Note: These recommendations are subject to adoption at
Councils next Ordinary Council Meeting scheduled for 7 April 2020

Minutes of the Disability Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee Meeting

Held in the Ground Floor Training Room, Shellharbour Civic Centre

Wednesday 11 March 2020 commencing at 10:02am

Present:

Councillor Moira Hamilton (Chair)	Shellharbour City Council
Councillor Peter Moran	Shellharbour City Council
Mr Mario Russo	Community Representative
Mr Eric Klein	Community Representative
Ms Alyssa Quintal	Community Representative
Ms Simonne Elise	Community Representative

In Attendance:

Ms Narelle Williams	Community Development Officer
Ms Bonnie Hittmann	Manager Community Life
Ms Bernadette Sharpe (part)	Recreation Planner
Ms Christine Matesic	Corporate Meetings Officer

1. 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, present and emerging.

2. Apologies / Leave of Absence

An apology was tendered on behalf of Mayor, Councillor Marianne Saliba, Community Representatives Carol Gibbs, Ilinka Brankovic and Sandra Pearson.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Klein / Russo

That the apologies tendered be accepted.

CARRIED

3. Confirmation of Minutes

Disabilities Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee Extraordinary Meeting 19 February 2020.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Russo / Klein

That the Minutes of the Disability Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee Extraordinary Meeting held on 19 February 2020 as circulated be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.

CARRIED

Presentation -

Inclusive Playground Upgrade and Renewal Projects

Presenter Bernadette Sharpe
Recreation Planner, Shellharbour City Council

Ms Sharpe provided a comprehensive powerpoint presentation on play ground upgrades and renewals at 4 locations being Ski Way Park, Central Park, McDonald Park and Reddall Reserve.

Anticipated upgrades to the parks will commence in April 2020 with the biggest play ground Reddall Reserve, currently in the design stage. Ms Sharpe confirmed the Committee will have the opportunity to view the plans and provide feedback.

McDonald Park and Reddall Reserve have been identified as all inclusive play spaces and Ski Way Park will have a fenced off park area.

Councillor Moran arrived 10:21am.

Ms Sharpe encouraged the committee to refer to Council's 'Let's Chat' page (or through the Community Development Officer) to provide opinions, feedback and/or suggestions in relation to the park areas.

The Community Development Officer thanked Ms Sharpe and her teams' commitment to the Committee by offering opportunities to provide recommendations.

The Chair thanked Ms Sharpe for her presentation.

Ms Sharpe left the meeting at 10:32am.

4. Disclosures of Interest

Nil

5. Staff Reports

5.1 New Matters (11345572)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Russo / Klein

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

CARRIED

5.2 Access and Inclusion matters requiring attention outside of regular meetings (11345573)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Klein / Quintal

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

CARRIED

5.3 Update on outstanding matters before the Committee (11345575)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Quintal / Russo

That the Disability Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee:

1. receive and note the report.

2. formally write to the appropriate staff thanking them for the work they have done in improving access via the B2 automatic doors.

CARRIED

6. General Business

6.1 Proposal to Increase Budget for 2021/22 period

Mr Russo recommended a proposal to increase the current budget from $70,000 to $100,000 was supported by the Committee.

The increase in budget will cater for the city's growing population and increased list of proposed forecasted project items.

The option to further review and develop a new scope frame work for the Disability Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee will also be considered.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Russo / Quintal

That the current budget be increased from $70,000 to $100,000 moving forward for the 2021/22 financial year period.

CARRIED

A number of additional General Business Items were supported by the Committee.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Klein / Elise

1. That the sunken play equipment at Little Park, Shellharbour is a cause for risk and the Committee would like consideration that it be ground level as well as placing a bright colour marking contrast around the outside identifying it as a trip hazard.

2. That a door handle be installed (near the hinges) on the heavy door at the accessible toilets at Little Park which will enable easier opening and closing.

3. All drink stations be easily accessible by positioning these onto level platforms.

CARRIED

7. Next Meeting

10 June 2020

Meeting closed 11:07am