
**DISABILITY INCLUSION & ACCESS COMMITTEE
HELD IN KURRAJONG LIFESTYLE CHOICES, GRIFFITH ON
WEDNESDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 2025 COMMENCING AT 4:07 PM**

PRESENT

Councillor Shari Blumer (Chair), Councillor Laurie Testoni, Geoff Tarr (Community Representative), Jodie Ridge (Community Representative), Soheil Derakhshan (Community Representative), Lindsay Wickey (Community Representative), Rocco Catanzariti (Community Representative), Dene Beltrame (Community Representative), Debbie Honeychurch (Invited Guest)

Absent: Jaimee Damini (Community Representative)

Quorum = 3

STAFF

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

1 APOLOGIES

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Soheil Derakhshan and Lindsay Wickey that apologies be received from Ralph Twaddell (Community Representative), Marilyn Hams (Community Representative), Suzanne Biondo (Community Representative) and Project Planner, Melanie Vella.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Lindsay Wickey and Dene Beltrame that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 17 September 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

The following items were brought forward.

CL02 UPDATE ON WALK EVENT FOR INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Ms Canzian provided an update on the walk event for the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. The event is scheduled for 3 December 2025 at Memorial Park, 10:00am to 1:00pm. The event has no age limit and is free. Following the walk, attendees are welcome to participate in a range of activities and games, enjoy refreshments and engage in consultation for the Disability Inclusion and Access Plan (DIAP).

6 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Lindsay Wickey and Councillor Laurie Testoni that the report be noted.

The Committee discussed the need for an Adult Change Facility and emphasised the importance of ensuring one is accessible within the community. The Committee requested that two reports be circulated prior to the next meeting, as Councillors will need this information when preparing their budget bids. The reports should outline:

1. Options and costings for a standalone Adult Change Facility equipped with a hoist.
2. Proposed modifications to the Olympic Street Community Centre to allow accessibility to the bathroom facilities.

CL01 PROPOSED MEETING DATES 2026

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Jodie Ridge and Soheil Derakhshan that the Committee note the proposed meeting dates for 2026.

- Wednesday, 18 March 2026
- Wednesday, 17 June 2026
- Wednesday, 16 September 2026
- Wednesday, 11 November 2026

CL03 CONSULTATION WITH KURRAJONG - DISABILITY INCLUSION ACCESS PLAN

The Committee had a detailed discussion on the DIAP Survey currently on exhibition. Members expressed that the current survey may be too complex and proposed that it be simplified to enhance accessibility and encourage more community members to participate. Staff will create a modified, easy read version of the survey to be released in addition to the current survey.

Rocco Catanzariti left the meeting at 4:49pm.

Ms Ridge raised the concern of disabled seating at parks, highlighting Memorial Park. In response Mr Badenhorst indicated all new parks have this facility. Ms Ridge also highlighted the safety concern along Banna Avenue particularly the crossing access near 101 Banna Avenue, Griffith. Ms Ridge to send a letter and that be referred to the Traffic Committee.

Debbie Honeychurch and Dene Caterina Beltrame left the meeting at 5:30pm.

Ms Ridge provided an overview of Kurrajong Lifestyle Choices, outlining the organisation's purpose, the services it provides, the clients it supports, and its use of Council facilities. She also highlighted there could be more volunteering opportunities at Council.

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Side Gate at Community Centre

Ms Wickey raised the issue that at the Community Centre the side gate from the carpark is too hard to open/ push. Ms Donaldson suggested Council investigate options for the side gate to be kept open during business hours.

7.2 Water in the carpark

Ms Wickey raised the issue that when it rains the carpark at the Community Centre floods. In response Mr Badenhorst highlighted it was designed to be a detention basin.

8 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Disability Inclusion & Access Committee is to be held on Wednesday, 18 March 2026 at 4:00pm.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 5:57pm.