

**ACCESS AND INCLUSION ADVISORY PANEL
MINUTES**

Wednesday 14 May 2025
6.00 pm – 7.30 pm
Online Meeting



Present	
<p>Community Members Riley Dunn, Rachel Lazarov, Sheron Eagar, Astrida Grigulis, Debbie Goddard, Jessica Tattersall, Kanae Yamamoto, Sara Chesterman, Suzanna Kertesz</p>	<p>Guests Mandy, Captioner</p>
<p>Council Officers Sharon Cassidy, Director, Assets and Operations Annette Trubenbach, Executive Manager, Community Programs Chris Bath, Manager, Older People and Disability Services Annabelle Hayter, Community Development Officer, Access and Inclusion – Minutes Simon Mueller, Manager, Integrated Transport Hao Wu, Senior Transport Planner</p>	<p>Councillors Clr Joshua Spicer, Chair Clr Lauren Townsend, Deputy Chair Clr Keri Spooner, Deputy Mayor Clr Ludovico Fabiano</p>
Apologies	
<p>Clr Will Nemesh, Mayor Clr Paula Masselos Clr Dov Frazer Ben Thompson, Director, Community, Culture and Customer Experience</p>	

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1. Acknowledgement of Country	Clr Spicer gave Acknowledgement of Country.	
2. Introductions and Apologies	Outlined on page 1	
3. Declaration of Conflict of Interests	No declarations made.	
4. Meeting minutes – 28 March 2025	The draft minutes were sent to community panel members after the last meeting, minor changes were made. Minutes were approved at the April Council meeting.	

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Business Arising Action Register	Business Arising Action Register noted.	
<p>5. Walking Strategy presentation and discussion</p> <p>Hoa Wu and Simon Mueller</p>	<p>Council has developed the Waverley Walking Strategy to prioritise pedestrianisation in Waverley.</p> <p>The Walking Strategy sets out a long-term vision where walking is safe, convenient, and supports independent access for people of all ages and abilities. It should be noted that ‘walking’ in transport planning means mobility for everyone, including the use of mobility aids.</p> <p>Over a third of all trips in Waverley are on foot and when combined with public transport, walking accounts for over half of all trips in Waverley.</p> <p>There are seven strategic goals and ten focus areas. The specific focus areas for disability access are continuous travel paths and a kerb ramp program.</p> <p>Design for people with vision impairment has also been considered. The use of Tactile Ground Surface Indicators (TGSIs) alert people with vision impairment of changes within the streetscape environment and provide direction to safe crossings / transport. The installation of TGSIs can cause challenges due to a range of factors. They can cause trip hazards and impede wheelchair users, people using walkers, and pram users. Other visual cues and design alternatives will be considered to improve the streetscape for people with vision impairment.</p> <p>A key focus of the strategy is on slowing traffic to 40km/ph with 30km/ph as an aspirational target, and education aimed at getting drivers to slow down and to be aware of pedestrians.</p> <p>Panel Discussion Flush finish intersections and continuous footpaths, where the footpath and road are at the same level can</p>	

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	<p>be dangerous for people with vision impairment, particularly if TGSIs or other visual / textual cues are lacking. Gutters, kerbs and kerb ramps are also important guidance for people who are vision impaired. Wheelchair users said flush finishes make it easier for them to cross at intersections.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It was agreed differing needs and use is a challenge to overcome because a suitable solution for one group can cause a barrier for others. - It was agreed that inappropriate placing of café seating on footpaths can be hazardous. - It was noted that Switzerland is an example where positive driver behaviour enables young children to walk to school safely. <p>Action: To establish a working group to look at solutions for different users and make recommendations. Work could include identifying circumstances where Council could prioritise certain treatments for maximum benefit, explore how obstructions on footpaths are best dealt with eg: café tables, bikes, garbage bins.</p> <p>The draft Waverley Walking Strategy will be considered by Council on the 20 May 2025 and if approved, will be placed on public exhibition.</p> <p>All community panel members are encouraged to provide feedback and send to their networks once on public exhibition. The Presentation is attached.</p> <p>Action: Council officers to send link to panel members when the Waverley Walking Strategy is on public exhibition.</p> <p>Councillor Spicer thanked Hao Wu and Simon Mueller for attending and community members for their input.</p>	<p>Annabelle Hayter</p> <p>Annabelle Hayter</p>
<p>6. General Business Chris Bath and Annabelle Hayter</p>	<p>a. Topics for Discussion at Future Meetings Based on the range of issues raised at the last meeting, it is proposed to focus on the following areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Walking infrastructure improvements 	

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	<p>Flush finishes, TGSIs, kerb ramps, footpath obstructions.</p> <p>2. Beach and pool access Improve information, equipment access, explore options with organisations for access to accessible pools.</p> <p>3. Housing – universal design Look into how the Liveable Housing Design Standards could be supported and what could be done to promote accessible single housing and low-density housing.</p> <p>4. Inclusive Employment Strategies within Council and to support local businesses.</p> <p>The identified focus areas will require community education campaigns to address associated attitudinal barriers.</p> <p>There is a significant amount of work involved in each of these areas which will need to be prioritised. Council’s Community Programs team will facilitate this; however, it will need involvement of panel members.</p> <p>Action: To send information to community members to express interest in working groups.</p> <p>b. The Bike Strategy is on public exhibition. Comments are encouraged. Action: Community Programs to send a link to the Have your Say page.</p> <p>c. A question was asked if information can be shared with networks. Response: Any information on Council’s Have Your Say or on Council’s websites can be shared with networks. Information discussed in meetings not publicly accessible is confidential and cannot be shared. See Terms of Reference sections: 6.3 & 6.4.</p>	<p>Annabelle Hayter and Community Panel members</p> <p>Annabelle Hayter</p>
7. Next Meeting	<p>24 September 2025 at 6.00 pm online</p> <p>Action: September meeting invitation to be sent to Debbie Goddard.</p>	Annabelle Hayter
8. Meeting Closed	7.40 pm	