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## **NSW Ministerial Advisory Council on Ageing May 2023 Meeting - Communique**

The Ministerial Advisory Council on Ageing (MACA) held its second meeting for 2023 in Sydney.

The MACA met with Local Government NSW (LGNSW) representatives who presented on the recently relaunched Age Friendly Toolkit funded by the Department of Communities and Justice. The Toolkit is designed to be used by local councils as a resource to assist them to engage with and support seniors in their communities. The MACA agreed to support LGNSW to promote and implement the Toolkit which is available at: <https://lgnsw.org.au/Public/Public/Policy/Ageing-files/Ageing.aspx>

The MACA also met with NSW Ageing on the Edge forum representatives to discuss seniors housing priorities in NSW in light of rising rates of homelessness, housing stress and cost of living pressures. Discussion including the development of Home At Last - a specialist housing information and support service for older people in NSW based on existing models in Victoria and more recently Queensland. The MACA agreed to support Ageing on the Edge to implement housing solutions for NSW seniors. More information about Ageing on the Edge can be found at: <https://www.older tenants.org.au/national-action/ageing-the-edge-nsw-forum>

Following on from the February 2023 planning day the MACA discussed a range of student research opportunities aligned with the 2023 MACA priority areas. Macquarie University students will be matched with research topics to deliver systemic literature reviews highlighting gaps and opportunities for MACA to consider later in 2023.

The MACA also discussed ways to encourage seniors to build swimming skills and utilisation of aquatics centres following lower levels of activity during COVID-19.

The MACA noted the change of NSW Government and look forward to engaging with the Minister for Seniors, the Hon. Jodie Harrison MP, as the government develops its priorities for seniors over the coming term.

Council's next meeting will be in June 2023.

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