



## Advisory Committee Minutes

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### Meeting of the HM Information Clearinghouse Advisory Committee

6<sup>th</sup> September 2012

At 2.30 p.m.

Dean's Meeting Room

Level 5, Red Centre West Wing,  
The Faculty of the Built Environment  
University of NSW

<b>Present</b>	Ian Maxwell (IM)	Wesley HMMS
	Margaret Kay (MK)	LGSA
	Nicholas Loder (NL)	NSW Housing
	Wendy Noller (WN)	ADHC
	Vanessa D'Souza (VDS)	DoHA
	Sandra Lightfoot (by phone) (SL)	NSW Health
	Greg Killeen (GK)	SCIA
	Susan Dinley (by phone) (SD)	DVA
	Jordana Goodman (JG)	PDCN
	Annette Hanley (AH)	SCOPE Access
	Lesley Radbron	Lifetime Care

<b>Apologies</b>	Shalla Thomas	HMMS
	Stacey Sheppard-Smith	HMMS State Council
	Steven Malvern	HMMS State Council
	Lisa Langley	COTA
	Robyn Chapman	ILC NSW
	Lucy Moore	ADHC
	David Gonzalez	Lifetime Care
	Ruth Robinson	PDCN
<b>Chair</b>	A/P Catherine Bridge (CB)	UNSW

<i>Notes</i>	<i>Actions</i>
<b>1. Welcome, introduction &amp; apologies</b>	
CB started the meeting started at 2.40 pm.	
<b>2. Ratification of minutes of last meeting</b>	
Minutes of the last meeting were accepted by NL and SD. There are still some points that need to be actioned.	CB to send presentations- Adelaide Housing Researchers Conference.  IR to add Greg's home email address to the distribution list.
<b>3. Clearinghouse update</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Webstats</li> </ul> <p>Tracking between 2500 and 3500 visits per month.</p> <p>Returning visitor is tracking between 310 and almost 500 per month.</p> <p>In terms of who's using the website, Australia is still a heavy user and Belgium is joining for the first time, it might be because of CB presence in a conference in Norway in June.</p> <p>The top 10 publications have changed for the first time in a while, The Effectiveness of Ceiling Hoists in Transferring People with Disabilities- A systematic review has entered the top 10 and displaced Designing home environments for people who experience problems with cognition and who display aggressive or self-injurious behaviour</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Website</li> </ul> <p>The front-end is progressing quite well.</p>	LM send link of new website to everyone for feedback.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Publications</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <i>Landscape Modification – Consumer factsheet</i></li> </ul> <p>Work in progress</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <i>Landscape Modification – Industry factsheet</i></li> </ul> <p>Work in progress</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <i>Website case studies</i></li> </ul> <p>Make the website more user-friendly for people to get information from our website.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <i>Summary Bulletin: Environmental Assessment &amp; Modification for Occupational Therapists</i></li> </ul>	

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Published in July, positive feedback with some small suggestions.	
<p>➤ <i>Showering over floor drainage (working title) – Consumer Factsheet and Summary Bulletin</i></p> <p>Advisory Committee members agreed that a Summary Bulletin is necessary.</p>	
<p>➤ <i>User appraisal of environmental factors on the independence and wellbeing of older people in three town centers</i></p> <p>There's a workshop schedule for 12/10/12.</p> <p>Wollongong has a better plan for older people</p>	
<p>➤ <i>Review of Aboriginal Housing guidelines in relation to adequacy and appropriateness of functional impairment provisions – final draft</i></p>	LM to send a list of groups that were involved in the study
<b>• Events &amp; Training</b>	
Home Modifications, a National Perspective, 2012 Inaugural National Conference, September 10th -11th, 2012. CB presenting the keynote, and the Clearinghouse had a trade display as well as presenting another three papers in the OT stream.	
<b>4. Other Funded Projects</b>	
AHURI- Downsizing paper was published last month and is available at <a href="http://www.ahuri.edu.au/publications/download/70687_pp">www.ahuri.edu.au/publications/download/70687_pp</a> .	
<b>5. Grant Applications</b>	
ARC LIEF – Ageing, Disability and Home Care Laboratory.	
This proposal seeks to obtain the funding needed to establish a Laboratory space to be used to understand better how older people use domestic spaces and to obtain relevant human static and dynamic measurements relevant to more enabling design of interior spaces, 3 good assessor reports so there is a possible chance. If successful UNSW has allocated space and grant of \$200,000 to assist in refurbishing the space.	
We were approached by the Board of Liveable Housing Australia to put forward a research proposal to develop the "Evaluation methodology to assess the uptake of the Livable Housing Design (LHD) Guidelines in new housing built over the next 3 years". So far this has not been actioned by Livable Housing Australia as currently their priority is to get the star rating system established first.	
Discussions have been held with the Office of Ageing and the LGSA re the development of a next phase of research to consolidate the Regional town centres and the independence and wellbeing of older people (ADHC) pilot.	
<p>Audit of Disability Research in Australia (ADHC), this was a proposal put forward by the Centre for Disability Studies (CDS) as a consortia and was a partnership with University of Sydney, Southern Cross, University of Queensland, Curtin University and ourselves.</p> <p>The Commonwealth Government made available monies under the as the Practical Design Fund (PDF) initiative. They have committed \$10</p>	

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<p>million to support initiatives and resources that would identify practical ways to prepare people with disability, their families and carers, the disability sector and workforce for the transition to an NDIS. This funding is known as the Practical Design Fund (PDF). We placed an expression of interest to develop a calculator that included Home Modifications and Assistive technology as an alternative to waged care.</p>	
<p><b>6. Other Business</b></p>	
<p>The National Home Modification Professionals List Serve Project. Now the OT list serve is operating well we are now moving to do the same for other professional groups and this will be launched with the new website.</p>	
<p>Significant change as a result of recontracting and the split of aged care which means that from 1st July, it is important for anyone who attends advisory committee to be aware that we are now operating the Clearinghouse under a split contract arrangement with DoHA being responsible for 77% of our funding and ADHC having carriage of the rest until 2015 when the contracts and activity plans will be reviewed.</p> <p>VDS spoke to the new requirements concerning the need to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Develop and have endorsed by DoHA the annual Activity Plan;</li> <li>➤ Quarterly reporting against milestones;</li> <li>➤ The approval and establishment of research priorities; and</li> <li>➤ Service Sector Schedule</li> </ul> <p>DoHA is committed to Improvements but has to work with COAG, and the current agreements are business as usual, during this transition phase, while priorities are sorted out.</p>	
<p>SD mentioned that the DVA grant website has information concerning Veteran and Community grants. The Veteran and Community Grants (V&amp;CG) Program aims to improve the independence and quality of life of members of the veteran community by providing financial assistance for activities, services and projects to sustain and/or enhance wellbeing. From 1 July 2012, funding rounds will occur on an ongoing, rolling basis. When sufficient applications are received or a two month period has elapsed, a funding round will be processed for the Minister's decision.</p>	<p>CB to organise a brainstorming session with Advisory Committee Members for a half day in December to scope out a proposal to submit in 2013.</p>