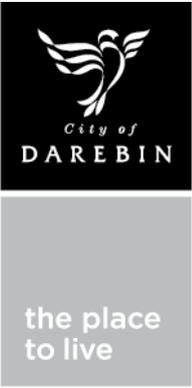


Darebin Disability Advisory Committee

Monday 1st October
Meeting Minutes



Present:

Councillors and Co-Chairs:

Cr Susanne Newton

Community Representatives:

Helen Caligiuri, Matthew Zammit, Vince Pirrottina

Carers:

Service Providers:

Gail Abbott, Encompass House

Kathy Kondekas, Melbourne Polytechnic

Council Staff:

Shadi Hanna, Manager Aged & Disability

Katherine Kiley, Senior Team Leader Access and Inclusion

Zoe Howard, Metro Access Officer, Community Participation and Development

Guest speaker:

1 Present and Apologies

Acknowledgement of Country, Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, apologies were noted.

Apologies: Cr Julie Williams, Ray Jordan (Community Representative), Edward Manuel (Community Representative), Judith McLean (Carer), Jo Banks (Carer), George Jiang (Carer)

2 Matters arising from the previous minutes

Actions pending:

- **Parking permits for attendance at DDAC meetings:** Zoe has explored options to provide parking permits to DDAC members with the Team Leader of Transport Engineering and researched precedents in other Victorian Councils. There are currently no mechanisms within Council to issue DDAC permits, however it will be considered in the review of the Residential Parking Permit Policy, due for completion in June 2019. Zoe and Katie are meeting with transport engineering this week to discuss the Parking Permit Policy review in more detail.
- **Inaccessible lift at Darebin North East Community Hub (DNECH):** An access consultant has been engaged to conduct an access appraisal of the DNECH lift, which will also include an appraisal of the whole DNECH building for a strategic approach to access issues.

- DDAC suggested to have a person with a disability attend access audits, as access consultants measure against standards, not universal design
- Discussion extended to general disability awareness training across Council. DDAC suggested training could involve specific teams attending sites with a person with a disability and highlight accessibility and should address communicating with people with disabilities.

ACTIONS:

Katie to circulate DNECH lift report to DDAC once complete.

- 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*).

Following items added to General Business:

- Disability parking permit material update
- Metro Trains High Capacity Trains

4 International Day of People with Disability (IDPWD) and International Human Rights Day (IHRD)

International Day of People with Disability (IDPWD) is a United Nations sanctioned day held on 3rd December each year that aims to increase public awareness, understanding and acceptance of people with disability. International Human Rights Day (IHRD) is held one week later on 10th December and marked the day the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948. Based on DDAC feedback regarding IDPWD in 2017, this year the Access and Inclusion Team have partnered with Amelia Bassett, Council's Human Rights Officer to hold a joint event to mark both IDPWD and IHRD. The aim of this is to support a conversation that invites everyone in the community to participate, and moves the discourse away from lack of capacity/function, to our human right to protection ferom discrimination, equality, and to be treated with respect and dignity.

Current Plans for IDPWD and IHRD event:

[Defiant Lives](#), a film about the disability rights movement in the US, Britain and Australia will be shown over two screenings, with a Q&A with the film's director to follow the day time screening. It should be noted that Defiant Lives addresses adult themes including institutionalisation and physical and sexual abuse.

1. Wednesday 5th December 11:00am, Shire Hall

- Film Screening
- Q&A with film's director, Sarah Barton

- Launch of 'Raising your Human Rights' issue advocacy resource
- Discussions and activities about human rights advocacy in Darebin

2. Thursday 6th December Libraries after Dark 6:00pm, Preston Library

- Film screening (director unavailable for Q&A post-screening)

DDAC provided the following feedback:

- Conversation should include a celebration of our achievements, history of disability rights in Darebin, acknowledging activists in Darebin and invite some along to the event where possible
- Event should “normalise achievement” of people with disability and focus on abilities/what people are capable of
- 'Disability Pride' murals were created by an artist with a disability in Footscray, could we do something similar in Darebin to celebrate all abilities?
- Some people's understanding of human rights is very limited, discussions should be catered to varying levels of knowledge
- The royal commission into aged care has highlighted the need for something similar within the disability sector – systematic issues and culture need to be addressed. This topic may come up for discussion on the day.
- Film could be confronting for some attendees, ensure appropriate supports available to people on the day

