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Communique

The fifth meeting of the Ministerial Advisory Council on Ageing for 2017 was held at Parliament House.

The Council discussed progress on the upcoming 2017 MACA Media Awards to be held on 16 October 2017. The MACA noted the increase in nominations and the quality therein. Following this discussion an update was provided on the MACA website traffic.

The Council was pleased to welcome Alison Parkinson to provide an update on the NSW Ageing Strategy and the year two implementation plan.

The Council welcomed Lucy Cole-Edelstein & Aslog Schytter-Andersen from Straight Talk. The presenters provided an overview of the consultation and engagement framework for the NSW Ageing Strategy. The framework will aim to guide activities and conversations to promote and inform the implementation of the NSW Ageing Strategy. Key points of discussion included:

- Health and well-being
- Working and Retiring
- Housing choices
- Getting around
- Inclusive communities

The Council noted that Creative Ageing is an important plank in the NSW Ageing Strategy and discussed reflecting it in the consultation and engagement framework.

The Council discussed mental health issues facing older people and NSW Health older people's mental health (OPMH) services and strategic directions. The Council noted the tremendous work currently being undertaken in older people mental health services and noted the importance of developing culturally appropriate services and worker expertise across the NSW community.

The next meeting will take place in November 2017.

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Chair