



2 December 2020

NSW Ministerial Advisory Council on Ageing September 2020 meeting - Communique

The Ministerial Advisory Council on Ageing held its fifth and final Council meeting for 2020 on 2 December via MS Teams.

Minister Lee attended the meeting and advised that the Ageing Well in NSW: Seniors Strategy 2021-2031 and the Ageing Well in NSW Two year Action Plan have both been endorsed by NSW Cabinet and is expected to be released in December 2020. Minister Lee also congratulated the MACA for its work during a year of unprecedented demands and constraints.

Minister Lee particularly noted MACA's role in the implementation of the current Strategy, the development of the Ageing Well in NSW Strategy, and individual member's roles in supporting initiative such as Grandparents Day and the COVID-19 Social Isolation Grants.

The Council reviewed its progress against its 2020 Strategic Plan and noted developments in a number of strategic areas, particularly the Deep Dive Project which will develop a series of webinars to promote good practice of various stakeholders in a number of communities, its work with the Ageing and Disability Commission in addressing abuse of older people and its joint work with the Carers Advisory Council and the Disability Council to raise issues regarding the barriers to accessing technology by older people and people with disability.

The following speakers addressed the Council:

- Cameron Tonkinwise, School of Design UTS spoke to *What Makes Financial Crimes against Older People Difficult to Solve* report, as well as work being done by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia
- Women NSW presented on the Women's Financial Toolkit
- Land and Housing Corporation provided an overview of the draft Housing Strategy.
- NSW Ministry of Health spoke to the NSW Health response to the Aged Care Royal Commission and other related issues that impacts on the Health and wellbeing of older people.
- The Ageing and Disability Commissioner presented the quarterly dashboard report and discussed toolkits available online and a range of initiatives, such as safeguarding and restrictive practices.

During the ensuing discussions Council noted a number of issues in support of seniors that it will consider during the 2021 Strategic Planning Day, scheduled for February 2021.

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Chair