

Meeting of the Nelson Tasman Positive Ageing Forum held in the Constance Barnicoat Room, Richmond Library, Queen Street, Richmond, on Monday 27 February 2012 commencing at 1.00 pm.

Present: Ruby Aberhart (Chair)
Anne-Marie Fowke-Stayner (Stroke Foundation, Sothern Region)
Annette Nistor (Dietician NNS)
Brigid Ryan (Settling In Project – Ministry of Social Development)
Caroline Downey (Ministry of Social Development)
Caroline Pitman (Nelson Federation Women’s Institute)
Charissa MacKenzie (Public Trust & Age Concern)
Christine Chapman (???) 1.40 pm
Charles Tyrell (Anglican Diocese)
Elizabeth Wilson (St. John)
Helen Reynolds (Age Concern)
Jill Harris (Ministry of Social Development)
John Harwood (Nelson Hearing Assn)
Cr Judene Edgar (Tasman District Council)
Kay Peterson (Holy Trinity Church)
Kim Howell (Life HTS)
Liam Butler (Support Works)
Lorraine Dalton (AAW)
Sgt. Mal Drummond (NZ Police)
Mark Preston-Thomas (ACC)
Mike Tasman-Jones (Tasman District Council)
Nicola Mercer (NCC)
Pam Schouten (Grey Power Board)
Pat Borlase (Rural Women)
Robin Godbaz (Richmond/Waimea RSA)
Sarah Downs (Tasman District Council)
Sue Bateup (Health Action Trust)
Sue Tilby (Age Concern) 1.36 pm
Tracey Anderson (MSD Snrs, Motueka)
Wendy Duffy (Healthcare NZ)

In attendance: Garry Woodgate (Tasman District Council)

The Chair welcomed those present, said a karakia and invited people at the Forum to introduce themselves.

Apologies: Jo Cara (???)
Celia McCaw (St. John)
Cr Gail Collingwood (Nelson City Council and National Council of Women)
Margaret Parfitt (Nelson City Council)
Pete Carter (Nelson Marlborough District Health Board)
Sarah Hodgson (Richmond Recreation Centre)
Sue Tilby (Age Concern) - for lateness

Moved Nicola Mercer/Jill Harris

**THAT apologies for absence and lateness as detailed above be received.
CARRIED**

1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – POSITIVE AGEING – 28 February 2011

Moved Sarah Downs/Caroline Pitman

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Nelson Tasman Positive Ageing Forum held on 21 November 2011 be received with the following amendments:-

APOLOGIES:

Krista Hobday (~~Stroke Foundation~~) (Tasman District Council)

3 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Paragraph 3

~~'The Chair recommended the creation of two groups:-'~~ replaced with
'Discussion was held on:-'

CARRIED

2 MATTERS ARISING/UPDATES

Nil.

3 CORRESPONDENCE

- Going Digital – Mr Guy Burns
Government's Going Digital Targeted Assistance Package.
- Age 2 Be – Positive Ageing Expo – Mr Mike Tasman-Jones, TDC
Date: 23 April 2012
Venue: Headingly Centre, 2-46 Headingly Lane, Richmond.

4 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The Chair spoke to her report that was contained in the agenda and covered:-

- Green Paper – For Vulnerable Children
- Intergenerational Workshop
- Link Age
- Positive Ageing Online
- Digital TV
- Captioned Telephone Services
- Neighbours Day Aotearoa.

~~The Chair requested that she be told of everything that is happening within the Nelson Tasman area by members of this Forum in order to be able to report back on those actions.~~

The Chair reminded Forum members that they need to share their activities with the Chair and Forum so we can work together and promote what is being done.

Moved Cr ~~Judine~~ Judene Edgar/John Harwood

**THAT the Chairperson's report be received.
CARRIED**

5 NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT

Sergeant Mal Drummond, Community Section, Nelson Bays Police, Stoke gave an overview and introduction on Neighbourhood Support.

Sgt Drummond advised that Neighbourhood Support in Nelson City:-

- Included civil defence
- Was a 24 hour provider and service
- Averaged between 10-15 houses per group
- 33% of Nelson houses are covered by Neighbourhood Support
- Includes a 'Good Neighbour Award'
- Send out regular Neighbourhood Support Newsletters.

Sgt Drummond added that he was hoping to have a similar Neighbourhood Support scheme set up in the Waimea / Richmond area in the next few weeks.

