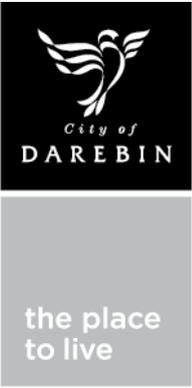


Darebin Disability Advisory Committee

Monday 5 June 2017
Meeting Minutes



Present

Councillors and Co-Chairs:

Cr Julie Williams
Cr Suzanne Newton

Community Representatives:

Vince Pirrottina and Helen Caligiuri

Carers:

Judith McLean and Jo Banks

Council staff:

Shadi Hanna, Manager Aged and Disability
Gillian Damonze, Coordinator Community Participation and Development
Katie Kiley, Senior Team Leader Access & Inclusion
Christine Mulholland, MetroAccess Officer
Karla Coombes, Coordinator Children & Community Development
Nick Matteo, Community Planner

Guest speaker:

Rebecca Vuu, Transport and Public Places, Darebin Council
Di Gow, Planning Great Futures

1 Present and Apologies

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

Apologies: Katrina Knox (Director Community Development), Kathy Kondekas (Melbourne Polytechnic), Matthew Zammit (community representative), George Jiang (carer), Ray Jordan (community representative) and Gail Abbott (Encompass House).

Maysa recently contacted Christine to resign from DDAC, effective immediately. Maysa recently took up full time employment with Guide Dogs Victoria as a Support Coordinator.

Welcome to Katie (Katherine) Kiley, new Senior Team Leader Access and Inclusion. Katie brings a strong disability background with her, having worked and volunteered as a Community Visitor, disability support worker, and vocational trainer for over 16 years. She has just come over from working at the Disability Services Commissioner and has also recently been admitted to the Supreme Court as an Australian Solicitor.

Katie can be contacted on Katherine.kiley@darebin.vic.gov.au / 8470 8315.

2 Matters arising from the previous minutes

Actions pending:

- Invite Building Services to future meeting to discuss their role in disability access after a planning permit is granted.

Actions completed:

- ‘Drop off zone’ item (October 2016): Revisit the discussion with Transport Management regarding the installation of disabled parking bays to standards – will be addressed in item 4 of today’s agenda.
- Write advocacy letter to Preston Market developers encouraging them to consider Liveable Housing Guidelines in constructing apartments on the site.
Cr Newton was able to update DDAC on the current conversations being had between Council and the Market developers (see below). Cr Newton then took feedback from DDAC members to include in future conversations with the developers including housing access considerations for people with a disability and carers and the inclusion of a Changing Place in the Market.
 - On 27 February 2017, Council unanimously voted to refuse two town planning permit applications from Preston Market Developments. The applications were to build three residential apartment towers containing 300 dwellings and 2900 square metres of additional retail floor space on the Preston Market site.
 - Council’s job was to assess the planning applications against the requirements of the Darebin Planning Scheme. Council decided there were aspects of the two applications which didn’t sufficiently comply with the Planning Scheme and the Preston Market Incorporated Plan. Council has taken a strong stance on this application because we want to secure the Market’s future. The decision to refuse these applications can be appealed to the Victorian Civil Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) and the owners of the Market may decide to lodge an appeal against our decision.
 - Knowing this, at the same Council Meeting decided to ask the Hon Richard Wynne MP, Minister for Planning, to exercise his powers to ‘call in’ these planning permit applications and any other applications we might receive for the market site in the near future. To support this request we are currently compiling a detailed submission to the Minister that demonstrates the social, cultural and economic significance of the Market site to broader northern metropolitan Melbourne. If the Minister agrees to our request the Victorian Government will become the Responsible Authority for town planning decisions for this development.
 - You can refer to Council’s website (www.darebin.vic.gov.au/en/Your-Say/Advocacy/Current-Projects) for further updates.

- 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*).

ACTION:

Christine to check if DAC members can access a parking permit for extended parking during DDAC meetings, due to limited 1 & 2 hour parking options.

4 Disabled Parking Bays in Darebin – Rebecca Vuu, Transport & Public Places

The issue of how disabled parking bays were being implemented in Darebin was first raised by DDAC in 2009. A Report went to Council detailing Council’s disabled parking bays in regard to their compliance with the DDA and the proposed future direction for the installation, maintenance and upgrade of disabled parking bays in Darebin. Following the Report in 2009, Council resolved to:

- Any new disabled parking bays installed are to comply with the appropriate Australian Standards
- Existing disabled parking bays will be upgraded or relocated to reach full compliance
- Upgrading will be prioritised in activity centres and education facilities
- New disabled parking bays outside residential properties are to be discouraged with the exception of community residential units or aged care facilities

How are bays/locations identified?

- Council receives requests from the community for new parking bay locations which includes residential streets, schools and activity centres.
- Council has a master listing of all the bays within Darebin to plan suitable locations for upgrade each year.
- Council will be developing a Municipal Parking Strategy next year which will include looking at disabled parking bays in residential streets.

