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From: Karrinyup Men's Shed kcmensshed@inet.net.au

To: **Karrinyup Community Men's Shed members**

National Communication Strategy - elder abuse and ageism

On 13 September, speakers from the Older People's Rights Service gave a talk at the Karrinyup Men's Shed. There was a lot of interest in the elder abuse topic.

The Shed's contact person, Tony Strickland, has now been asked for some help from men in the Men's Shed, as below, in an edited, summary version of the email.

There will be discussions with Pauline on **Friday 25 October at 2pm at the Shed.** All are welcome.

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I was wondering if you, and some of your senior Men's Shed members might be able to help us with a small project.

The background is that the Attorney-General's Department are holding a Workshop to discuss issues relating to supporting the development of a National Communication Strategy that increases understanding and awareness of abuse of older people in the community and ageism.

However, we are concerned that, once again, decisions are being made about and for Seniors, without their input. The Older People's Rights Service co-ordinator, Marissa will be attending, however, she is not a Senior and has asked us for our input.

As far as we can tell, no Seniors have specifically been consulted in this regard. Whilst the intentions are good, we feel that those affected should be consulted about what their needs are in this regard.

So, we have decided to put in a submission to the Attorney General, if possible, prior to the 28th October.

To this end, we have contributed our ideas of what the issues are, from a woman's perspective. However, we do not want to assume that the issues men face are exactly the same.

So I was wondering if you and some of your seniors men's shed attendees would be willing to meet with myself and a colleague, Evaline, so we can get the views of some men.

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Some extracts from the original invitation to Northern Suburbs Legal Centre have been added below.

Details from Attorney-General's Department

The Australian Attorney-General's Department is consulting across the health, aged, and broader community sectors to better understand how to communicate with older Australians, their families/carers and the communities around them regarding elder abuse and understanding ageism in our community.

Workshops will be held throughout October 2019 in every state and territory across Australia and will include both government and community representatives. Focus groups will also be held with older Australians in November.

The workshop will seek to identify appropriate language, key messages, communication channels that should be considered for a national approach to addressing these important social issues.

Computer Training

The first round of computer training has been run, as covered in the KCMS bulletin dated 4 September.

The KCMS trainers will be meeting this week to decide what topics will be run in the second round of training for KCMS members.

As before, when these are decided, we will post on the notice board and send out details of the topics and ask you to tell us which ones you would like to do, and which days you can come.

We will also give members a chance to catch up and do topics from the first round if they need those to properly understand the topics in the second round.

Each unit/set of topics will be one session of about 2 hours. The group size for each session is 3 or 4 members. The sessions will all be afternoons, to avoid the noise of the workshop activity.

Earlier KCMS newsletters

If you have missed any, all earlier newsletters/bulletins are on the KCMS website at <http://karrinyup.mensshedswa.org.au/newsletters.htm>

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