
**DISABILITY INCLUSION & ACCESS COMMITTEE
TO BE HELD IN KURRAJONG LIFESTYLE CHOICES, GRIFFITH ON
WEDNESDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 2025 AT 4:00 PM**

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DISTRIBUTION LIST

Councillor Shari Blumer (Chair), Councillor Laurie Testoni, Geoff Tarr (Community Representative), Jaimee Damini (Community Representative), Jodie Ridge (Community Representative), Marilyn Hams (Community Representative), Ralph Twaddell (Community Representative), Soheil Derakhshan (Community Representative), Suzanne Biondo (Community Representative), Lindsay Wickey (Community Representative), Rocco Catanzariti (Community Representative), Dene Caterina Beltrame (Community Representative)

Director Economic & Organisational Development, Shireen Donaldson; Urban Strategic Design & Major Projects Manager, Peter Badenhorst; Project Planner, Melanie Vella; Community Development Coordinator, Melissa Canzian and Minute Secretary, Antoinette Galluzzo

Quorum = 3

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Acknowledgement of Country

Griffith City Council acknowledges the Wiradjuri people as the traditional owners and custodians of the land and waters, and their deep knowledge embedded within the Aboriginal community.

Council further pays respect to the local Wiradjuri Elders, past, present and those emerging, for whom we acknowledge have responsibilities for the continuation of cultural, spiritual and educational practices of the local Wiradjuri people.

**DISABILITY INCLUSION & ACCESS COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON
WEDNESDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 2025 COMMENCING AT 4:00 PM**

PRESENT

Councillor Shari Blumer (Chair), Councillor Laurie Testoni, Geoff Tarr (Community Representative) (Zoom), Jodie Ridge (Community Representative), Marilyn Hams (Community Representative), Ralph Twaddell (Community Representative), Soheil Derakhshan (Community Representative), Suzanne Biondo (Community Representative), Lindsay Wickey (Invited Guest)

Absent: Rocco Catanzariti (Invited Guest) and Dene Caterina Beltrame (Invited Guest)

Quorum = 3

STAFF

Director Economic & Organisational Development, Shireen Donaldson, Urban Strategic Design & Major Projects Manager, Peter Badenhorst, Community Development Coordinator, Melissa Canzian and Minute Secretary, Antoinette Galluzzo

1 APOLOGIES

An apology was received from Jaimee Damini (Community Representative).

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Councillor Laurie Testoni and Ralph Twaddell that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 21 May 2025, having first been circulated amongst all members, be confirmed.

3 BUSINESS ARISING

Nil.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Pecuniary Interests

Members making a pecuniary interest declaration are required to leave the meeting during consideration of the matter and not return until the matter is resolved.

There were no pecuniary interests declared.

Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests

Members making a significant non-pecuniary interest declaration are required to leave the meeting during consideration of the matter and not return until the matter is resolved.

There were no significant non-pecuniary interests declared.

Less Than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests

Members making a less than significant non-pecuniary interest declaration may stay in the meeting and participate in the debate and vote on the matter.

There were no less than significant non-pecuniary interests declared.

5 ITEMS OF BUSINESS

CL01 COMMITTEE APPLICATION

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Jodie Ridge and Marilyn Hams that the Committee accept Lindsay Wickey, Rocco Catanzariti and Dene Caterina Beltrame as members of the Disability Inclusion and Access Committee, and the Terms of Reference be updated.

CL02 DISABILITY INCLUSION ACCESS PLAN 2026-2030

Soheil Derakhshan entered the meeting at 4:13pm.

Ms Canzian provided an overview of the Disability Inclusion Access Plan, outlining its key components and objectives. She informed the Committee that a review of the Plan was undertaken last year following community consultation. It is now required that the plan be “remade” and adopted by 30 June 2026. Further community consultation will be required.

Ms Canzian also suggested that a walk event be organised to take place on 3 December 2025 in celebration of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. The Committee discussed potential locations, times, and activities for the event, recognising it as a valuable opportunity for community consultation. Councillor Blumer noted that service providers, schools and relevant organisations and individuals within the sector be invited to participate.

Councillor Blumer raised the idea, that a Committee meeting be held at Kurrajong Lifestyle Choices during the consultation period of the DIAP.

