



2 August 2017

Communique

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

The Council discussed ongoing plans for the 2017 MACA Media Awards to be held on 16 October 2017.

Family and Community Services (FACS) updated the Council on the Draft NSW Ageing Strategy Year 2 Delivery Plan. Members provided advice and feedback.

The Council welcomed Catherine Lourey and Catherine Baker from the Mental Health Commission of New South Wales (MHC) and Kate Jackson, Mental Health Branch, NSW Ministry of Health. The presenters provided an overview of the *Living Well in Later Life – Case for Change and Statement of Principles* which target older people's mental health. Members provided advice and feedback on the implementation of the Principles.

The Council was pleased to welcome the Minister for Ageing, the Hon. Tanya Davies MP, to the meeting. They were able to discuss a range of priorities of importance for the Minister.

The Council welcomed David Came, FACS who provided an overview of the inaugural meeting of the Elder Abuse Steering Committee. Members discussed the importance of the Committee in driving a strategic approach to tackle elder abuse in New South Wales.

The Council received the Technology Roadmap for Aged Care in Australia report, which was launched by Minister Wyatt in Canberra on 13 June. The Council noted the opportunity for consumers to use the technology to enhance their quality of life.

The next meeting will take place in September 2017.

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Chair