

## Disability & Inclusion Advisory Group

**Date:** 28/09/2022

**Time:** 3.04pm

**Location:** Council Chambers / Boardroom (Shire Hall) and via MS Teams

<b>Members</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Apology</b>
Mhari Paterson	✓	
Libby Berg	✓	
Lyn Boucher	✓	
Geraldine Cox	✓	
Eric Third	✓	
Sarah Owers		✓
Cr Beverley Spearpoint (Chair)	✓	
Cr Suzy Brandstater (Deputy Chair)	✓	
Rob Moran, Acting Manager Community Services	✓	
Vickie Tierney, Community Projects Officer	✓	

<b>Item</b>	<b>Key Speaker (s)</b>	<b>Agreed Actions</b>
<b>1. Acknowledgement of country</b>	Chair	AOC delivered by Cr Spearpoint
<b>2. Attendance and apologies</b> As noted above	Chair	Vickie Tierney
<b>3. Disclosure of interests</b>	Chair	Nil
<b>4. Confirmation of previous minutes</b> NA	Chair	Not Applicable
<b>5. Committee Induction</b>  <b>Introductions from each member</b>  <b>Lyn Boucher</b> Warragamba resident of 70yrs has an interest in access and the difficulties some residents face getting around the Warragamba area.  <b>Libby Berg</b> Silverdale resident for 48yrs is involved in many volunteer clubs and activities such of the footy club and would like to be more	Members	

involved in supporting people in the community living with a disability.

**Mhari Paterson**

Picton resident and representative for Disability Services Australia (DSA). Provided an overview of DSA services available in Picton which include a respite facility, NDIS services and supported accommodation. Mhari has a personal interest in supporting a more inclusive and accessible community and has been a committee member before.

**Geraldine Cox**

Geraldine is a Buxton resident, has a mild physical disability herself with personal insight into the difficulty of getting around the community. Geraldine is a retired paramedic and has family members with significant disabilities. Would like to share her experiences and get more involved in supporting advocacy projects.

**Eric Third**

Eric is a Picton resident and has been part of the committee for 16 years. He is a strong community advocate and seen Council improvements over the years but still room for improvement. Eric is a quadriplegic and has lots of ideas to share with committee.

**Cr Bev Spearpoint**

Warragamba resident, has mobility challenges and is very passionate about increasing access for Wollondilly residents.

**Cr Suzy Brandstater**

Thirlmere resident, Suzy has family members who have a disability and is passionate about Disability Access and Inclusion Shire Wide and would like to be able to support people living with a disability to become more independent.

**Rob Moran**

Manager Community Services

**Vickie Tierney**

Community Projects Officer, Ageing and Disability

**Overview of the Terms of Reference & Scope**

Cr Spearpoint gave an overview of the Terms of Reference document

Chair

**Overview of the Code of Conduct**

Cr Spearpoint read the Code of Conduct document

Chair

**Meeting Scheduling and timing**

Cr Spearpoint suggested proposed quarterly meetings and proposed a time change to 12.30pm on a Thursday to support those with transport difficulties in the evening.

Chair

<p>Vickie Tierney to contact Sarah Owers to understand her personal commitments and ability to attend meetings earlier in the day.</p> <p><b>Remote Attendance</b></p> <p>Discussed the ability to have hybrid meetings.</p>	<p>Vickie Tierney</p> <p>Chair</p>	
<p><b>6. CSP Strategies and Delivery Plan Actions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CSP alignment summary</li> <li>• Delivery Plan Actions</li> <li>• Other key documents / plans / strategies etc</li> </ul> <p>Issues and priorities ahead</p> <p>Cr Spearpoint referred to CSP, Delivery Plan, resourcing strategy and Disability Inclusion Action Plan.</p> <p>Rob Moran gave overview of the function of the Disability AG and that they could suggest recommendations for Council to the People Strategic Reference Group (People SRG).</p>	<p>Chair</p> <p>Rob Moran</p>	
<p><b>7. General Business</b></p> <p>Priorities of Disability AG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accessible parking</li> <li>• Paths of travel and road crossings</li> <li>• Seniors parking</li> <li>• Accessible Tourism</li> <li>• Striving for Best Practice not just standard design eg. Universal Design Principles</li> <li>• Projects to raise awareness of people living with a disability and opportunities to educate the community on the ongoing case for inclusion</li> <li>• Accessible street furniture</li> <li>• Opportunities for people with disability to participate in sporting clubs such as accessible rugby</li> <li>• Disability Inclusive Emergency Preparedness</li> <li>• Inclusive digital literacy opportunities</li> <li>• Advocacy for disability services</li> <li>• Employment for people living with a disability</li> <li>• Mental Health</li> <li>• Supporting Young Carers</li> <li>• Supportive of the role out and reporting of Councils Disability Inclusion Action Plan.</li> </ul> <p><i>Note: All of the priorities identified by members are key actions within Councils Disability inclusion Action Plan 2022-2025</i></p> <p>Committee consented to share email contact information with each other.</p>	<p>Chair/Members</p>	<p><b>Recommendation</b> to SRG that Assets, Transport &amp; Engineering representation be invited to the next Disability AG to present Council Accessible car parking audit report.</p> <p><b>Recommendation</b> to SRG that the Disability AG provide a letter to the NSW Government advocating for accessibility upgrades of Thirlmere Lakes.</p> <p><b>Recommendation</b> to the SRG that the Disability AG receive a copy of the recommendation report from Disability Inclusive Emergency Preparedness Research Forum facilitated by Sydney University.</p> <p><b>Recommendation</b> to SRG that a representative from Councils People &amp; Culture team to speak about ways Council is making employment</p>

		opportunities at Council more accessible.
Next Meeting: Meeting closed: 5.00pm		Tentatively Booked: Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 12.30pm Location TBA