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Acknowledgement to Country

Shellharbour City Council acknowledges the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the Land on which we are meeting and pays its respects to Elders past and present.

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Disabilities Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee Meeting 12 July 2017

2a. Business Arising from Minutes

3. Staff Reports

3.1 International Day of People with Disabilities (10923197)

1. Celebration of Ability Calendar

International Day of People with a Disability is held on 3 December each year. To celebrate the event, Council produces and Wollongong City Council prints a 'Celebration of Ability - Calendar of Events' that promotes events held across the Illawarra in celebration of the day.

This year is the 25th anniversary of the United Nations introduction of International Day of People with Disabilities. To celebrate this milestone, the calendar will cover events held Monday 20 November to Friday 15 December 2017. Like previous years, we will produce a calendar of events to promote activities held across the Illawarra (Wollongong, Shellharbour, Kiama and Shoalhaven).

Events will reflect the interests and resources of participating organisations.

Access All Areas Film Festival

Council will participate in the Access All Areas Film Festival this year as part of their International Day of People with Disabilities celebration.

Films will be shown at Warilla and Albion Park Libraries late November.

Kiama and Shoalhaven Councils will also be participating in the festival.

Poster / Story Book campaign

Championing the achievements of people with disabilities in employment.

This year, as a 2017 Celebration of Ability project, Wollongong and Shellharbour Councils are working with local disability service providers to produce a poster campaign to raise awareness on the valuable contribution people with disabilities make in the workplace.

The posters will be displayed at various locations across both local government areas during the 2017 Celebration of Ability calendar period. The posters may also be used at other times to advocate for employment opportunities for people with disabilities.

The posters will be launched at a morning tea on Monday 20 November 2017 at the Dapto Ribbonwood Centre. Media will be invited to attend the event.

Recommendation:

That the Disability Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee receive and note the report.

Responsible Manager: Lauren Peters - Acting Manager Community and Cultural Life

Report Prepared By: Narelle Williams – Community Development Officer – Access and Participation

Date of Meeting: 23 August 2017 – Disability Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee

3.2 Update on staff report from the meeting of 12 July 2017 (10923198)

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the progress of the staff reports provided to the meeting of 12 July 2017.

1. Access and Inclusion Plan (10838801)

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the progress of the Shellharbour Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2017-2021: An Inclusive City (DAIP) easy read version.

A draft plan has been prepared by the NSW Council for Intellectual Disability (NSWCID) and is currently being tested by some of their members who live in the Shellharbour Local Government Area. An email copy was sent to Committee members on 16 August requesting comments by the meeting on the 23 August 2017.

2. Disability Access Committee (DAC) – Terms of Reference (10838801)

At the DAC meeting of 12 July 2017, the revised Terms of Reference for the Committee were accepted. The Committee will now be known as the Disability Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee (DAIAC).

Recruitment for the three service provider positions on the DAIAC Committee will commence late January 2018 in order for new members to be in place by our March 2018 meeting. Sitting service providers are able to renominate for the Committee

Existing members representing residents with disabilities, their carers and/or interested community members will be offered an extension of membership to the Committee to June 2019, in line with the stagger period of membership. Any vacant positions for this category will be recruited at the same time as the service provider recruitment.

This matter is now closed.

3. Potential for awards that recognise good business for people with disabilities (10838805)

At the DAC meeting of 12 July 2017, it was reported that a Business Paper is being prepared for the Council meeting of 15 August 2017 to respond to the Question on Notice that initiated these recommendations.

The Business Paper was presented at the Council meeting of 25 July and it was resolved that:

Council writes to regional award providers requesting the introduction of an award category for those that are the leaders in the provision of inclusive practices.

Letters are being prepared for the following regional award providers: Illawarra Regional Business Awards, Illawarra Women in Business Awards, Illawarra and South Coast Local Business Awards and South Coast Tourism Awards.

This matter is now closed.

4. Treatment of bollards at pathways

At the DAC meeting of 12 July 2017, the Committee endorsed the recommendations regarding the treatment of bollards at pathways. The recommendations are:

- Bollards are only provided where it is necessary to block access from a car.
- That Option 1 below be provided wherever possible. This includes:
 - Provision of a minimum of 1.4 metres of space either side of the bollard
 - A kick plate at the bottom of the bollard to aid people with a vision impairment
- Option 2 be provided in other instances.
- Removable and or / adjustable bollards be provided where bollards are required to prevent general car access but emergency vehicle access is still required (mainly occurs around sporting fields and beaches).
 - The removable and / or adjustable bollards are to be similar to options 1 and 2 except the base may be hinged or in a sleeve.
 - Care is to be taken to ensure that these are flush fitting to prevent being a trip hazard.
- Yellow line marking is used for both options.

