
**DISABILITY INCLUSION & ACCESS COMMITTEE
HELD IN GRIFFITH REGIONAL SPORTS CENTRE ON
WEDNESDAY, 1 FEBRUARY 2023 COMMENCING AT 1:03PM**

PRESENT

Councillor Shari Blumer (Chair), Laurie Testoni (Councillor - Alternate), Colin Beaton (Community Representative) (Zoom), Patricia Cox (Community Representative), Simone Murphy (Community Representative), Mike Neville (Community Representative) (Zoom), Val Woodland (Community Representative), Luke Woodward (Community Representative).

Quorum = 3

STAFF

Director Sustainable Development, Bruce Gibbs, Urban Strategic Design and Major Projects Manager, Peter Badenhorst, Community Development Coordinator, Melissa Canzian, Economic & Community Development Officer, Lara Rosetto and Minute Secretary, Melanie Hebrok.

By Invitation, Erin Fletcher (Murrumbidgee Regional High School) (Zoom) and Nickolette Owen (Kalinda School).

Councillor Blumer acknowledged Mr Beaton, Ms Woodland and Ms Cox for their Australia Day Award nominations and thanked them for their ongoing contribution to the Committee and the wider community.

1 APOLOGIES

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Val Woodland and Pat Cox that apologies be received from Melanie Vella, Jaimee Damini and Marilyn Hams.

Erin Fletcher entered the meeting via Zoom, the time being 1:05pm.

Ms Fletcher introduced herself to the Committee. The Committee moved a motion to add Ms Fletcher as a Committee Member.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Mike Neville and Pat Cox that Erin Fletcher be added to the Committee and the Terms of Reference be amended to include an additional Community Representative member.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Val Woodland and Luke Woodward that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 December 2022, having first been circulated amongst all members, be confirmed.

3 BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Pecuniary Interests

There were no pecuniary interests declared.

Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests

There were no significant non-pecuniary interests declared.

Less Than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests

There were no significant non-pecuniary interests declared.

5 ITEMS OF BUSINESS

CL01 DISABILITY INCLUSION ACTION PLAN

Councillor Blumer advised that the Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP) will become due for renewal in 2025. She asked that the Committee discuss changes and improvements leading up the renewal.

Ms Cox asked that the Committee be provided with the current DIAP.

Councillor Blumer suggested that a member of Council attend a Committee meeting to explain the process of reviewing the DIAP.

Simone Murphy entered the meeting, the time being 1:13pm.

Mr Neville suggested that stakeholders and community be consulted during the review process rather than it just go to Council for Endorsement of Public Notification.

Ms Canzian suggested and the Committee agreed, that the review of the DIAP be aligned with other councils as this will provide the Committee with more guidance when reviewing Council's current Action Plan. Ms Canzian will investigate when the next DIAP Review is due for all councils.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Mike Neville and Councillor Laurie Testoni that the Committee will investigate and initiate the review process of future Disability Inclusion Action Plans.

6 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT

6.1 Wheelchair Sports

Councillor Blumer has submitted Community Grant Application for wheelchair. Ms Murphy will check wheelchair quote for \$2,500 that was received by Ms Canzian as part of the application.

The Committee discussed the importance of working with the Sports Council and will send representatives to a future meeting of the Sports Council to discuss priorities moving forward.

Ms Owen expressed concern of the amount of doors in the new stadium that can be escape routes for children after a recent visit by Kalinda with 34 students. Mr Testoni advised that the doors are Emergency Exit Doors, therefore cannot be blocked or locked. The net in the

middle of the courts also caused low visibility. Mr Testoni advised that the net can be removed at any time for increased visibility. Ms Murphy suggested that guidelines be drafted for future Kalinda visits taking into consideration the WHS issues encountered.

6.2 Access at a Glance

Some inspections have been carried out with businesses, with another round of appointments being made available in the near future. Over time, Committee members can become involved in promoting inspections to other businesses and sourcing volunteers / students trained to carry out the inspections.

6.3 Bins for Blokes

Mr Beaton to prepare letter to be forwarded to local shopping centres asking them to provide sanitary bins in male bathrooms.

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Adult Change Facilities

Another issue that has come up at the recent Kalinda School visit to the Griffith Regional Sports Centre was the lack of adequate change facilities for the students. Ms Owen asked that Council incorporate adult change facilities in GRSC Accessible Toilets. Mr Badenhorst suggested that Ms Owen write a letter of request to Council and the Sports Council and include examples of change facilities. Mr Neville mentioned that Hive Tasmania is a great example of Adult Change Facilities.

7.2 Communication Boards in Parks

Ms Owen asked that Council look at installing communication boards in parks to give non-verbal people access to communication methods in public. Ms Murphy will investigate through Intereach in Wagga, where a board has been installed. Mr Badenhorst advised that once the Committee has sourced suitable examples, he will be able to investigate cost and make a budget submission for the communication boards.

7.3 CWA Park Toilets

Mr Neville advised that the accessible toilets at CWA Park were not well maintained in comparison to the male and female toilets. Mr Badenhorst to inform responsible staff.

7.4 New Staff Member

Ms Canzian introduced Lara Rosetto, Economic & Community Development Officer, to the Committee.

8 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Disability Inclusion & Access Committee is to be held on Wednesday, 1 March 2023 at 1:00pm.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 2:03 pm.

Confirmed:

CHAIRPERSON