Current number of disabled parking bays in Darebin

NB: not all the bays listed below are compliant

By type of facility:	By type of bay:	By suburb:
Education = 30	On street parallel = 37	Fairfield = 16
Activity Centre = 76	On street angle = 71	Kingsbury = 3
Residential = 6	Off street = 61	Macleod = 1
Community Facility = 57		Northcote = 45
		Preston = 36
		Reservoir = 43
		Thornbury = 29

While disabled parking bays are separate to disabled parking permits it was opportune timing to update the Committee on a recent announcement of changes to the Disability Parking Permit Scheme. VicRoads has successfully been granted funds and the Government is investing \$6.2 million to simplify application processes and deliver safer and more accessible parking as part of the Australian Disability Parking Scheme.

This initiative will deliver the following changes and improvements:

- A review of eligibility criteria to ensure the scheme is sustainable and fair to people with defined mobility-related disabilities (by end 2017).

- A centralised database of permit holders and use of unique printed codes on permits to assist in permit compliance (by June 2018).
- Delivery of a smartphone application to enable parking enforcement officers to send a query to the central database to establish whether a permit is valid or not (by September 2018).

Attachments: corresponding presentation

ACTION:

Numbers of non-compliant bays in Darebin?

Will the questions on the Parking Permit form be changed?

Will applicants need to reapply for a permit if their need is permanent?

5 Housing Options for people with disability – Di Gow, Planning Great Futures

Di Gow is from Planning Great Futures. Di has extensive experience and knowledge in disability and talked to the different housing and accommodation options for people with disability, including new NDIS support and funding categories.

Di spoke about the following NDIS supports available:

- SIL (Supported Independent Living) www.ndis.gov.au/providers/sil - is assistance with and/or supervising tasks of daily life to develop the skills of individuals to live as autonomously as possible.
- SDA (Specialist Disability Accommodation) www.ndis.gov.au/specialist-disability-accommodation – only 6% of eligible NDIS participants will have this payment/support category (approx. \$20-\$40K) included in their plan. The payment is portable and moves with the participant, but goes towards a developer/dwelling. The SDA is therefore quite attractive to developers, builders, and property owners.
- Housing Options Package – provides participants with up to 50 hours of additional Support Coordination and up to 5 individual assessments/or 50 hours (such as occupational or technology assessments) to comprehensively inform the NDIA of the participant's housing need and recommendations for an appropriate dwelling and aids or equipment required. The Housing Options Package can be added to each participant's plan (this includes First Plan and Plan Reviews) where a goal of considering other living arrangements is communicated during their preplanning/review meeting. This can also assist in establishing SDA eligibility.

Other resources and housing options discussed, and explained in more depth in the attached presentation, included:

- Traditional housing options
- More innovative housing options
- Housing examples and supports available
- Liveable private housing
- Disability Services Consulting (DSC) host workshops on understanding the SDA as well as other NDIS topics, have an E-newsletter with NDIS updates and have several resources

on housing and the NDIS on their website

<http://www.disabilityservicesconsulting.com.au/ndis-housing>.

Di also spoke about the *Housing Roadshow* which she presents to people with disability, parents/carers and workers in the sector. The workshop about how to get started on the journey to leaving home and living in the community. Practical guide to housing and supports, who can help and what you need to do to make it a reality.

Attachments: Christine presented on the different housing options back in 2014. Christine updated the presentation notes to reflect sector and NDIS updates and items covered by Di.

ACTION:

Christine organise Housing Roadshow sessions for community and workers.

6 General Business

Council updates:

- **Climate Change Action Plan**

Council's DRAFT Climate Emergency Plan is available for consultation on the Council website www.yoursaydarebin.com.au/climateaction. You can request a hard copy. Consultation is open until July 3rd.

- **Changing Places update**

Following on from the ACD presentation on CP's Council has included a commitment in the DRAFT Council Plan to build a minimum of four Changing Places over the lifespan of the Plan.

- **MetroAccess funding**

All Victorian Councils have received notification that the Building Inclusive Communities (BIC) (MetroAccess, RuralAccess and DeafAccess) Program will be funded for a further 12 months (2017/18 financial year). During the next 12 months the Officers are required to shift their operations from the old MA Objectives to the 5 ILC Outcome Areas. Following this additional 12 months the BIC program will cease to exist and Councils will need to apply for an ILC Grant under the NDIS to be funded.

- **Transport Management**

VicRoads recently developed 'Accessibility (DDA) Guidelines' to guide practitioners involved in the design and construction of pedestrian road infrastructure. These guidelines are available on the [VicRoads website](#). Following on from the release the Guidelines Transport Management will be auditing the 26 Darebin owned traffic signal sites to measure compliance and order rectification works as required. For example Council will be installing audio and touch tactile components to the pedestrian operated signal push buttons at Gilbert Road and Locksley Avenue near Reservoir West Primary School.

- **For your information: DRAFT Council Plan 2017 – 2021 action relating to advisory committees**

Action 5.1: We will ensure our services, facilities and programs benefit all, including our most vulnerable.

Target: 'Reconfiguring Council's community advisory structures to facilitate more targeted and impactful opportunities for community decision-making'.

7 Meeting feedback – everyone

Members noted that it was a positive meeting and they learnt a lot from the information delivered and discussed.

Next meeting: Monday 8 August 2017