



CONFIRMED MINUTES

Meeting of the Community Consultative Committee (CCC) of the Shire of Christmas Island held at the George Fam Centre at 4.15pm Thursday 29th April 2021

1 Declaration of Opening of Meeting / Announcement of Visitors

1.1 Gordon THOMSON declared the meeting opened at 4.25pm

1.2 Welcomed the Residential Aged Care project team from the Department of Infrastructure

Julianne GEPP	Project Director, Territories Capital and Major Projects IOT Branch
Erika STEEL	Project Officer, Territories
Leanne MCKENZIE	APP Project Management
Jamie PENN	Silich, Penn and Hall Architecture
Cherie KAPTEIN	Silich, Penn and Hall Architecture

2 Record of Attendance/Apologies/Leave of Absence/Declarations of Financial, Proximity or Impartiality Interest

2.1 Record of Attendance

Community Consultative Committee

Shire President	Gordon THOMSON
Council Representative	Hafiz MASLI
CI Neighbourhood Centre	Oliver LINES
Union of Christmas Island Workers	Kelvin LEE
Poon Saan Club	Suzane CHAN
CI Phosphates	Joy WICKENDEN
Chinese Literary Association	TAN Teik Kiang
	LEE Mo Eer
Christmas Island Women's Association	Robyn STEPHENSON
Manager of Policy	Chris SU

Staff

Seniors Officer	Ron FOO
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2.2 Apologies

Councillor Representative	Morgan SOH
Malay Association of Christmas Island	Azmi YON
Islamic Council of Christmas Island	Greg MCINTOSH
Shire CEO	David PRICE

3. Agenda Business

3.1 Visit from DITRDC Residential Aged Care project team

Leeanne MCKENZIE, Project Manager from APP, provided an overview of this Residential Aged Care project team's visit.

A business case for a Residential Aged Care facility will be developed by the project team, scheduled for December 2021. This will be informed by the existing aged care studies conducted on Island to date, including the Fortis Consulting and Aged Care Needs in the IOTs reports as well as information gathered by the project team in consulting with community members at this time.

The project team has met with the Administrator's "Health Advisory Group" as well as the Health Leadership Group at the IOTHS.

The business case will inform the design specifications for the RAC facility based on projected numbers of residents, healthcare needs of residents, possible location of the RAC facility and other requirements of modern aged care tailored for the Island.

Two designs will be created, with a preferred option selected. A Schematic Design will follow that will give a cost figure for the build. This will feed into the business case.

Julianne GEPP stated that when the business case is submitted in December, a Policy Proposal around May 2022 will seek capital funds be obtained for the build, with a July 2023 start.

Leaane MCKENZIE said that the team were here to look at potential sites and meet stakeholders. Gordon THOMSON said in addition to the existing township sites that you may have seen, there is a proposed residential area in the Phosphate Hill precinct that may be of interest. Requested Shire to send project team relevant maps.

Action Item	Description	Officer
1	Shire's CISA Land Planning Response Map to be sent to RAC team.	Chris Su

Chris SU had suggested examining the Old Technical School. This site had previously been suggested during the Fortis Consulting aged care study in 2018.

The Old Tech School was the site of the not-for-profits on Island including the Op Shop and the Ci Daycare Centre. Discussion was had on the benefits of intergenerational interactions between the elderly and young children as a potential way to keep seniors engaged. Noted current TV series on ABC about an aged care centre with children's daycare centre wing.

Agreed to show project team the site the following day after their Stay-On-Your-Feet visit at Poon Saan Community Hall.

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2	Project Team to visit Old Technical School site	Chris Su

Julianne GEPP said that it was important the design process of the RAC facility captured the expected numbers of residents accurately.

Leeane MCKENZIE stated that the project team had examined the Australian Bureau of Statistics demographic data for 65 plus range as a starting point. Present analysis indicated that under 10% of the population was over 65 at the 2016 census, but that this group would be 25% by 2026.

She explained that a RAC facility is for High Care residents only.

Low Care residents were defined as persons who could continue living at home, or with relations, and could be adequately served with a tailored Home and Community Care Plan. A HACC plan may include delivered meals, assistance with cleaning, pick-ups to organised seniors activities and so on.

High Care residents were persons who needed more attention and could not live independently.

Leeanne MCKENZIE said that in remote locations, a Multi-Purpose Service (MPS) model of RAC would benefit from the efficacy of the hospital and RAC being in proximity.

Robyn STEPHENSON stated that the residency of aged persons at IOTHS is a recent development. People have had to self-relocate historically which has alleviated the need for aged care on Island. Census figures do not reflect the demand.

Jamie PENN provided that

- 10% over 65 have dementia
- 7% over 65 go into Residential Aged Care
- 77% receive HACC Care packages

Supporting someone in Low Care to age at home is a priority; to delay their need to go into a High Care stream.

Meeting discussed the types of facilities that an Island RAC could have

- Daycare / Drop-In Rooms
- Communal spaces
- Wet kitchen
- Childcare centre

Discussion around ability to generate interaction opportunities for RAC residents. Proximity to schools, café, gardens.

Project Team said that the average length of stay in a High Care RAC is 18 months.

LEE Mo Eer stated that the development of a RAC on the Island might attract some Islanders to come back to the Island after retiring to Perth. This may influence numbers at a future CI RAC facility.

5 General Business

6 Closure of Meeting

6.1 Meeting ended at 1800

7 Date of Next Meeting

7.1 The date of the next meeting is to be advised.