

**Minutes of the Disability Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee
of Shellharbour City Council held in the Ground Floor Training Room
on Thursday, 30 April 2026 commencing at 9:30 AM**

Attendance

Present:

Cr Moira Hamilton (Chair)	Councillor
Eric Klein	Community Representative
Ilinka Brankovic	Community Representative
Mark Cross	Community Representative
Jessica Wilkens	Community Representative
Diana Meijer	Community Representative
Odin Childs	Community Representative

In Attendance:

Bonnie Hittmann	Executive Manager Community and Creative Services (Acting)
Lauren Peters	Acting Manager Community Development
Febin Matthews	Project Delivery Officer
Faqhrul Islam	Senior Transport Planner Floodplain and Transport
Dean Adams	Infrastructure Officer
Liam Champagne	Community Programs Cadet
Lisa Davey	Governance Manager
Ashlea Buckley	Executive Assistant Governance and Civic Support (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 Wayne Wilson, Transport Planning Manager.

3 Confirmation of Minutes

Committee Recommendation:

That the Committee receive and note the Minutes of the Disability Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee Meetings held on:

- 5 February 2026
- 26 March 2026

CARRIED

4 Disclosures of Interest

Nil

5 Presentations

5.1 Update on the Deakin Reserve amenities and carpark project

Project Delivery Officer, Febin Mathews provided an overview of the completed works and the new/amended accessibility features including new facilities building, formalized carpark with designated accessible parking spot and accessible toilet.

Committee provided feedback on the accessible toilet and suggested changes for improved access for people using a wheelchair.

5.2 Shellharbour Parking Strategy

Senior Transport Planner, Faqhrul Islam provided an overview of the current Parking Strategy Project including an overview of the key focus areas and issues. The committee were shown how they can view the full suite of documents and write a submission through Council's Let's Chat page.

6 Reports

6.1 Capital Projects Update (Standing Item)

Infrastructure Officer, Dean Adams provided an update on the Capital Works Projects including the option to improve pathways and install braille signs at McDonald Park.

Committee Recommendation:

For the committee to receive and note the 'Capital Works Program' verbal update.

CARRIED

6.2 Beverly Whitfield Pool – Water Wheelchair and Instruction Video

An update was provided on the Beverly Whitfield Pool accessibility features including the water wheelchair and instruction video.

Committee Recommendation:

That the Committee receive and note the 'Beverly Whitfield Pool – Water Wheelchair and Instruction Video' update report.

CARRIED

6.3 Update on the development of the Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2026 – 2029

An update was provided on the draft Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2026-2029 and discussion regarding the statement by the Committee. The

Committee were then invited to join a photo opportunity to be included in the Plan.

Committee Recommendation:

That the Committee receive and note the 'Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2026 – 2029 update' report.

CARRIED

7 General Business

The Committee enquired as to how Council processes enquiries/feedback from the community relevant to access and inclusion matters and requested a high-level overview be reported to the Committee.

Eric Klein thanked staff for their work repairing various footpaths.

8 Next Meeting

25 June 2026 at 9:30am

Odin Childs will be an apology for the next meeting.

9 Meeting Closed

10.21am