

**Minutes of the Disability Access and Inclusion Advisory  
Committee Meeting of Shellharbour City Council held in the Ground  
Floor Training Room on Thursday, 5 February 2026  
commencing at 10:00 AM**

**Attendance**

**Present:**

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| Cr Moira Hamilton | Councillor               |
| Eric Klein        | Community Representative |
| Ilinka Brankovic  | Community Representative |
| Mark Cross        | Community Representative |
| Jessica Wilkens   | Community Representative |
| Diana Meijer      | Community Representative |
| Nicole Smith      | Community Representative |
| Odin Childs       | Community Representative |

**In Attendance:**

|                     |                                                               |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Kate Jessep (Chair) | Executive Director Community and Culture                      |
| Bonnie Hittmann     | Executive Manager Community and Creative Services<br>(Acting) |
| Lauren Peters       | Team Leader Community Planning                                |
| Narelle Williams    | Community Planning Officer                                    |
| Sachintha Jinadasa  | Senior Asset Engineer – Programs (part)                       |
| Tanner Yaman        | Asset Officer (part)                                          |
| Allison Bonaz       | Corporate Meetings Officer (Minute Taker)                     |

## **1 Acknowledgement to Country**

Shellharbour City Council acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the Dharawal Country and recognise their continued connection to the land we meet on today. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging and the contribution they make to the life of this city and this region and extend our recognition to their descendants who continue to live on country.

## **2 Apologies / Leave of Absence**

An apology was tendered on behalf of Community Representative, Peter Scott.

## **3 Confirmation of Minutes**

A clarification was raised which will be added to the Actions Table, that reference 1-3 day employment for people with a disability should read 1-3 days/week part-time employment.

Committee Recommendation:

That the minutes from the Disability Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee Meeting held on 27 November 2025 be received and noted.

CARRIED

## **4 Disclosures of Interest**

Nil

Items 6.1 and 6.2 were brought forward for the Committee's consideration prior to conducting the Workshop.

## **6 Reports**

### **6.1 Capital Project Update (Standing Item)**

There are no capital project items to update the Committee.

The Committee discussed the need for an Extraordinary Meeting to determine the 2026-2027 Budget and agreed on 26 March 2026 at 9:30am.

## **6.2 Beverly Whitfield Ocean Pool - Ramp and Aquatic Wheelchair Update**

Committee Recommendation:

That the Disability Access Inclusion Advisory Committee receive and note the 'Beverly Whitfield Ocean Pool - Ramp and Aquatic Wheelchair Update Report'.

CARRIED

## **5 Presentations**

### **5.1 Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2026-2029 Workshop**

Executive Manager Community and Creative Services (Acting), Bonnie Hittmann, conducted a workshop with the Committee to review the current Disability Access and Inclusion Plan.

Committee Recommendation:

That the Disability Access Inclusion Advisory Committee receive and note the 'Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2026-2029 Workshop' presentation.

CARRIED

## **7 General Business**

- A request to look into the access ramp at the café at the Warilla Surf Life Saving Club was raised.
- Council received a resignation from Community Representative, Peter Scott. The Committee thanked him and acknowledged his participation.

## **8 Next Meeting**

26 March 2026 (2026-2027 Budget Meeting)

30 April 2026

## **9 Meeting Closed**

11:25am