)

School Seniors Outreach Program – Update

Oberon High and St Josephs hospitality students have been invited to attend the International Women’s Day Event on Thursday 8 March to meet and greet attendees and also to assist with the serving of breakfast.

Meals on Wheels (see attachment from Graeme Parker and Janice Musgrave)

This is an essential service for the residents of Oberon and needs to be maintained. At present there are 13 clients and to meet guidelines the number of clients needs to increase by 3.5 an additional 1,277.5 meals per annum. A stand at the Seniors Expo will give exposure to the service. Weekly frozen meals will soon be available for those living outside the 30km return trip from the hospital.

Use of the Hospital Bus

Council officer is investigated the use of the Oberon Hospital bus – Eric Ford is putting together an outline for use of the hospital bus. The Oberon Multipurpose Centre’s insurance doesn’t cover any use other than by the Hospital at this time. Council will seek further advice regarding insurance cover under the Council’s umbrella.

Draft Basis for the Operation of Oberon Council’s Seniors Welfare Committee (see attachment from Graeme Parker)

- Define why the Seniors Committee is operating?
- What will it do for the community? Is it the voice of the community?
- Mark Boffa stated that part of the Basis of Operation for Seniors Welfare Committee is to promote and facilitate the current services.

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- Graham Parker will revise the Draft Basis for Operation and forward to Council to circulate to Committee members prior to next meeting for comments, then to Council for recommendation.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Pedestrian Crossings

The Pedestrian Crossing in main street located at the Oberon Post Office – the gardens need to be pruned to a low level that will improve vision for elderly motorists. This is a busy crossing and some plants are too tall even after pruning.

It is suggested that an additional two pedestrian crossings be installed in the main street – one opposite the Oberon Medical Centre and another at the eastern end of the main street. It was also suggested that crossing be changed to accommodate a safety stop (island) in the middle of existing crossing at the moment and all future crossings.

Recommendation to Council:

That the Traffic Committee be requested to investigate the feasibility of installing two additional pedestrian crossings in the main street of Oberon. (J Musgrave/J Evans)

Establishment of an Entity from Leath Johnson Estate

Previous discussions have led Council to investigate the possible establishment of a mechanism to capture donations and bequests to benefit seniors welfare in the Oberon Local Government Area. Advice has been received from Bird Legal with regard to the setting up of an Entity and the approximate cost would be around \$5,000.

Next Meeting : The next meeting will be held on Monday 16 April 2012 commencing at 9.30am the Oberon Council Chambers.

Meeting closed at 10.50am.

Confirmed this _____ day of _____ 2011.

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