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Lesley Radbron (LR) Lifetime Care

Lucy Moore (LM) Department of Family and

Community Services: Ageing,

Disability and Home Care

Rebecca Rodgers (RR) DVA

Apologies Lisa Langley COTA

Steven Malvern HMMS State Council

Shalla Thomas HMMS

Stacey Sheppard-Smith HMMS State Council

Roselyn Barlow Scope Access

Robyn Chapman ILC NSW

Chair

A/P Catherine Bridge (CB) UNSW

Notes	Actions
1. Welcome, introduction & apologies	
CB opened the meeting at 2:30pm	CB to check the
MK asked if she is still on the web updates as she is not receiving them	notifications settings for users and report
CB Apologises for start time confusion as some paperwork indicated an incorrect 2pm start.	back.
SL contacted via conference phone. SL agrees that she will dial in to next weeks Strategic Meeting. 10-12 next Thursday.	
2. Ratification of minutes of last meeting	
Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true record.	
3. Clearinghouse update	
Webstats	
The number of registered users has increased to 719.	
December was lower as expected with many services on annual leave, however the website is averaging 2500 per month.	
NL Recommends a bulletin type approach like AHURI.	
CB commented on the international access to website.	
Board members had no questions regarding the website statistics.	
Website	
CB discussed the new website and showcased the new search functions.	CB to organise to email Adv. Comm members with new
NL suggests that the new website should be sent to all Advisory Council Members for testing.	weblink for testing with users.
Publications	
Demountable ramps: A qualitative assessment of value for people with mobility impairments.	All Adv. Comm. Members to provide
Demountable Ramps report was tabled and discussed.	feedback within next two weeks.
Summary Bulletin: Environmental Assessment & Modification for Occupational Therapists.	
No document was tabled, however CB remarked that this is now ready for Peer Review.	
 Showering over floor drainage (working title) – Consumer Factsheet and Summary Bulletin 	All Adv. Comm. Members to provide
Document was provided in the Meeting Agenda papers.	feedback within next two weeks.
Landscape Modification as an alternative to ramps and lifts.	All Adv. Comm. Members to provide

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Final Copy was tabled at the meeting.	feedback within next two weeks.
 Enabling Block Library Enabling Block Library discussed. This is at the stage of being ready to incorporate into the new website. NL suggests we write to Government Architects and Department of Housing to send information about Enabling Block Library. 	CB to organise to organise to access mail lists to enable mail out of this new resource prior to next quarterly meeting.
Next products to include in the Library were discussed. Motorised scooters and wheelchairs were suggested.	PC to research scooter brands to model next, pending funding being available.
User appraisal of environmental factors on the independence and wellbeing of older people in three town centers.	
Progress on the project was tabled and actively discussed.	
(CB) Human Ethics ready for submission, project information pack to be sent to participating Councils by March 19th. Project will include Tweed Heads and Wollongong. User testing of Ipad geo-spatial access app to occur in April and access to premises audit to be conducted.	
 Review of Aboriginal Housing guidelines in relation to adequacy and appropriateness of functional impairment provisions – final draft. 	
No action required	
 What is the nature of the age-specific housing market in Australia at present? (AHR Conference) This paper was presented by CB at the Adelaide Housing conference with excellent feedback from audience. Action: NL asked for a copy of the PowerPoint to be forwarded. 	CB to send copy to NL, and to forward copy of full paper on submission when due which is the 6 April 2012
 Home modifications: implications for care provision within existing housing stock for an ageing population (AHR Conference) This paper was presented by PC at the Adelaide Housing conference. NL asked for a copy of the paper to be forwarded. 	CB to send copy to NL, and to forward copy of full paper on submission when due which is the 6 April 2012
➤ The consequence of inappropriate housing options for high level disability— stay in the frying pan or jump into the fire? (AHR Conference) This paper was presented by LM at the Adelaide Housing conference with excellent feedback from audience.	CB to send copy to NL, and to forward copy of full paper on submission when due which is the 6
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Events & Training	
No action required.	

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4. Other Funded Projects	
(CB) Positioning paper with AHURI discussed. No action required.	
5. Grant Applications	
(CB) The Caroma Australian Research Council Linkage grant awarded last year is in early contractual stages. This Project has multiple parts and will be conducted over three years, It is anticipated that the survey component and appointment of its older persons reference group will commence in late April:	
1) data collection	
2) new product development	
No action required	
6. Other Business	
 The Home Modification List Serv originally run out of the University of Queensland by Desleigh De-Jonge has been transferred to the Clearinghouse effective immediately. Methods for seamlessly integrating with the current website were outlined. No action required 	In progress
 Launch of Eco-living Display Homes at Pebble Crescent, The Ponds. Symposium was raised: CB discussed how to showcase Best Practice Liveable Housing. Clarendon House at Ponds was discussed as providing some good livable housing examples for the general public. 	CB agreed to propose the development of a livable housing symposium for late 2012 as a part of the strategic planning day to be held next week.
LM spoke about the finalisation of the Home Modification Review and distributed the factsheet regarding next steps the factsheet regarding the proposed reforms can be downloaded http://www.adhc.nsw.gov.au/data/assets/file/0009/253368/AH12-12194_Home_Modifications_Fact_Sheet_1.pdf	