



Minutes

DISABILITY SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD AT THE SHIRE OF DENMARK
953 SOUTH COAST HIGHWAY, DENMARK
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VISION

For the Shire of Denmark to be an accessible and inclusive community for people with disability, their families and carers.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. To support and recommend to Council, action and policies relating to the provision of services for people with disability in the Denmark community.
2. To advise Council on matters effecting people with disability generally.
3. To oversee the implementation, reviews and evaluation of the Shire of Denmark Disability Access and Inclusion Plan and make recommendations to Council on matters relating to the Plan.
4. Assist Council with the implementation of Recognition of People with Disability Policy P110709 and review the Policy at regular intervals to ensure its ongoing accuracy and relevance.

Council Committee Meeting

15 May 2019

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING / WELCOME TO COUNTRY

The Presiding Person opened the meeting at 10.10am.

I acknowledge the land on which this meeting is being held on and the traditional custodians of the land, the Bibbulmun and Minang people and pay my respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE**MEMBERS:**

Cr Mark Allen	Council Representative
Mrs Lyn Perry	Denmark Over 50s Association
Mr Peter Boyes	Community Member
Mr Geoff Hill	Community Member
Ms Emma Reilly	Community Member
Ms Yvonne Hortin	Community Member

STAFF:

	(non-voting)
Mrs Claudia Simpson	Community Development Officer
Ms Angela Simpson	Shire of Denmark Manager Community Services

APOLOGIES:

Mr Adrian Hinds	Community Professional (Private Sector)
Ms Kylie Spencer	Denmark Health Service
Ms Helen Spencer	Community Member

ABSENT:

NIL

VISITORS:

Ms Claire Thompson	Executive Assistant & Governance Coordinator
Mr David King	Director Assets and Sustainable Development

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PERSON PRESIDING

Cr Mark Allen acknowledged the work being carried out to improve access to the ACROD parking bay opposite Denmark Pharmacy, he thanked the Shire staff involved in the project.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 MINUTES OF THE DISABILITY SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION	ITEM 5.1
Moved: Geoff Hill	Seconded: Yvonne Hortin
That the minutes of the Disability Services Advisory Committee held on the 19 th March 2020, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings.	
Carried: 6/0	

6. REPORTS

6.1 Governance Briefing: Role of Disability Services Committee

Ms Claire Thompson provided a short briefing on the role of the Disability Services Advisory Committee. Ms Thompson explained that the Committee is a conduit between the community and Council. The Committee's role is to make recommendations to Council and to advocate keeping within the terms of reference of the group.

Mrs Claudia Simpson also noted that the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP) is a guiding strategic document for the Shire staff on matters relating to access and inclusion. Mrs Simpson said that the Committee's input was valued as members are able to provide feedback from their lived experience perspective.

Outcome

- Noted.

6.2 Lights Beach Development Concept Plan

Mr David King presented the plan to the Committee. Mr King said the intention of the plan was to generate comment and ideas from the community.

The Committee raised the following points:

- *The toilets should all be made accessible to anyone, one style of toilet to suit everyone.*
- *Handrailing should allow for visibility from sitting position.*
- *Signs should be readable from sitting position.*
- *Provide handrailing and access to viewing platforms.*
- *Provide a memorable experience for people with disability, ACROD parking should be located near the main activity areas.*
- *Provide access to the beach.*
- *Ms Emma Reilly said Universal access should include provision of access to the beach for people with disability.*

Mr King explained there is a 20 m level difference from the carpark to the beach and provision of a 1 in 14 gradient ramp at this location was not feasible. He said beach

access was being considered at Mad Fish Bay as part of the William Bay redevelopment being planned by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA).

Outcome

- Mrs Claudia Simpson will forward the Committee's feedback to Mr King to be included in the revision of the Concept Plan.

6.3 Priorities and Opportunities Over the Next Six (6) Months

Cr Allen discussed options to continue to raise community awareness of access and inclusion through events and specifically through International Day of People with Disability.

Mrs Claudia Simpson said that although large scale events were not currently possible due to COVID 19 restrictions other options could be explored to engage the local community. Some ideas included small targeted gatherings, working directly with the schools and online events such as a film.

Outcome

- Noted. The Committee will consider possible event options once the new budget has been allocated.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Over 50's Association Report

Ms Perry said the association is in danger of folding due the lack of volunteers to assist in committee roles.

Outcome

- Ms Simpson will contact Association President Stuart Hoskins to investigate what support is needed.

7.2 Community Services Programs and Projects

Ms Angela Simpson said the Shire's Community Financial Assistance Program provided an opportunity for not for profit organisation to apply to improve their facilities and to be more inclusive. She said the Committee could raise awareness about possible projects being planned which could fit into this program.

Ms Simpson also explained the process by which projects are included in the Shire's Long-Term Financial Plan and the factors influencing funding and prioritisation of each project.

Some of the projects currently listed in the Long-Term Financial Plan include: Ocean Beach Precinct, the Civic Centre Refurbishment, Parry Beach and Berridge Park Redevelopment.

Outcome

- Noted.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Friday 17 July at 10 am.

9. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the Presiding Person closed the meeting at 11.55 am.

These minutes were confirmed at the meeting of the _____

Signed: _____

(Presiding Person at the meeting at which the minutes were confirmed.)