This review of the treatment of bollards at pathways was initiated by a report to the DAC meeting of 10 May in response to an email that Council received regarding the Ride Around the Lake recreational cycle for charity and bollards restricting access to Slaters Bridge at Albion Park Rail and Oak Flats.

It was noted that there would be a need to retrofit accessible compliant bollards in certain locations. The Committee also recommended that Council investigate improvements to Slaters Bridge as a capital works funded project.

This report is to request the Committee to consider allocating funds for the removal of the bollards at either end of Slaters's Bridge to ensure that the 2018 Ride Around the Lake event is accessible for the para-cyclists. The event date for 2018 is not confirmed, however, the 2017 event was held in April.

5. Walk for inclusion

At the DAC meeting of 10 May 2017, the possibility of a 'walk for inclusion' was raised. The Committee was supportive of the event and proposed that other disability organisations be invited to assist in the organisation of the event.

Due to the introduction of the National Disability Insurance in Shellharbour and the events occurring around this, a decision has been made to put this event on hold until 2018.

6. Services for people who are deaf

At the DAC meeting of 10 May, improving the way Council communicates with the deaf community was raised as an issue that needs to be considered further.

Following that meeting, representatives from the four local governments met with a representative from the NSW Deaf Society to investigate ways that Councils can be more inclusive to the deaf community. Issues covered include: provision of interpreters at events, providing information in easy read formats, use of the National Relay Service and engagement with the deaf community.

A second meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday 21 August. A verbal update will be provided at this meeting.

7. Upgrade to the toilets at McDonald Park Tennis Club, Albion Park Rail

At the meeting of 15 July 2017, the Committee resolved to approve funding for the upgrade to the toilets at McDonald Park Tennis Club, Albion Park Rail to the value of \$15,000 or ramp access if grant funding is not approved for the access ramps as a higher priority.

Recommendations;

- 1. That the Disability Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee receive and note the report.**
- 2. That the Committee consider funding the removal of the bollards at Slater's Bridge Albion Park Rail and Oak Flats**

Responsible Manager: Lauren Peters – Acting Manager, Community and Cultural Life

Report Prepared By: Narelle Williams – Community Development Officer – Access and Participation

Date of Meeting: 23 August 2017 – Disability Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee

4. General Business

4.1 Development Applications requiring input from the Committee

Nil

4.2 Outstanding Actions

3.2 Update on staff report from the meeting of 12 July 2017 (10923198)

No. 30 - Pathway shared between Church Street and Macquarie Street, Albion Park (Priority 8)

The footpath/sharepath between Church Street and Macquarie Street has now been repaired as a maintenance matter.

The width of the pathway was checked by the Trainee Civil Engineer and found to be non-compliant. An estimated cost of \$5,000 was provided to upgrade this path.

Action: Approved for design and costing for upgrade.

No. 32 - Addison Street, Shellharbour – Garden bed encroaching onto accessible parking space (Priority 1)

The Trainee Civil Engineer has investigated this matter and determined that line-marking alone will not remedy this problem. An extension to the ramp is required – approximate cost \$5,000.

Action: Asset Officer to finalise the scope of works and costing to make this space compliant.

No. 34 - Kerb Ramp at the rear of The Central Hotel

The Asset Officer advised that after consultation with the Team Leader Traffic and Subdivision a more consistent approach to address this matter is to provide yellow "no parking" line marking and appropriate signage. She provided a diagram for the committee's information.

Action: Asset Officer to report back on installation of line-marking

No. 39 Shelters at Picnic Tables

The Committee has agreed to the provision of a shelter above the accessible picnic table near the Beverly Whitfield Pool. Approximate cost \$16,000.

Action: The Assets Officer to add this to the Disability Access Projects Table for Bus Stops & Other Projects as a funded project.

Other Outstanding Actions

Croom Stadium parking

Action: The Asset Officer to investigate improvements to parking at Croom Stadium including providing another accessible space on the top level and the possible availability of Section 94 funds to fund improvements. Investigations to include the possibility of installation of a handrail from the bottom carpark to the entrance.

Deakin Park access to Lake Illawarra

The pathway that has been installed does not connect with the carpark.

Action: The Assets Officer will investigate provision of an extension of the footpath to the carpark.

Blackbutt Reserve carpark – request for accessible path of travel to picnic shelter

The Asset Officer advised that Council has received a request for improvements to access to a picnic shelter in Blackbutt Reserve carpark. The unsealed carpark does have a parking space marked as accessible.

Action: Council officers investigate and report to the committee.

Warilla Surf Club – remarking accessible car parking space

Alex Traill reported that line marking at the accessible car parking space is in need of remarking.

Action: Remarking of accessible car parking space at Warilla Surf Club to be completed using operational budget for line-marking.

4.3 Feedback from other Council Meetings

Nil

4.4 New Business

5. Next Meeting

29 November 2017