

Active and Healthy Ageing Advisory Board Meeting
5.00pm to 6:30pm Council Chambers (1st Floor 350 High Street Preston)
Meeting Minutes - Thursday 13th April 2017

Chair: Cr Susanne Newton

Minutes: Fionnuala Spillane

Community Representatives Attendance: Mary Castellani, Audrey Grace, Virginia Herts, Draga Kostandinova, Anne Learmonth, Nick Nicholaou, Geoff Richards and Robyn Vote.

Councillor Representatives Attendance: Cr Gaetano Greco, Cr Susanne Newton

Darebin Council Representatives Attendance: Gillian Damonze (Co ordinator of Community Participation and Development), Shadi Hanna (Manager, Aged & Disability Department), Katrina Knox (Director, Community Development), Fionnuala Spillane (Community Development Officer)

Apologies: Lyn Austin, Marika Bozinova, Frances Hennessy and Cr Lina Messina

Observers: Jan Gross, George Jiang, Caroline Morrison and Amanda Scott (all considering joining AHAB)

Item	Key Discussion Points	Action – Who/When
1. Welcome, present, apologies	Cr Susanne Newton welcomed everyone to the meeting. Members, observers and staff introduced themselves.	-
2. Agenda overview	Cr Newton provided an overview of the agenda and asked for additional items. Board members requested that the following be discussed under 'other items': <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New Bike Path - Progressive Retirement (held over from last meeting) 	-
3. Terms of Reference	The Terms of Reference were discussed. Members noted that the community membership has been increased to 15 residents.	-

	The Committee endorsed the Terms of Reference.	
4. Recruitment to AHAB	<p>An advertisement has been placed in the lead to recruit new members to the Board. Members suggested to contact Aboriginal people via schools and doctors' surgeries.</p> <p>Gillian is awaiting a reply from the Darebin Ethnic Communities Council.</p> <p>Current Community Members offered to be a point of contact for new members, to help them settle in to the Board.</p>	<p>Gillian Continue to promote the recruitment to AHAB.</p> <p>Gillian Check in with members not attending regularly to check if they want to continue with the Board.</p> <p>Gillian Draft a process for induction of new members.</p>
4. Joint meeting with Darebin Disability Advisory Committee (DDAC)	<p>The two areas of interest DDAC have proposed for discussion at the joint meeting with the Board include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Housing options and challenges for people with disabilities 2. Social connection and inclusion <p>Meeting date set for Monday 29th May 11am – 1pm.</p> <p>Due to limited time, the AHAB workplan will be circulated for members to determine top 2-3 priorities for discussion with DDAC.</p>	<p>Gillian</p> <p>Develop an agenda and circulate to the Board, a list of possible priorities for discussion at the joint meeting.</p>
5. Edwardes Lake Park Master Plan presentation by Jennifer Louie, Urban Designer, Transport and Public Spaces Department	<p>Jennifer gave a comprehensive outline of the Plan for upgrading Edwardes Lake Park. She explained the history of the park and Council's efforts to improve the water quality, facilities and increase its use by the public. The Plan will include extending the area of the park used, currently it is focussed on the Griffith Street area, near the car</p>	<p>Members are invited to contact Jennifer if they wish to make further comment on the Plan. Jennifer to send AHAB a</p>

	<p>parking, and it is hoped to open up the Leamington Street area to more use.</p> <p>Board members, some of whom are regular players in the park, made suggestions about the Plan. It was recommended that Council make a special effort to consult with residents on Seaver Grove whose homes face in to the Leamington Street section of the park.</p> <p>A draft plan will be circulated in coming weeks.</p>	<p>draft of the Plan when it's available.</p> <p>Noted by Jennifer and will be considered in drafting the Plan.</p>
<p>6.Sector Reform Update</p>	<p>Shadi gave the Board an update on the changes in Aged Care.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been an increase of 11,000 in new home care packages. Darebin has been one of nine councils to receive extra funding. • The Aged Care Reform Working Group (comprised of councillors and staff) – met for the first time in Feb to commence discussions regarding council's role in service provision beyond 2019. • Darebin is working as part of seven councils to discuss the challenges of the reforms. The group of councils is engaging a firm to conduct a community consultation. • NDIS: The NDIS roll out has been delayed, it will not be completed as planned by July, but is extended a further six months. Darebin will continue to provide services for people with disabilities until March 2018, if they have not transitioned to NDIS. 	<p>-</p> <p>-</p>
<p>7. Aged and Disability update</p>	<p>Community Participation and Development Unit</p> <p>Gillian and Fionnuala gave a report on some of the current work of the unit.</p> <p>See attached.</p>	

	<p>temporarily during the water works on St Georges Road. There is no opportunity for cars or pedestrians to cross. The cyclists are travelling very fast and some calming measures are needed to slow them down.</p>	<p>Refer this to transport. Can links be open where work is not going on, especially for pedestrians?</p> <p>Invite Che Sutherland, Team Leader Transport Strategy, to next meeting to talk about plans for St Georges Road.</p>
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Community Development – Active and Healthy Ageing Board Thursday 13th April 2017

Kite Festival

We held a stall at the Kite Festival this year. We gave out information about our services and the changes to people who are aged or have a disability.

We had many people come to chat with us at the stall we shared with Family and Children's services and the Brotherhood of St. Laurence.

Older people visiting wanting information about council services provided us with a great opportunity to talk about My Aged Care and the need for a person to contact MAC before accessing services through other providers.

Sharing the stall with Family and Children Services and BSL attracted many people / families of people with a disability who came seeking clarification about the NDIS, eligibility and access to the program.

Food and Wine Festival Mentor project

We have been approached by the Sustainable Food Officer, Lee Tozzi, to find some experienced wine makers to work with some new wine makers to pass on their skills. Lee and staff have approached the Italian Seniors' Club of Preston, which has about 20 wine makers, to take up this opportunity. Lee has already recruited some younger people interested in working with the experienced wine makers. This has potential to be replicable with other foods and possibly crafts. We hope the success of this project will encourage other clubs to consider what they might pass on and look at the legacy their clubs will pass on.

LGBTIQ confidential staff survey

Two staff from Darebin Council undertook training with Gay Lesbian Health Victoria, called How2 LGBTIQ Awareness Training in 2017. This was building on How2 training undertaken by Darebin staff in 2013 which led to a chapter in a publication called Beyond the Rainbow Sticker.

One component of the current training involves a survey of staff. The survey has been developed and is awaiting final approval from People and Development to be piloted across the Community Development directorate, before being rolled out across Council. It is hoped that this will happen during May to coincide with IDAHOBIT Day (International Day of Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Lesbophobia and Transphobia).

Following the roll out of the survey in Community Development we hope to get some idea of the training needs of Council staff with regards LGBTIQ. Community Participation and Development have approached P & D about including LGBTIQ Awareness in the staff induction.

Signing of the Age Friendly Declaration

Mayor Kim Le Cerf signed the Age Friendly Declaration on 28/2/17. The vision of the Municipal Association of Victoria and the Victorian Government in signing the declaration is for better state and local planning for the creation of age friendly communities. It is recognised that LG has a leading role in establishing age friendly communities.

CALD Seniors Grant Program

– Project title: Older People talking transport – Understanding Age friendly transport. Objectives include:

- Working with culturally and linguistically diverse older adults in Darebin to explore the barriers to public transport use
- Support the development of age friendly bus routes in Darebin
- 6 month period
- Targeting bus routes 250 / 251 in the northern corridor of Darebin
- Partnering with Merri Outreach/ Transdev

An improved public transport network will increase social inclusion, enhance health and improve community safety.