He then tabled the following leaflets from the Privacy Commissioner for members of the Forum to take:-

- Your Personal Information is Valuable
- Keeping Your Financial Information Safe
- Protecting Yourself Against Scams
- You Control Your Health Information
- Keeping Your Information Safe Online.

Sgt Drummond advised that unscrupulous people deliberately target the elderly.

1.36 pm: Sue Tilby arrived.

It was suggested that at the forthcoming Age @ Be – Positive Ageing Expo organisations such as Mitre 10 or Bunnings be invited to do a presentation advising the elderly where to look for their water toby's and how to turn them off.

1.40 pm: Christine Chapman arrived.

6 HEARING ASSISTANCE

Mr John Harwood, Hearing Association gave a brief talk on the hearing impaired and what tools were available to help them. Matters covered included:-

- 1 in 6 people in New Zealand suffer from hearing loss
- A card is available for the hard of hearing to advise that they have this impairment
- Texting 111 is to be rolled out in New Zealand in June 2012
- Captioning relay phone system is awaiting Government signoff
- Captioning on TV channels is slowly gaining momentum with 13 channels currently doing this
- The Hearing Association meets monthly.

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Working Together – Mark Preston-Thomas (ACC)

Mark gave a brief talk highlighting the need for funding providers to talk to the community, groups Forums etc. in order to make sure doubling up of funding did not occur and that funding went to those that needed it most.

The requirement for a basic interactive database of Tasman/Nelson providers to strengthen what is already available in this region and to assist funders was discussed.

7.2 Ministry of Social Development Update – Caroline Downey

Caroline advised that the Stoke ACC office is to be the community link for over 65 year olds, that Grey Power will be based in the same office and she then invited all present to come along and have a look at the facility. Caroline added that a small meeting room at the facility would be made available free of charge for meetings by the elderly.

Caroline then introduced Tracey Anderson from the ACC Motueka office.

7.3 Ministry of Social Development Update – Jill Harris

Jill requested any good intergenerational stories for the Ministry to disseminate.

Jill advised that Positive Ageing on the Ministry 's website covered some very good ideas for the elderly and invited everyone to look at the site to see what else was happening throughout New Zealand.

Accredited suppliers of medical alarms are currently being reviewed. A list of recommended suppliers will be available by 1 March 2012.

7.4 Nelson City Council – Nicola Mercer (NCC)

Nicola advised Mobility Scooter User courses are ongoing throughout the region and contacts included herself, Krista Hobday at Tasman District Council and Robin Blackburn (03) 520 7400 at the Marlborough District Council.

Changes to the give-way road rules will be introduced to the public from 25 March 2012.

Nicola displayed a copy of Nelson City Council's Alternative Funding Resource that is available. The resource is updated annually and is available from the NCC website.

7.5 Age 2 Be Expo – Sue Bateup (Health Action Trust)

Sue advised that Age Concern would be presenting two seminars at the Age 2 Be Expo. Guest speakers included Dr Susan Busch, Specialist Physician and Geriatrician and Dr Matthew Croucher, Psychiatrist of Older People. Sue tabled fliers for the seminars. All welcome.

A flier was tabled for those interested in attending a Home & Personal Safety Course to be held in Takaka on 27 March and again in Motueka on 28 March 2012. All welcome.

7.6 Accessibility for All – Sarah Downs (Tasman District Council)

Sarah advised that beach access chairs are available via Donna Smith, CCS Disability and that there is one available at the ASB Aquatic Centre.

Sarah advised that there is a new website for mobility parking that contains information on parking permits:-

www.mobilityparking.org.nz

7.7 Alzheimers New Zealand – Chair

The Chair advised that Alzheimers New Zealand has a new website:-

www.facesofdemetia.alzheimers.org.nz

7.8 Nelson Tasman Positive Ageing Forum Venue – John Harwood

John advised that he found the Constance Barnicoat Room, Richmond Library venue too difficult to hear in. Discussion centred on the sound system that did not appear to work and that halogen lights give off a buzzing sound that interferes with hearing aids. John recommended a microphone for all speakers to use at future meetings.

Cr ~~Judine~~ Judene Edgar advised that she would arrange to have the sound system attended to.

7.9 Race Unity Day

To be held at 11.00 am at Victory Square, Nelson on 11 March 2012. All welcome.

Next meeting Monday 28 May 2012

The meeting closed at 2.50 pm.