

Carers Advisory Council Meeting – 6 December 2021

The NSW Carers Advisory Council held its fourth and final meeting for 2021 at Parliament House on Monday 6 December 2021. It was the first time the Council has been able to meet face to face rather than by teleconference since May 2021.

A member of the Council, Professor Michael Fine, gave an interesting presentation on how the definition of care and carers has changed since the 1970s.

The Council also received an informative presentation from the NSW Ageing and Disability Commissioner, Mr Robert Fitzgerald AM, about the work of the Ageing and Disability Abuse Helpline.

The Council also finalised planning for the first of a series of Conversations with Carers that is being held on 13 December 2021. This first conversation will focus on Aboriginal carers and will be hosted by the Chair, Prue Warrilow, and council member Dianne Brookes.

Work continues to communicate the findings of the Carers Missing Out report to the government and the non-government sector. The Council plans to conduct workshops in early 2022 to present the report's findings and work with stakeholders on ways to advocate for change.

The Council also received updates from Carers NSW and the Department of Communities and Justice.

The next Council meeting is yet to be scheduled for 2022.

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