

Minutes 3 February 2025

Disability Advisory Committee



Date	Monday 3 February 2025
Time	4.30
Location	Wurundjeri Room Collingwood Town Hall
Chair	Cr Harrison
Minute taker	Community Access & Inclusion Officer
Content Manager Reference	n/a

Statement of Recognition of Wurundjeri Land

Yarra City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people as the Traditional Owners and true sovereigns of the land now known as Yarra. We also acknowledge the significant contributions made by other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to life in Yarra. We pay our respects to Elders from all nations and to their Elders past, present and future.

Attendees

Councillor/s	Cr Harrison, Cr Gomez
Committee members-	
Council Officers	Manager Aged & Disability Services Coordinator Community Planning Community Access & Inclusion Officer
Guests	Senior Transport Planner Principal Strategic Transport Planner
Apologies	

Item number	Item title or subject	Minute notes
1.	Welcome and Acknowledgment of Country	Chair - Councillor Sharon Harrison Councillor introduction and updates
2.	Declarations of conflict of interests of interest	No declarations of conflict of interest.
3.	Minutes & Actions arising from last meeting- August 2024	Action: Coordinator Community Planning to schedule a meeting for March for interested DAC members to meet and determine priorities, goals and timeline. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Interested members to indicate their interest by the 10 February Action: Manager Aged & Disability Services to invite Diversity and Inclusion officers to discuss employment with disability at CoY. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Diversity & Inclusion Officer has been invited to attend the April meeting. Action: Manager Aged & Disability Services to follow up the Empower class at the Collingwood Leisure Centre <ul style="list-style-type: none">Manager Aged & Disability Services to follow up this action prior to the April meeting.
4.	Council Plan 25/29	An overview of the item was provided by the Manager Aged & Disability Services and Coordinator Community Planning.

	consultation	<p>Matters raised by the committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee members discussed and agreed on key aspects that should be considered in the Council Plan. Key areas for inclusion are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Universal Design Advocacy Social Model of Disability <p>Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinator Community Planning to capture feedback along with priorities identified under Item 5 and send out with the minutes as an attachment. <p>Draft DAC recommendation based on the above:</p> <p>We will embed Universal Design principles in our work, ensuring accessibility and inclusivity for all. Our advocacy will champion a social model of disability, enabling full participation for everyone in our community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DAC members were requested to review and provide feedback regarding accuracy and if they agreed to the statement that they would recommend be considered for inclusion in the Council Plan 2025 – 2029.
5.	Update on Access & Inclusion Priority Areas 2025 (see attached)	<p>An overview of the item was provided by Coordinator Community Planning which outlined the following matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As per information provided at Item 4, we are seeking your contribution to what actions Council could take over the next 2 years under the priority areas that aligns to feedback received through Your Say Yarra and other engagement undertaken in November and December 2023. <p>Matters raised by the committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> General points of discussion raised by committee members are as detailed below under the Priority areas. <p>Priority 1 Advocate and look at opportunities to incentivise (e.g. discounts, funding) local businesses to increase accessibility While acknowledging heritage moving forward need to have a Universal design approach to increase accessibility Improve access to parklets/outdoor eating (that popped up during Covid 19) – especially where not possible to increase access to the actual building</p> <p>Priority 2 Increase opportunities for sensory play Outdoor accessible gym equipment installed in parks and open spaces Ensure gravel in open space areas is hard packed or use pavers to ensure access for all</p> <p>Priority 3 Ongoing Advocacy Progress discussion regarding sign off of Route 86 accessible tram stops with the state, prioritising timely decisions by Council as part of the process</p>

		<p>Priority 4 Promotion of diversity and inclusion- positive messaging Increase Empower classes staff ratio Affordable casual entry to Leisure programs More reasonable ways of making reasonable adjustments- seems more of an add on in the way we advertise for jobs- broaden our thinking and statement of what this could look like. Demonstrate how we do it. Social media communications- transparency is important Employ people with disability Increase promotion through comms</p> <p>Priority 5 Replicate and learn from the Australian Open in events at Yarra- employ diverse range of people, including People with disability- be seen Explore ways to incentivise the above Develop Best practice Guidelines- employment, events (e.g. neurodiversity/quiet spaces, employment, recycling) Council procurement- additional weighting around employment of people with disability</p> <p>Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinator Community Planning to capture feedback along with draft recommended statement for consideration in the Council Plan 2025 2029 • The above to be sent to DAC Chair and DAC members for review and provide feedback regarding accuracy and if the key points have been captured
6.	E scooters Representation	<p>An overview of the item was provided by the Principal Strategic Transport Planner which outlined the following matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on e-scooters and Council resolution on 17 December 2024 • Officer provided an overview of the resolution which also included updates on stricter geofencing/parking and responsibility/onus on the operators. • Council will have a more robust scheme with the change and new requirements <p>Matters raised by the committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members stated that they had noticed that footpaths are clearer and e scooters mainly now being parked in designated areas <p>Cr Harrison highlighted that Councillors are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committed to making sure scooters are properly managed going forward. • Accessibility of community is a top priority • Council can review / end the agreement at anytime <p>Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil
7.	Walking facilities GIS Assessment and Audit	<p>An overview of the item was provided by the Senior Strategic Transport Planner which outlined the following matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic transport team interested in opportunities for

		<p>improving conditions for walking in a broad sense – walking on foot or wheeling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aiming to identify what we can do to make walking more attractive, thereby encouraging people to be more active • We are aware that pavements are narrow and impacted by clutter and having clear unobstructed pavements is not the only barrier • DAC members will be Invited to participate in workshops to tease out what the bigger issues are • The first stage of the project will engage a consultant to undertake GIS data segments of streets and footpaths. • The role of the DAC will be to look at the design of the features of the street and how they will be ranked • The second part of the project is to review the data <p>Matters raised by the committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broader use of the term of walking -to include wheel ability, pushing prams and other mobility supports • Potential to make arguments for other data to be collected • Committee member asked if other councils have done work in this space. CoY tried to pull in different aspects from other Councils and then designed the project specifically for the City of Yarra <p>Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Strategic Transport Planner to send terms of Reference for forwarding to DAC members
Other Business	Agenda items for next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DAC Planning for 2025 • New Committee 2025-2029 – process and timelines • Update on employment opportunities for people with disability at Yarra Council, Talent Business Partner, People & Culture
Meeting closed		The meeting closed at 6.00pm
Next scheduled meeting	7 April 2025 4.30pm to 6pm	Wurundjeri Room Collingwood Town Hall 140 Hoddle Street Abbotsford