Ms Biondo enquired about the focus of the consultation, asking whether there would be specific questions or targeted areas of concern. In response, Councillor Blumer explained that the consultation process involves engaging with various community groups using different consultation methods, with various questions. Feedback gathered including ideas, actions, themes, and concerns will be compiled into a report with recommendations for further consideration.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Suzanne Biondo and Soheil Derakhshan that:

- (a) Community consultation for the new Disability Inclusion Access Plan to commence in October 2025.
- (b) The Committee bring forward their next Committee Meeting, to be held on the Wednesday 19 November, from 4 - 6pm, at Kurrajong Lifestyle Choices.
- (c) A walk be organised on Wednesday, 3 December 2025 at 10:00am, celebrating

International Day of Persons with Disabilities. The walk will take place at Memorial Park and aims to promote awareness and inclusion, while encouraging community consultation for the new DIAP.

CL03 PROCEDURE FOR SUBMITTING ITEMS TO THE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Ralph Twaddell and Jodie Ridge that the Committee note the information.

Councillor Blumer highlighted if Committee members wish to propose an item for inclusion on the agenda, that they email the Committee Secretary no later than two weeks before the meeting. This allows sufficient time for consultation, review and inclusion in the agenda.

6 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT

Ms Ridge requested if regular checks can be completed at the Kooyoo Kiosk Power Access Box to charge mobility scooters as cobwebs build up in there.

In relation to CL07 Items Raised by Committee Member on 28 May 2025, Councillor Blumer suggested a letter to be sent on behalf of the Committee to Service NSW and the Yenda Post Office and be recorded on a Correspondence Register.

The Committee discussed the adult change facilities item from the 2 February 2023, suggesting different locations and areas to upgrade or install a 24-hour accessible adult change facility with a hoist. The Committee requested a report be presented at the next Committee Meeting highlighting costings and options and the matter be referred to the Roads, Parks and Pathways Enhancement Committee.

The Committee noted the report.

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

8 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Disability Inclusion & Access Committee is to be held on Wednesday, 19 November 2025 at 4:00pm.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 5:10pm.

CLAUSE **CL01**

TITLE **Proposed Meeting Dates 2026**

FROM **Antoinette Galluzzo, Governance Officer**

TRIM REF **25/118071**

SUMMARY

The proposed meeting dates for 2026 are:

- Wednesday, 18 March 2026
- Wednesday, 17 June 2026
- Wednesday, 16 September 2026
- Wednesday, 16 December 2026

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee note the proposed meeting dates for 2026.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

CLAUSE **CL02**

TITLE **Update on Walk Event for International Day of Persons with Disabilities**

TRIM REF **25/131183**

CLAUSE **CL03**

TITLE **Consultation with Kurrajong - Disability Inclusion Access Plan**

TRIM REF **25/131179**

TITLE Outstanding Action Report

TRIM REF 25/132409

RECOMMENDATION

The report be noted.

ATTACHMENTS

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ACTION REPORT**DISABILITY INCLUSION AND ACCESS COMMITTEE – 19 Nov 2025**

Date of Meeting	Agenda Item	Action	Action Officer	Comment
17 Sep 2025	CL02 Disability Inclusion Access Plan 2026-2030	A walk be organised on Wednesday, 3 December 2025 at 10:00am, celebrating International Day of Persons with Disabilities. The walk will take place at Memorial Park and aims to promote awareness and inclusion, while encouraging community consultation for the new DIAP.	Melissa Canzian	12/11/2025: Update to be presented to DIAC Meeting 19 November 2025.
17 Sep 2025	CL02 Disability Inclusion Access Plan 2026-2030	Community consultation for the new Disability Inclusion Access Plan to commence in October 2025.	Shireen Donaldson / Melissa Canzian	5/11/2025: On exhibition.
28 May 2025	CL08 Petition Received 29 April 2025	RECOMMENDED on the motion of Soheil Derakhshan and Jodie Ridge that: (a) Staff investigate and promote Council facilities suitable to provide free charging points for mobility scooters. (b) Staff investigate access to power at the Kooyoo Street Kiosk for charging mobility scooters including accessibility with an MLAK Key.	Shireen Donaldson	16/06/2025: Power access has been identified at Kooyoo Kiosk. It is currently locked with a padlock, so the lock can be filled with MLAK. Council facilities and Kiosk to be promoted as points for recharging mobility scooters. 17/09/2025: Completed 17/09/2025 Action: Ms Ridge raised the concern and requested if regular checking's can be completed at the Kooyoo Kiosk Power Access Box to charge mobility scooters as cobwebs build up in there.
28 May 2025	CL07 Items Raised by Committee Member	Item 3 – Mrs Hams raised the issue of disabled parking at Service NSW. A disabled parking space has been removed and it is very difficult for disabled people to access the footpath. Ms Donaldson advised this would be raised with the Senior Management Team.	Shireen Donaldson SMT	17/09/2025 Action: A letter to be sent on behalf of the Committee to Service NSW and be recorded on a Correspondence Register.

