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Communique

The Ministerial Advisory Council on Ageing held their second Council meeting for 2019. The Council discussed a number of strategies to promote the MACA Media Awards 2019, as well as the NSW Ageing Strategy. Council identified several potential guest speakers for further discussion.

The newly appointed Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans, Minister Sidoti, attended the meeting. Council provided the Minister with an overview of the key issues such as the role of MACA media awards in challenging stereotypes and engaging other ministers with the NSW Ageing Strategy, the MACA deep dive project *Listening and Learning* as well as planning for the NSW Ageing Strategy 2021 – 2025.

Council had a lively discussion on the learnings from the Aboriginal Elder Olympics event at Port Macquarie. Council appreciated the elders feedback which will be used to inform future MACA discussions, planning for the Ageing Strategy Year 4 action plan, noting that a number of issues raised are Commonwealth matters.

FACS provided an update on recent consultation for the establishment of the NSW Ageing and Disability Commissioner. Council noted that the Bill to support the role of the Commissioner is being introduced into Parliament today and the importance of the establishment of the Commissioner in addressing gaps in the protection of seniors and adults with disability. Guest speakers from the eSafety Commissioner spoke to state wide help and support for seniors to engage more safely with technology. The Council noted that this is particularly relevant to the Tech Savvy Seniors program.

The Council noted the next meeting will be on 24 July.

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Chair