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## Communique

The Ministerial Advisory Council on Ageing held their third Council meeting for 2018 at Parliament House Sydney.

The Hon. Tanya Davies MP, Minister for Ageing, met with Council. The Minister advised Council that the Ageing Strategy Interdepartmental Committee (IDC) member agencies recently attended a facilitated workshop for a cross-agency collaboration, joint agreement and sharing of ideas and opportunities for the Ageing Strategy Year Three Action Plan. The Minister advised Council that she was very encouraged by the draft Year Three Action Plan as it includes a number of new actions.

The Minister also spoke to the work of the Creative Ageing Advisory Group to develop a framework that will identify key priorities for Creative Ageing practices to enhance the quality of life of older people. The Framework will be designed to complement existing NSW Government creative ageing programs such as the MACA Media awards, Seniors Festival and Grandparents' Day Photography Competition.

The Council participated in a lively discussion regarding the NSW Seniors Festival and ideas for better addressing the feedback from older people who attend and also do not attend the festival.

The Council were briefed on the NSW Ageing Strategy Year Three Action Plan and the consultation on the National Plan on Elder Abuse. Members provided suggestions on enhancements on the consultation paper and identified members who had capacity to be involved in a sub committee to review the draft action plan.

The Council were pleased with the progress of the MACA Media Awards. Council invite nominations for the Awards to be made via the Smartygrants portal (<https://nswcommunities.smartygrants.com.au/mediaawards2018>) or directly to the Council at [NSW.MACA@facs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:NSW.MACA@facs.nsw.gov.au).

The Council were inspired with the Ageless, Innovation at Any Age proposal for a full day event at the Spark Innovation Festival, to be held on 29 October and communicated their support for the work Dr Abby Bloom is continuing to pursue.

The next meeting will take place in September 2018.

**Kathryn Greiner AO**  
**Chair**