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28 May 2025	CL07 Items Raised by Committee Member	Item 2 – Mrs Hams raised the issues of access at the Yenda Post Office and kerb and guttering at the Yenda shops. Mrs Donaldson advised the Committee she would raise the access to the Yenda Post Office issue with the Senior Management Team. The kerb and guttering issue will be referred to the Roads, Parks, Pathways Enhancement Committee.	Shireen Donaldson SMT	17/09/2025: Report to RPPEC 23 October 2025. 17/09/2025: Cr Testoni thought Council did an inspection – Ms Donaldson to follow up. 17/09/2025 Action: A letter to be sent on behalf of the Committee to Yenda Post Office and be recorded on a Correspondence Register.
28 May 2025	CL06 Kooyoo Street Mall - Installation of Tactile Indicators	RECOMMENDED on the motion of Jodie Ridge and Ralph Twaddell that Council install yellow tactile indicator tiles (Option 2) in accordance with AS 1428.4 Means to assist the orientation of people with vision impairment – Tactile ground surface indicators (TGSIs), as recommended by best industry practice for safety.	Phil King	16/06/2025: Approved by Council, fitting to take place. 9/09/2025: Council will order materials and fit in accordance with plan by November 30 2025.
1 May 2024	6.1 Pathway from 3-Ways to Benerembah Street	RECOMMENDED on the motion of Pat Cox and Mike Neville that Council: (a) Consider the priority of a pathway extending from 3-Ways, down Noorla Street, connecting with Benerembah Street. (b) Initiate conversations with the Aboriginal Lands Council.	SMT/Councillors Melissa Canzian	30/05/2024: Coolah Street & Noorla Street have been identified as priority in the PAMP, and are dependent on funding. Funding has been applied for, and Council has been unsuccessful for the past two years. 17/09/2025: Referred to the RPPEC 23 October 2025. 7/11/2025: RPPEC Meeting 23 Oct 2025 RECOMMENDED on the motion of Jenna Thomas and Stephen Parker that:

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				<p>(a) The Committee support the Get Active Grant NSW and the priority of Noorla Street and Coolah Street Pathways.</p> <p>(b) The Committee members provide letters of support for the Get Active Grant NSW application by 3 November 2025.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED on the motion of Elizabeth (Will) Mead and Anthony Kidman that:</p> <p>(a) Note the information provided for priority.</p> <p>(b) Request Council engage a contractor to update the Griffith Pedestrian and Bicycle Strategy to update all technical references and prepare an updated Priority list of projects.</p> <p>(c) Endorse the inclusion of Noorla Street between Kookoora Street and Kennedy Street into an application for the Get Active NSW grant funding for paths.</p> <p>(d) Endorse the inclusion of Coolah Street between Jondaryan Ave and Willandra Avenue into an application for the Get Active NSW grant funding for paths</p>
2 February 2023	Adult Change Facilities	Ms Owen to prepare a letter to Griffith City Council and Griffith Sports Council requesting that Adult Change Facilities be installed in at GRSC.	Peter Badenhorst	<p>3/5/2023: Ms Owen sent a letter to the GRSC asking that adult change facilities be considered for their venue. Councillor Blumer advised that Councillor Testoni and the Sports Council will progress this matter.</p> <p>6/06/2024: RECOMMENDED on the motion of Pat Cox and Marilyn Hams that Council investigate the cost of installing</p>

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				<p>adult change facilities at the Griffith Regional Sports Centre.</p> <p>SMT Comment:</p> <p>Should Council support the above recommendation, Council staff will be required to undertake an assessment of the GRSC as to its ability to accommodate the equipment required. As part of this assessment, Council staff will obtain a costing to purchase a mobile adult change table and mobile hoist.</p> <p>The Committee further discussed the lack of accessible adult change facilities outside of business hours and central to the community, with possible MLAK system facilities to be looked at.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED on the motion of Nickolette Owen and Soheil Derakhshan that Council investigate the creation of a 24-hour accessible adult change facility with a hoist in a central location in Griffith, an option being Memorial Park.</p> <p>17/09/2025: Referred to RPPEC</p> <p>17/09/2025: Council Investigate different options of the installation of a 24-hour accessible adult change facility with a hoist in a central location in Griffith with the options and costings presented to the next Committee meeting on the 19 November 2025.</p> <p>12/11/2025: Report to first meeting in 2026.</p>

