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

PRESENT

Councillor Shari Blumer (Chair), Laurie Testoni (Councillor - Alternate), Colin Beaton (Community Representative), Patricia Cox (Community Representative), Marilyn Hams (Community Representative), Mike Neville (Community Representative) (Via Zoom), Val Woodland (Community Representative), Nickolette Owen (By Invitation), Chris Randle (TfNSW), Josh Tang (TfNSW), Mark Wolstenholme (TfNSW), Sally Blair (Griffith Buslines)

Quorum = 3

STAFF

Director Sustainable Development, Bruce Gibbs, Urban Strategic Design & Major Projects Manager, Peter Badenhorst, Project Planner, Melanie Vella, Community Development Coordinator, Melissa Canzian (Via Zoom) and Minute Secretary, Hannah Hall

ABSENT

Luke Woodward (Community Representative), Jaimee Damini (Community Representative)
Erin Fletcher (Community Representative)

1 APOLOGIES

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Mike Neville and Val Woodland that an apology be received from Simone Murphy.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Mike Neville and Val Woodland that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 1 February 2023, having first been circulated amongst all members, be confirmed.

3 BUSINESS ARISING

Councillor Blumer advised that she had received an email from Chris Robson, the acting manager of Griffith City Library stating that the Library was not consulted regarding the removal of the partition wall in the Library Theatre. Council Staff will discuss with relevant staff members regarding this issue.

SMT COMMENT: AT A MEETING OF THE DISABILITY INCLUSION AND ACCESS COMMITTEE ON 9 NOVEMBER 2022, IT WAS RECOMMENDED ON THE MOTION OF PATRICIA COX AND LUKE WOODWARD THAT THE COMMITTEE APPROVE THE REMOVAL OF THE PARTITION WALL AND ASSOCIATED WORKS ON ONE SIDE OF

THE LIBRARY THEATRETTE TO PROVIDE ACCESSIBLE AND INCLUSIVE SEATING SPACE, USING THE ACCUMULATED ANNUAL ALLOCATION FROM THE COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM BUDGET.

COUNCIL SUBSEQUENTLY RESOLVED TO ENDORSE THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATION AT IT'S MEETING HELD 22 NOVEMBER 2022. REMOVAL OF THE PARTITION WALL WILL SCHEDULED AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE.

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 HER WAY 2680 - SAFER CITIES INITIATIVE

Melanie Vella presented the Her Way 2680 Safer Cities Initiative. Griffith has been selected as one of the cities to pilot this program. Ms Vella advised the Committee that a survey is available to all members of the public to have their say regarding where and when they feel least safe in Griffith. This data will be used to identify spaces for safety improvement projects. Ms Vella will distribute the link to the Committee.

The Committee asked that hard copies be made available at various places throughout Griffith and that schools be engaged as well. The Committee also asked that it be noted that the age of people being engaged should be lowered to 14 from 16 to include young girls who are working part-time jobs.

6 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT

Due to time constraints, the Committee was unable to review the Outstanding Action Report.

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

Chris Randle, Josh Tang & Mark Wolstenholme from Transport for NSW and Sally Blair, Manager Griffith Buslines, presented a confidential presentation on the 16 Cities Regional Services Improvement Program.

Bruce Gibbs left the meeting, the time being 1:38pm.

Bruce Gibbs returned to the meeting, the time being 1:43pm.

Councillor Shari Blumer left the meeting, the time being 2:03pm.

Nickolette Owen left the meeting, the time being 2:07pm.

Melanie Vella left the meeting, the time being 2:18pm.

Val Woodland left the meeting, the time being 2:19pm.

Melanie Vella returned to the meeting, the time being 2:21pm.

8 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Disability Inclusion & Access Committee is to be held on Wednesday, 5 April 2023 at 1:00pm.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 2:26pm.

Confirmed:

CHAIRPERSON