ACTIONS:

- Content warnings to be included on event promotions
- Zoe to send out Art Ability information with DDAC minutes

5 Terms of Reference Review

Committee Terms of Reference must be reviewed every two years. Katie presented a PowerPoint outlining the current DDAC Terms of Reference, developed in October 2016. DDAC feedback and recommendations into the new Terms of Reference have been recorded in a separate document to be circulated with the minutes.

Additional feedback from this discussion included:

- Explore electronic options to make DDAC accessible to members who cannot attend meetings due to eg. illness, care arrangements, appointments
- Provide members the opportunity to contribute to an agenda item after a meeting if they were unable to voice their opinion
- Concerns regarding Conflict of Interest and NDIS service providers sitting on committee

- Explore the possibility of the National Disability Insurance Scheme Local Area Co-ordinator sitting on DDAC

ACTIONS:

- Katie to re-draft Terms of Reference incorporating DDAC feedback. Draft Terms of Reference will be circulated with the minutes and discussed in the December DDAC meeting.
- Gail Abbott to draft a letter for Shadi to advise Council that Encompass House DDAC membership will be referenced on their website.

6 General Business

Council Updates

Darebin is participating in the NEMA Disability Service Provider's Expo in 2018. This is in partnership with Whittlesea, Yarra, Banyule and Nillumbik Councils, and the Brotherhood of St Laurence. The expo will be held on Tuesday 20th November at Plenty Valley Arts and Convention Centre. EOIs for service providers are now open.

Correspondence from Victorian Disability Advisory Council

The Victorian Disability Advisory Council (VDAC) have requested that DDAC members sign up to their new stakeholder mailing list via correspondence to Cr Le Cerf. The VDAC correspondence was distributed to the committee. DDAC identified that this is a good opportunity to enhance the dialogue between State and Local government, particularly with the state funded Metro Access (Building Inclusive Communities) program ending in June 2019.

Third Review of the Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport 2002 (Transport Standards)

The Third Review of the Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport 2002 (Transport Standards) Issues Paper has been released with submissions closing 30 November 2018. Katie invited DDAC to send their contributions to the review to her, which will be compiled as a submission from DDAC. Gail will develop a survey to send to local residents and will send to Katie.

The Committee for Melbourne

Darebin City Council is the newest member of the Committee for Melbourne. The Committee for Melbourne plan to partner with AMAZE and Council to make Preston Central Autism Friendly and are seeking DDAC feedback into the plan. DDAC were supportive of the project; feedback was that it sounded like a fantastic opportunity. There was also feedback that an autism friendly project would inform broader community capacity building around physical, sensory and attitudinal barriers in our community and supported the opportunity 'in principle'.

Items raised in Round table check-in:

Disability parking permit material update

- DDAC requested an update on the current disability parking permit material, which regularly break. Katie advised that the team responsible are still investigating alternatives
- DDAC suggested a magnetic material, or removable material similar to that of L and P plates
- DDAC stated that all permits should be laminated prior to issuing to community, rather than community requesting lamination

Metro Trains High Capacity Trains

- Vince commended Metro Trains' community consultation process, commenting that feedback from community on the new trains had not only been listened to, but incorporated in amended designs
- Plans have removed the centre bar in the train carriages and ramps will be shortened for some smaller train stations

ACTION:

- Committee to send submissions into the Transport Standards to Katie, who will compile responses and submit on behalf of DDAC.
- Katie to seek progress update regarding changes to disability parking permit material and provide DDAC feedback to team responsible. Katie to clarify process for laminating existing permits and advise committee.
- Katie to provide update on the review into Mobility standards review
- Katie to provide update into Northern Bike Trail

7 Meeting feedback – everyone

Meeting was “good”, meetings are now more structured and productive, a smaller group allows for more discussion.

Next meeting: Monday 3rd December 11:00am – 1:00pm

Function Room, Preston