
**DISABILITY INCLUSION & ACCESS COMMITTEE
TO BE HELD IN GRIFFITH REGIONAL SPORTS CENTRE ON
WEDNESDAY, 1 MARCH 2023 AT 1:00PM**

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DISTRIBUTION LIST

Councillor Shari Blumer (Chair), Laurie Testoni (Councillor - Alternate), Colin Beaton (Community Representative), Patricia Cox (Community Representative), Marilyn Hams (Community Representative), Simone Murphy (Community Representative), Mike Neville (Community Representative), Val Woodland (Community Representative), Luke Woodward (Community Representative), Jaimee Damini (Community Representative), Erin Fletcher (Community Representative)

Director Sustainable Development, Bruce Gibbs; Principal Planner Urban Design & Strategic Planning, Peter Badenhorst; Project Planner, Melanie Vella; Community Development Coordinator, Melissa Canzian and Minute Secretary, Hannah Hall

Quorum = 3

If you are unable to attend this meeting please notify the Minute Secretary prior to commencement of the meeting by email or by telephoning Council on 1300 176 077.

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Wiradjuri people who are the Traditional custodians of this land on which we meet. We pay our respects to the Elders both past and present of the Wiradjuri Nation and extend that respect to the Aboriginal Community and Aboriginal people from other tribal groups as well.

**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 Badenhost 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

CLAUSE **CL01**

TITLE **Her Way 2680 - Safer Cities Initiative**

TRIM REF **23/20432**

Melanie Vella will talk to this topic and present a video presentation.

A safer city for women and girls is a safer city for everyone. The \$30 million Safer Cities Program is putting the voices and experiences of women, girls and gender diverse people at the forefront of planning safe public spaces of the future.

As part of the Safer Cities Program, Transport for NSW has announced it will partner with several local councils to deliver the \$10 million Her Way initiative over the next 18-months. Up to \$1 million will be provided to each local council to make public spaces, including streets and public transport hubs, safer for women, girls and gender diverse people.

TITLE Outstanding Action Report

TRIM REF 23/20438

RECOMMENDATION

The report be noted.

ATTACHMENTS

(a) Outstanding Action Report [↓](#)

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ACTION REPORT**DISABILITY INCLUSION AND ACCESS COMMITTEE – 1 March 2023**

Date of Meeting	Agenda Item	Action	Action Officer	Comment
2 February 2023	Communication Boards in Parks	Ms Murphy to investigate Communication Boards through Intereach.	Simone Murphy	
2 February 2023	General Business	Mr Neville asked that the Accessible toilets at CWA park be cleaned. Mr Badenhorst will pass on request to relevant working group.	Peter Badenhorst	
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.	Ms Owen/Ms Damini	
2 February 2023	Disability Inclusion Action Plan	RECOMMENDED on the motion of Mike Neville and Laurie Testoni that the Committee will investigate and initiate the review process of future Disability Inclusion Action Plans.	Committee	2/2/2023: Current Disability Action Plan to be distributed to Committee Members. Ms Canzian to investigate review date of other Council's Action Plans as to align GCC review with the same date.
9 November 2022	Griffith Railway Station Upgrade	Committee to send Transport for NSW an email asking the possibility of including additional long stay disabled parking spaces close to the bus shelter.	Cr Blumer	1/2/2023: Not yet completed. 14/12/2022: Councillor Blumer clarified what the letter was to say. She will send to them before Christmas.
12 October 2022	Wheelchair Sports	Councillor Blumer to promote the event at upcoming Saturday morning radio show interview. Ms Murphy to forward relevant information to the Committee for promotion.	Cr Blumer / Simone Murphy	14/12/2022: Further research needed regarding the availability of wheelchairs. Councillor Blumer to apply for Community Grant by 13/01/2023. 9/11/2022: Wheelchair Rugby Event was a success. Committee to explore wheelchair funding options in the new year.

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		The Chair suggested that Ms Murphy put together a flyer with a QR code for local businesses to register their interest in sponsoring which could be handed out at the Come and Try Day.		Committee to invite My Vergano from Wheelchair Sports NSW/ACT to next meeting on 1/02/2023. Committee to invite members from Griffith Sports Council to next meeting on 1/02/2023
13 July 2022	MLAK System	RECOMMENDED on the motion of Mike Neville and Patricia Cox that Council return to the previously implemented MLAK System with consideration on communication of where keys can be accessed for disabled toilets, and a campaign be prepared for public awareness.	Shireen Donaldson	14/12/2022: Councillor Blumer to clarify with Shireen that Council <u>are</u> complying with what was agreed to during past litigation. 10/08/2022: Mrs Donaldson provided the Committee with an update regarding the legality of re-implementing the MLAK system. It was determined that the recommendation from the previous meeting LAY ON THE TABLE until the next meeting until further information is received and presented to the Committee. 20/10/2022: Still waiting on further information.
13 July 2022	Bins 4 Blokes	RECOMMENDED on the motion of Luke Woodward and Patricia Cox that the Bins 4 Blokes program be implemented at the locations listed in the report, and signage be placed on bathroom doors for awareness.	Phil King / Colin Beaton	1/2/2023: Mr Beaton will prepare letter to be sent to local Shopping Centres. 10/08/2022: Veolia have been contacted for the program to be implemented, with signage to be utilised from the Bins 4 Blokes website. 12/10/2022: Mr Beaton to approach local clubs to see if they would be interested in the program. 14/12/2022: Committee to prioritise in new year.