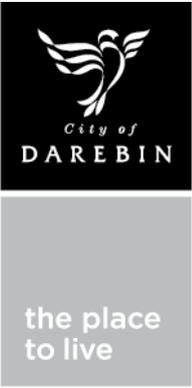


Darebin Disability Advisory Committee

Monday 3 April 2017
Meeting Minutes



Present

Community Representatives:

Vince Pirrottina, Helen Caligiuri and Edward Manuel

Carers:

Judith McLean, George Jiang

Service Providers:

Kathy Kondekas, Melbourne Polytechnic

Council staff:

Shadi Hanna, Manager Aged and Disability

Gillian Damonze, Coordinator Community Participation and Development

Christine Mulholland, MetroAccess Officer

Guest speaker:

Jennifer Loulie, Public Spaces, Darebin Council

Eddie Chapman, CEO Association for Children with a Disability

1 Present and Apologies

Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, acknowledged the traditional owners and apologies were noted.

Apologies: Katrina Knox (Director Community Development), Jo Banks (carer), Matthew Zammit (community representative), Maysa Abouzeid (community representative), Ray Jordan (community representative) and Gail Abbott (Encompass House).

DDAC and Council would like to congratulate Vince who was appointed to the Victorian Equal Opportunity & Human Rights Commission [Disability Reference Group](#) 2016-2018.

2 Matters arising from the previous minutes

Actions pending:

- 'Drop off zone' item (October 2016): Revisit the discussion with Transport Management regarding the installation of disabled parking bays to standards.
- Write advocacy letter to Preston Market developers encouraging them to consider Liveable Housing Guidelines in constructing apartments on the site.
- Invite Building Services to future meeting to discuss their role in disability access after a planning permit is granted.

Actions completed:

- Gail Abbott provided information about Inclusion Melbourne's volunteer program (see attached).
- Christine has copies of the bathroom layouts for the Fairfield development. They are large files and still not for public distribution, so for those interested please contact Christine. Each apartment has an individually designed bathroom, however I imagine the bathrooms would be in accordance with the [Liveable Housing Guidelines](#) (pages 30-43) platinum rating. This level describes design elements that would better accommodate ageing in place and people with higher mobility needs.

3 Round table check-in (*This is an opportunity for members to add items to the agenda, prioritise agenda items, report back on events, updates or issues that may have come up since the last meeting and table any other issues*).

- Vince attended a testing session with Metro Trains for their new 'high capacity train program' - testing a new layout increasing space for wheelchairs, a hydraulic ramp operated by the driver and wheelchair passengers will now be able to board the second carriage through the use of a manual ramp.

4 Edwardes Lake Master Plan – Jennifer Loulie

The current Master Plan for Edwardes Lake is 17 years old, the park and its amenities have aged and the local Reservoir community has changed significantly in that time. Therefore the new Master Plan will ensure the park meets current needs and responds to community issues.

Proposed Ideas:

- New paths
- New entry points into the park
- Safer pedestrian crossings
- New bridge connection across Lake
- New stair connection
- Bike and pedestrian path along the Lake and Creek
- New BBQ areas and playgrounds
- New public toilets
- New dog park
- Upgrade the stage
- Redevelop the boathouse
- Bring back water activities
- Protect the Creek and Habitat

Recommendations/Feedback from DDAC members included:

- Wheelchair charging stations/power outlets
- Tree replacement
- Use natural resources (e.g. tree logs) for furniture and play equipment
- Create an island in the centre of the Lake

- Use natural features of the landscape to add/enhance amenities e.g. natural slope in hill as sloped seating.
- Allow small boats to access the water
- Install a Changing Place facility as part of the toilet block upgrade

Attachments: Edwardes Lake Master Plan presentation

5 Changing Places (CP) – Eddie Chapman, CEO Association of Children with a Disability (ACD)

ACD are the auspice agency for Changing Places (CP) in Australia. Changing Places started in the UK in 2006 and was brought over to Australia in the years following. Maroondah Council led the charge alongside ACD.

Standard disabled toilets are not functional for all people with a disability. A CP is different in that they have extra features and more space to meet the needs of people with disability who need extra facilities to allow them to use the toilet comfortably and with dignity.

Each Changing Place facility provides:

- A height adjustable adult-sized changing bench/table
- A tracking hoist system
- A pedestal toilet allowing for access to both sides of the pan
- Safe and clean environment

Changing Places National Design:

- Designed by professionals in the field and endorsed by other professionals in the field.
- Design incorporates world best practice and continues to be refined and improved upon.
- Long term aim is for it to be a part of the Building Code.
- Designed to be in addition to the existing disabled toilets. Not to replace. People will have different requirements, for some people a normal disabled toilet would be adequate, but not for others. Also a normal disabled toilet is occupied for about 5-10 minutes at a time, whereas a CP is occupied for 20-30 minutes. If a CP is the only option, it limits access to the toilet.
- Pre-built designs and costing schedule makes it as easy as possible to just build what is designed.
- In Victoria alone there are approximately 14 CP's that have either been built/are being built/planned for.
- There is a mobile CP called [Marveloo](#) which can be hired for events
- The brand is growing and becoming accepted. There's strong community support through social media ([facebook page](#)), people know where they are and celebrate new ones.
- A recent survey revealed community members identified their top three priority locations for a CP are: 1) Major shopping centres, 2) premium train stations and 3) tourist attractions.
- Changing Places can be positioned within a facility, examples include Eastland Shopping Centre, MCG, Chadstone Shopping Centre or outdoors as a standalone toilet block,

examples include Jack Roper Reserve Hume, Livi's Park, Ballarat and Ringwood Park, Ringwood.

- Existing toilets that meet certain requirements can also be accredited as CP's if they meet certain requirements.
- The majority of CP's use an [MLAK \(Master Locksmith Access Key\) locking system](#), especially standalone facilities prone to vandalism. An MLAK is an innovative system that enables people with disabilities to gain 24/7 access to a network of public facilities. People with a disability are able to purchase an MLAK master key which will open all toilets, playgrounds and other facilities which are fitted with this specially designed lock.

Attachments: Changing Places presentation

6 General Business

- DDAC members would have received an email regarding '[Walkspot](#)'. Walkspot is a quick and easy way to submit feedback about places you enjoy walking in Darebin as well as trouble spots that can be improved.
- Council's Health and Wellbeing Plan consultation has been extended to 30 April. You can Join the [online forum](#) or call our Health Promotion Officer on 8470 8888.
- Council extended an invitation to committee members to participate in a 'community hearing' (held on April 11) to contribute to the process of recruiting a new CEO.
- DDAC were previously invited to contribute to Council's Climate Strategy consultation, this has been postponed until May. Further details will be forwarded when the session is rescheduled.
- At the February Active and Healthy Ageing Board (AHAB) meeting there was a request from AHAB members to have a joint meeting with DDAC. The purpose of this joint meeting will be to discuss how collaboration between the two advisory committees can guide and strengthen the focus for each committee over the coming months where the issues / priorities are likely to be common.

A joint meeting will be held on Monday 29th May, 11am – 1pm. An agenda will be forthcoming. The top 2-3 topics identified by each committee are included below:

- DDAC
 - Housing options and challenges for people with disabilities
 - Social connection and inclusion
- AHAB
 - Work collaboratively with other Council committees
 - Elder abuse awareness
 - Affordable housing issues

Action: Gillian to send invite and agenda out for joint AHAB and DDAC

7 Meeting feedback – everyone

Members noted they liked the presentations.

Next meeting: Monday 5 June 2017