

Waverley Access Advisory Committee Minutes

Thursday, 10 May 2018

4.30pm to 6pm

Waverley Library Theatrette



| Attendance | | | |
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| Committee Members | Ben | Alexander | Community representative |
| | Rachel | Lazarov | Community representative |
| | Troy | Byrnes | AbilityLinks – St Vincent de Paul Society NSW Support Services |
| Councillor | Cr Elaine | Keenan | Chairperson |
| Council Staff | Annabelle | Hayter | Community Development Officer, Access and Inclusion |
| | Mike | Cerrone | Project Officer, Older People and Access |
| Apologies | Sophie | Steven-Radford | Community representative |
| | Mary | Doyle | Community representative |
| | Cr Angela | Burrill | Waverley Councillor |
| | Cr Leon | Goltsman | Waverley Councillor |
| | Chris | Bath | Manager, Older People and Disability Services |

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| 1. Welcome and introductions | Cr Keenan welcomed everyone and apologies were noted. | | |
| 2. Previous minutes | Previous minutes were accepted as a true record. | | |
| 3. Business Arising | <p>Action 1: Not complete - To continue recruiting for new access committee members through Council's networks and via the Mayor's column. Tony from AbilityLinks offered to provide information to his networks.</p> <p>Action 2: To make telephone conferencing available to members who cannot attend in person. Rachel participated in the meeting over the phone.</p> <p>Action 3: To distribute the Nancy Johansen's presentation about Waverley Community Living Program Annual Survey 2018 to members.</p> <p>Action 4: Defunding of Disability Advocacy and Information Services - Cr Keenan offered to work with Mike on drafting letters to the NSW Premier and Federal Minister for Social Services. Cr Keenan also proposed that the letters are signed by the Mayor.</p> | <p>Annabelle Hayter</p> <p>Complete</p> <p>Complete</p> <p>Complete Correspondence no longer required due to a 2 year extension of funding.</p> | By next meeting |
| 4. Project Updates | <p>Bondi Pavilion Upgrade</p> <p>An internal Project Control Group (PCG) has been established to progress the project. Chris Bath, Manager, Older people and people with disability will be Caring Waverley's representative. The Committee can have input via Chris Bath. More information will be provided as the project progresses.</p> | | |

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| | <p>Bondi Access and Inclusion Project Update</p> <p>Michael Cerrone provided an update:</p> <p>Storage units for beach wheelchairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The storage unit installation is being delayed due to the manufacture of a custom drainage grate for the accessible shower, likely to be installed June/July. Once the drainage grate is installed, then the beach wheelchair storage units can be installed. <p>Beach matting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The beach matting is only being put out intermittently due to sand movement. A more permanent solution will be included with the modification/rebuild of the ramp. The apron at the bottom of the ramp will be extended. <p>Ramp</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The modification/rebuild of the ramp may be delayed due to issues with the storm water drain. This may mean it becomes part of a bigger project in the local area including Bidigal Reserve. If so a temporary solution may be used to help resolve the sand movement, so the beach mats can be put out on a more regular basis. <p>Cr Keenan discussed that Altona Beach in Victoria have very long beach mats and ramps that are almost correct gradients. Given how rough Bondi is people were wondering why it wasn't put into the sea pool at Bronte. MC said that once it is up and running at Bondi there is potential to look at other areas.</p> <p>Michael said another option for people at Bondi is to wheel into the Wally</p> | <p>Michael Cerrone</p> <p>Michael Cerrone</p> <p>Michael Cerrone</p> | <p>July</p> <p>On going</p> <p>Summer 2019</p> |

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| | <p>Weekes pool at North Bondi. Councillor Keenan said this is very shallow and concerned that parents with little children won't like it. Michael said while it is not ideal, it provides people with another option.</p> | | |
| <p>5. Disability Inclusion Action Plan</p> | <p>Annabelle said the Regional Disability Inclusion Framework & Action Plans is being reformatted so it is more user friendly. Some of the demographic information is being reviewed however the content of the document and the Action Plan will largely remain the same.</p> <p>Annabelle and Michael are meeting with different areas in Council to discuss the importance of the implementation of the DIAP and progress under the plan. We have just started the meetings but positive work is occurring in cultural planning and in transport planning. Key actions of the DIAP are also being embedded into Councils EEO Plan. Caring Waverley is preparing a report on progress against the actions that will be attached to Councils Annual Report.</p> <p>Action: Update provided at next meeting</p> | <p>Annabelle Hayter</p> | <p>Next meeting</p> <p>First year progress on implementation of the DIAP needs to be attached to Councils Annual Report.</p> |

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| <p>6. Making Council events inclusive and accessible</p> | <p>Michael discussed that one of the issues raised through the DIAP consultations was that events need to be accessible to people with disability. As there were only two committee members with lived experience of disability at the meeting, the discussion was deferred to next meeting.</p> <p>Troy provided a summary of some the issues identified through a wide range resources/ access audit checklists that are available.</p> <p>Next steps</p> <p>Cr Keenan suggested that if people think about where the gaps are and then Council can prioritise 3 - 5 priority areas, so that access for people with disability, to events can be improved.</p> <p>Action: For discussion at next meeting</p> | <p>Committee Members</p> | <p>Next meeting</p> |
| <p>7. Audit of public toilet facilities</p> | <p>Michael discussed that Council is interested in doing an audit of public toilet facilities so the information can be fed into the national toilet map and be made available locally.</p> <p>A draft summary of the elements of the audit tool was handed out.</p> <p>Action: All comments/input welcome.</p> <p>He discussed we were thinking of getting volunteers to audit the public toilets. Rachel offered to be involved in the audit.</p> | <p>Committee members</p> | <p>Next meeting</p> |

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| | <p>Cr Keenan discussed that the review of a Development Control Plan (DCP) which includes accessibility and renovation requires new facilities to be accessible. Michael clarified this tool would be looking at existing facilities that may not be new but were built a long time ago when there weren't the same accessibility requirements as there are now. Also that new DAs can apply for exemptions and this can be an area of concern.</p> | | |
| <p>8. Sector News/ Information Share</p> | <p>Two year extension of NSW Disability information and Advocacy Services</p> <p>In April the NSW Government announced up to \$26 million for information and advocacy groups to extend services currently funded by Family and Community Services (FACS)/ Ageing Disability and Home Care (ADHC) until June 2020.</p> <p>Annabelle said the extension is a win for the disability community. Rachel offered to attend meetings with relevant Ministers to lobby when required to advocate for the ongoing funding of the services.</p> <p>Action: Group to monitor and support any campaigns for ongoing funding.</p> <p>One year extension of the AbilityLinks funding to June 2019.</p> <p>Tony said while they haven't yet received formal notification in writing, the NSW Minister for Disability Services has announced the extension of Abilitylinks for another year until end of June 2019. This is very positive. There are approximately 340 Linkers across NSW. The role of Ability Linkers is to connect people with disability under 65 years to their community. All people with disability are able to access Ability Links not just NDIS participants.</p> | <p>Committee members</p> | <p>Review June 2019</p> |

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| 9. Matters for noting/ | Waverley Council Strategic Community Plan on Public Exhibition. Comments close Thursday 24 May 2018 at 5pm. | | |
| Next Meeting | 12 July 2018 4.30pm – 6pm Waverley Library Theatrette | | |